



# DECEMBER

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ▲ November 30: Owl snowhouses
- ▲ December 1: Whale snowhouses
- ▲ December 15: All school Christmas program @ 9:30
- ▲ December 18-Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Christmas break—No School

## Staff Bios of the Month:

**Rebecca Slater:** This is my first year as the Early Morning Care teacher, and I so enjoy sharing an hour with your little ones each day. My husband and I have been married for 13 years and have three children: Claire (12), Max (10), and Sylvie (5). Max and Sylvie were students at Fort Hill and spent several happy years in the Turtle and Whale classes. I am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful school.

**Rebecca Smith:** I am so thrilled to be the new music teacher at Fort Hill! I am a children's songwriter and musician with a movement based music program at The Botanical Garden. My daughter, Lily (6), was blessed to be a Fort Hill 5 day Owl. I came to play guitar for 6 weeks in her class, and I knew right then that I would love being a preschool music teacher! My husband is the curator of the geology museum in Clemson, and we have lived here for a little over 2 years. We love it! We love hiking, camping, and obviously music! I am absolutely loving teaching your littles the joys of music with lots of hands-on instrument play!

Tuition is due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Payments can be dropped off in the little red school house located outside the director's office.

I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving! We had a wonderful time at our Thanksgiving feasts prior to the break. Thank you for providing such wonderful foods for the children to enjoy! We are eager to celebrate and prepare for the Christmas season with your children. And we are especially thankful for the opportunity to share the story of Jesus' birth during this season. What a great reason to celebrate!

## NEWS

- ▲ Remember to send a jacket with your child each day. We go out on the playground unless it is raining or below freezing.
- ▲ Our Christmas program is December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM in the church sanctuary. ALL children should be in their classrooms by 8:45-9:00. The program will begin at 9:30 in the sanctuary. After the program we will have a short time of fellowship and refreshments in Tartan hall as well as an opportunity to pick up some Christmas goodies from your children. Please plan to bring a treat to share for our fellowship time. Your children will be dismissed to you after the program to begin Christmas break.
- ▲ Our tradition of Snow houses for the 4 year old classes will be November 30<sup>th</sup> for the Owls and December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Whales. Please do not bring siblings to this event as this is a special event for you and your 4 year old. Plan to arrive by 10:00 AM in the Lower Club Room.
- ▲ Consider making a donation to the Hazel Sparks Scholarship Fund in honor of your child's teacher this Christmas. This fund provides tuition funds for students in need. See the director for how to make this happen.
- ▲ Christmas break is December 18-January 2<sup>nd</sup>. School resumes January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ▲ Scholastic book orders can be done online. I will be submitting the order early this month on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The preschool code is MHWVZ .

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us at Fort Hill Preschool!