

January
2012

Mrs Meier's Four-Year-Old Class



HAPPY New Year!! and HAPPY Epiphany Too!

We see lots of HAPPY faces returning to school: the children are HAPPY to be back with their friends and their parents are HAPPY to be back in a routine after the Christmas holiday. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas had a very Happy New Year! This time of year in the church calendar is called EPIPHANY, which is the season of LIGHT. God sent His Son, Jesus into the world to be the LIGHT of the world. God uses the LIGHT of His special STAR to lead the 3 WISEMEN to the Christ child. God leads people near and far to come and meet Jesus. He invites you and me! Take a look at the bulletin board between Mrs. Sellke's room and the kitchen. Where in the world has your family come from? Please take your child's name and a stick pin and attach it to the world map.

Preschool News

Field Trip

We are going to the Gymnest in Hillsboro on Friday, Jan. 20th. They have scheduled our class time from 10:00am - 10:45am, so we will leave school at about 9:30am. The cost is \$3.00 per child. **Cash only.** Wear your class T-shirt, comfortable pants (girls too, since we will be tumbling) and socks. Parent helpers are needed to drive and are encouraged to participate so wear comfortable clothes yourself. Sorry ~ no siblings.

Please return waiver form ASAP. The Gymnest requires a signed waiver for each child.

Snack Reminder ~ AKA Yummy Bucket Recommendations

It's time for a friendly reminder to everyone about bringing nutritious snacks. The state recommends the following guidelines: Snack should include foods from two of these food groups ~

- milk or 100% fruit juice
- breads or grains (crackers)
- meat, fish or poultry
- peanut butter, yogurt or cheese
- fruit
- vegetables

One of these groups can always be the drink - milk or 100% fruit juice

If you send cookies (not on this list) please also choose something from one of the other groups ie. fruit, yogurt, etc.

For birthday or 1/2 birthday celebrations, we find that the mini cupcakes work well along with an item from a food group. Instead of cupcakes, you may also choose to send your child's favorite food.

Letter of the week

During January, we will be learning the letters K, L, M, N and doing some real fun things. We are beginning January by learning about the Wisemen (Kings) who traveled from a far away country in search of the savior. God wanted different people, people from far away to know about Jesus and He wants us to know too! We are making beautiful star crowns. During L week are learning about the word Epiphany, "The Season of Light". For sharing on January 12 send in a flashlight so we can shine our lights for Jesus! During M week we will be having a "Mitten Day". Have your child wear mittens or gloves. Also, send in an ice block of any size - you can make these in any Tupperware-type container - be imaginative - we are looking for a variety of shapes and sizes! We will be making an ice castle and watching it melt. Clear ice only as colored ice stains our mittens as it melts. During N week we will have fun with some Neat Number activities.

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ Monday, January 16
Teacher Inservice ~ Friday, January 27



Winter Weather

When **HILLSBORO** School District closes because of hazardous driving conditions, Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool will also close. When Hillsboro schools have a late opening Preschool will be closed. Keep your radio tuned to such stations as; K103, KEX, or KUPL, or to local television stations at these times. (If you hear Bethlehem Preschool announced, that is not us. There is a Bethlehem Preschool in Lake Oswego. We are included in Hillsboro schools.) On occasion, we will make our own call to open or close depending on conditions directly around the school in the Aloha area. For example, a power outage. Always take into consideration conditions in your immediate area and play it safe always. If any doubt, please call the teacher, Mrs. Meier at 503.372.9376, Mrs. Sellke at 503.681.2612 or call the church office at 503.649.3380.

Email Notification - we will also send you an email in the event of a closure. Be sure to check your email in the morning. Please give your current email address to Brenda, our secretary, if you haven't already. **We also recommend that you check the Hillsboro School District's Website at www.hsd.k12.or.us for an immediate answer.**

Registration

Registration is now open for currently enrolled families, congregational members as well as alumni families. Open registration begins in **February** for new families. Please share this information with your friends, family and neighbors! Please contact Brenda, our secretary. Now is your chance to re-enroll your child in a 4-year-old class for September 2012. Classes for 4's are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings or Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. If you have a younger child as well, our 3's classes will once again be offered on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Remember, he/she must be 3 before September 1, 2012 and must be potty trained.

Extended Care

Beginning next school year *Extended Care* will only be offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you need before or after school care please register your child in a M/W 3's class or M/W/F 4's class.

Parent Helpers

A BIG thanks to all who are helping - Sally, Kellie B., Qui, Sattie, Ashlie, Cassie, Aurea, Lisa, Terrence and Kelly H. - We appreciate your helping hands very much!!

Snack Helpers

Many thanks to all of our snack helpers: Thi, Vi, Addy, Gabriel, Will, Kylie, Julian, Estella, Elizabeth & Jacob. Yummy!!



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10 Addy
19 Kylie

Happy Birthday!

At Christmas-time we celebrated Jesus' birthday on December 25. We each have a birthday too and we are having lots of fun turning 5 at Preschool. Some of our friends however have birthdays during the summer (June, July, August) when we won't have school! We don't want to miss the chance to celebrate with them too, so we have created a 1/2 birthday especially for them. (Note: we are not exact with the date). So as not to overload us with cupcakes, you may send in your child's favorite snack. Be on the lookout for the Birthday Chart which you can have fun completing with your son or daughter.



Chapel

Come join us on Wednesday, January 18, for an inspiring message and some time to share with your child and the other parents. We will meet in the sanctuary at 11:10. Wear your school T-shirt and show your spirit!

