



Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Preschool Newsletter December 2016

PARENT NOTES:

- Thanks to all of you who provided delicious food for our Thanksgiving feasts. The children (and their teachers) enjoyed everything that you so graciously shared.
- Our Christmas program **for all classes** will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary (all children should be in their classrooms at their regular time of 8:45 - 9:00). After a short program of songs and the retelling of the Christmas story, we will head to Tartan Hall for refreshments. No backpacks or coats are needed this day. You may take your child home with you after the program.
- If you can bring a plate of Christmas cookies or other treats to share at the party, please let your teachers know ahead of time. We do appreciate it!
- Celebrate National Hand Washing Week with us, December 1st - 7th. Thank you for helping us teach the children the importance of washing their hands frequently, especially during the cold and flu season. We have also been trying to teach our students to cough and sneeze into their elbows!
- Our Christmas holidays are Friday, December 16th - Sunday, January 1st. Preschool resumes on Monday, January 2nd, 2017.
- We will be out of school on Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
- **School Weather Closings:** we follow Pickens County Schools weather closings. **If public schools are on a delayed schedule or are closed, we will be closed.** In the event that we feel our schedule should be different, a teacher will call, text, or send an e-mail prior to 8:30 a.m. of the day in question.
- The fours' classes will be making their snow houses on Thursday, December 1st (owls) and on Friday, December 2nd (whales). Your child's teacher should have already shared information with you regarding this fun event.
- Please consider making a donation to the Hazel Spark's Scholarship Fund in honor of your child's teacher this Christmas. See the director for how to make this happen :). The preschool is providing more than \$4,000 this year in scholarships to

seven families. Last year, we served nine families that would otherwise not have had the opportunity to attend a Christian preschool.

- We are planning a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to raise funds for the Hazel Sparks Scholarship Fund (which will be completely depleted this January). The date is March 5th in the evening. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding donations, helping at the event, cooking, serving, etc.

TWOS: McRoberts/Worley

December will be an exciting month full of Christmas songs, crafts, and stories. We will be preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Our Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 15th at 9:30 in the church sanctuary. Please have the children in our room at their regular time that morning! Thanks.

THREES: Swain/Harrell & Wright/Plumb

November was full of Thanksgiving fun. We had much to be thankful for - our families, friends, good feast food, and Thanksgiving songs. We are so thankful for the children you have entrusted to us. We finished our unit on Harvest/Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas. Through songs, games, stories, and art, we will prepare for Jesus' birthday and a season of holiday fun. Both classes will participate in our Christmas program on Thursday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m. All children should be in our room at their regular time that day.

FOURS: Reid/Lockhart and Match/Muth

The four year old classes had a great time celebrating Thanksgiving with their friends in November. Looking ahead, we will be creating beautiful Christmas snow houses with our families on December 1st and 2nd. What a great way to kick off the holiday season! We look forward to our Christmas program on Thursday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please make sure that your children are in class at their regular times. No backpacks or coats are needed that day. After the program, school will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays. Enjoy this festive season with your families and know we count your children among some of our greatest gifts. Merry Christmas!

"For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12, RSV