

December 2022 Newsletter

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



We want to take a moment to thank all of our Good Sam families for choosing us as your second home, and for being supportive, loving, and patient. Thank you for trusting in us to take care of your most precious of gifts that God has given you. We are humbled and grateful for all of our families. May God bless everyone during this holiday season and bring health and peace to our world in the New Year. Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year.

Christmas Sing-Along

The preschool and church are hosting their annual Christmas singalong this Friday, December 2nd at 6:00pm. The preschool children will be opening up the singalong this season. It's such a fun and wonderful time of year and a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season. We hope you will

join us and come sing some of your favorite Christmas songs. We are also expecting visitors from the North Pole. Cookies and warm beverages will be served during the singalong. Please arrive by 5:45pm and drop your child off to their class, then make your way to the sanctuary for those front row seats.

Message from the Church.... Family Giving Tree

Hallelujah! It is the season when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. One way we show our gratitude for all God has done for us, is by sharing our gifts. This season Good Samaritan is collecting online donations to support holiday gifts for disadvantaged children and adults via the Family Giving tree holiday gift drive. The donation link is:

<https://wishdrive.org/GoodSamaritanUnitedMethodistChurch>

Thank you and God bless

The Giving Tree

Do you see the beautiful tree by our front doors? This is the preschool Giving Tree! The giving tree is a wonderful way to help celebrate the holidays in our classrooms. If you would like to participate, all you do is select the ornament with the gift you would like to donate to your child's classroom. Please bring the ornament to the office, along with a check

made out to the preschool by December 17th. You can also have us bill you. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Cold Weather

The cold weather is here and we have seen many of our friends without jackets. Please make sure your child has the proper clothing. We suggest layers and jackets. If it gets warm, we will peel back the layers. It's only going to get colder as we get further into December and January.

Colds Colds Colds and RSV

There have been lots of colds and viruses going around the school. RSV has been the most popular. RSV is a respiratory virus that can be dangerous. RSV is a contagious airborne virus that causes infections of the respiratory tract. It has impacted entire classrooms and staff. This is a friendly reminder to please keep your children home if they are sick. In November entire classrooms were hit by this. Please stay home if you are sick, thank you.

Dates to Remember

- December 2nd The Christmas Sing-along
- December 26-January 6th School closed for the Christmas Break

- *January 16th School closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- *February Upstairs parent teacher conferences*

Teddy News

Hello Teddy Families

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We can't believe the Christmas season is here. Our classroom activities will focus on Christmas. The Teddys will be introduced to the colors red, green, and white. During our circle the class will be singing fun festive songs and reading books about the holidays.

We will continue to play during the colder days outside, so bundle up! We are excited for the holiday season.

Merry Christmas,

Ms. Huling and Ms. Co

Flower News

In our classroom we will be singing songs and making Christmas art. In circle time we will be talking about Christmas, and what that means to us. Our holiday books will be Clifford's First Christmas, Christmas in the Barn, and Ten Little Christmas presents. We will sing, Jingle Bell and Rocking Around the Christmas Tree. The Flowers will decorate ginger

bread people, make festive playdough, and Christmas Marble painting. Also, our colors for the month are red and white.

The preschool will have our Christmas program together with the church on Friday December 2nd at 6pm. We hope everyone can join us for the celebration. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Ms. Maria, Ms. Grace, and Ms Gouri

Hello Rainbow families

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. A big THANKS to all of our wonderful parents who shared food and participated in our Thanksgiving Feast. It was definitely a fun luncheon.

Throughout the month of December, we will continue to learn our letters of the week and their sounds, matching, sorting, counting and singing nursery rhymes at circle time. The Rainbows will be making fun holiday-themed art projects which includes decorating a gingerbread house. Please join us on our Christmas program on December 2nd at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We could not be more excited to see the kids perform.

A Merry Christmas and Wishing you all Happy Holidays!

Ms. Perla

Dino News

Wow Dino Families, it is already December! We had a great time last month learning our Christmas songs, and are so excited to have our families watch us perform. Last month we learned about healthy eating and what types of food falls in what category using "my plate". Also, we went over our five senses to finish off the month. I would also like to thank parents for bringing all the yummy food for our Thanksgiving potluck. The kids always enjoy sharing the food they brought. December is yet again another busy month, and our social focus will be following directions. This one should be easy for them as it is a short month. I would like to introduce different holidays other than Christmas, but we will still be doing many Christmas activities, along with our usual letters, writing, and cutting. Lastly, I would like to finish off the year by wishing you all a Happy Holiday, and can't wait to see you all next year!

Ms. Carla

Butterfly News

Hi families, Happy December! Last month we learned about families, friendship, animals and their homes as well as doing Thanksgiving crafts. We focused on letters G, H, I and J, and we practiced our sign language for each letter, and did a craft for each one. We also practice writing every morning in our writing binders. We trace our names, shapes, numbers and writing without the traceable lines. The Butterflies also made a friendship fruit salad which the kids really enjoyed and participated in making. We spoke about the things we are thankful for during circle time. Thank you all for bringing in food for everyone to share at the Thanksgiving feast. It was all yummy! Our class will continue to prepare for our Christmas performance on Friday December 2nd at 6pm. Please sign up if your child will be there. For this month we will focus on all things Christmas and holiday joy. I will do lots of Christmas crafts and do some science experiments using candy canes as well as some sensory activities. Happy holidays and remember we will be closed on December 23 - January 6 for Christmas break.

Ms. Esme

Froggie News

I am blessed to have such wonderful families, and we are so thankful for all the wonderful food that was shared at our Thanksgiving feast.

December is here and the school year is almost half gone, how did that happen so fast? I have many fun activities planned for the children in this holiday season. We will experience different smells, textures and feelings that come with this season. Froggies will learn about different traditions around the world. This helps the children understand there are many different people in this world and many different beliefs. It gives the understanding of: though we may be different we are till the same.

Froggies will be decorating our class tree, as well as be involved in many art activities revolving around the Christmas season. Please join us on Dec. 2nd at 6pm for our singalong with the church.

I want to extend a warm Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year.
Ms. Ploy