

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Child Development Center

December, 2017



From the Director's Office . . .

"Christmas Is a Happy Time" is our unit for December and what a special time in our center! We have several special events in December. Hope you will enjoy them with us. **CDC Family Christmas Party, on Thursday, December 7th, from 5:45-7:00pm.** We will have stations set up in each room and the Activity Room for families to visit and participate as well as live Nativity animals! It is a fun time for all ages to be together and we are looking forward to it! We will be collecting items to donate to Jessie's Place (see sign in foyer for details). Hope to see you there!

Please take a few minutes to review the Sickness Policy in the Parent Handbook. (You can access the handbook online by going to www.vhbc.com/child-development.)

Remember to not bring older sick children into the building OR enter the building if you are sick! Make arrangements for someone else to bring your child. Let's all work together to keep ourselves, our children, and our staff well this winter!

Enjoy the Christmas season with your family!

Ms. Jennifer 



Dates to note:

- December 7 CDC Family Christmas Party, 5:45-7:00
(CDC will **close at 5:30** for teachers to set up classrooms)
- December 15 Class Christmas Parties
- December 21 Pancakes and PJ's
- December 22 CDC Closes **at 3:00pm**
- December 25-January 1st CDC Closed for Christmas (Re-open on Jan. 2, 2018)

- Dec. 2 Katherine Ann
- Dec. 5 Rowan
- Dec. 16 Peyton
- Dec. 20 Alyssa
- Dec. 29 James



- December 8 Ms. LaTasha
- December 22 Ms. LaTiffany

Classroom

Highlight



This month we are focusing on our Infant Two classroom. Ms. Laura and Ms. Edna provide a safe and happy classroom for these busy babies. In this room, the children learn to walk, to eat from the menu, and to drink from a sippy cup. No small feats! Ms. Laura and Ms. Edna help them move through each of these transitions with ease.

Each child frequently hears that God made them unique and special and that He loves them. The CDC is very fortunate to have this wonderful teaching team in place to give our youngest children a great start!

"Dear Mom and Dad ..."



While I am always going to choose the toy with flashing lights and glitter, what I most enjoy is time with you! Here are some ideas of things we can do together:

1. MEMBERSHIPS—Zoo, McWane, the 'Y', etc. make great family gifts.
2. ACTIVITIES—Ice skating (Railroad Park), bowling, the movies—so much fun! And spending time together is a bonus!
3. RECIPE AND INGREDIENTS—Print out a recipe, purchase the ingredients, and cook up something good together!
4. OUTDOOR SUPPLIES—Giving children their own fishing tackle or gardening equipment can be a big deal. Lawn games are fun for the family, too.
5. A CALENDAR—Many like to know what day it is, how many days until _____. Encourage them to use it daily to feel in control of their schedule.
6. BOOKS, GAMES, AND PUZZLES—It's good practice to have individual quiet times during the day and a book or puzzle is a good way to do that AND helps with problem solving skills. Older preschoolers would enjoy a simple chapter book, encouraging anticipation for the next night's reading!

Love,

Your Child



From Our Classrooms...



Infant I

It seems like November flew by in Infant One. Our babies have loved seeing all the pretty leaves fall and learning about the things we have to be thankful for.

We are excited about our December unit which is "Christmas Is a Happy Time." Christmas is such a special time to celebrate with family and friends. What a blessing to watch a child's expression of joy and wonder.

During this time, reflect on the first Christmas. The night Jesus was born is an event that changed people's lives and brought hope to a troubled world.

We want to wish all our families at the CDC a blessed and joyous holiday season filled with many wonderful memories. Merry Christmas!

~ Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Victoria, Ms. LaShundra

Infant II

November was a great month! It is always good to be reminded of all that God has given us and that we have so much to be thankful for. Last month we welcomed Caroline to our class. We are so happy to have her!

Our unit for December is "Christmas is a Happy Time." The children will be hearing about the birth of Jesus and about how God loves us and sent his son for us. We hope you will join us for our CDC Family Christmas Party on December 7th. Our class will have their party on December 15th. Please send a book to exchange with a friend. Thank you!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season and a happy and blessed New Year!

~Ms. Laura and Ms. Edna

Toddler One

Oh what fun December brings! As we celebrate the season, we will learn about Baby Jesus in a Manger, Sights and Sounds of Christmas, and Christmas Fun. We plan to work with lots of paints so please keep this in mind when dressing your little one!

Check your calendar for special events held at the center! We are entering cooler months so please change cubby clothes to reflect the weather.

I will send a reminder home of our class Christmas party and as always, you are more than welcome to attend. I enjoy your children each day!

~Ms. Kiara & Ms. Raven

Toddler Two

Toddler Two had fun learning and trying new things in November. We learned how to give thanks to God and what we are thankful for.

Now we are gearing up the month of December. Even though this is a short month, we have so much planned and lots of fun activities for our class. So stay tuned for artwork display and announcements at the door. Let's get ready to have fun!

~Ms. Roslyn and Ms. Charlette

Preschool Two

We had an awesome time in November learning about Native Americans, Pilgrims, harvesting foods and that God wants us to love and share with others. Our unit for December is "Christmas is a Happy Time." we will be doing many activities that will help the children discover that the birth of Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas. Also, remember to check your calendar for upcoming events in December. Remember to check cubby clothes and bring a jacket each day.

Thanks for your support and may God bless each and every one of you during this wonderful holiday season!

~Ms. Cynthia & Ms. E'Dana

Preschool Three

I know we've heard it all before, that Christmas is a time for giving, yet, it is important to remember that the true gift is giving with a cheerful heart. For this reason, our unit for December is "Christmas Is a Happy Time." Each day our class will participate in an exchange of special phonic-based items during circle time in an effort to recognize and recite what's at hand, as well as learn the meaning of giving to others. We will also learn the story of baby Jesus and experience the many joys of Christmas through song, oral language, and movement.

Please check the calendar for special dates and happy holidays!

~Ms. Niki & Ms. Terri

Pre-K Four

What a wonderful time of the year! Christmas is a time to celebrate with family and friends, a time to see the joy of Christmas in the eyes of children everywhere and a time for family celebration.

It is also the time to celebrate the one event that has changed people for over 2000 years. This event truly is Christmas! It provides celebration, joy and beauty. The birth of a baby in a humble stable brings hope to our world today.

We have Christmas trees to decorate, cookies to bake, and presents to purchase. Each of these activities can help your child experience the true joy of Christmas. In the midst of all the preparation, take time to tell your child the story of Jesus' birth. As you celebrate, remember to bring the birth of Jesus into your home and hearts. Have a very Merry Christmas!

~Ms. Donna, Ms. Tye & Ms. LaTasha



"Jesus was born in Bethlehem"

Matt. 2:1

|  December 2017  | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| | | | | 1 Ravioli Applesauce Rolls Milk |
| 4 Salisbury steak Cream potatoes Broccoli Rolls/Milk | 5 Pizza Sliced peaches Milk | 6 Baked Chicken Potatoes Green beans Rolls/Milk | 7 Beef & Gravy Egg noodles Broccoli Rolls/Milk | 8 Hamburgers French fries Strawberries Milk |
| 11 Fish Sticks Cream potatoes English peas Milk | 12 BBQ Sandwich Corn Lima beans Milk | 13 Corn dogs French fries Apples/oranges Milk | 14 Chicken & Broccoli Sliced peaches Rolls/Milk | 15 Taco Salad Pineapple Carrot sticks Milk |
| 18 Turkey roast Potatoes w/ cheese English peas Rolls/Milk | 19 Hot dogs Baked beans Applesauce Milk | 20 Beef & Gravy Egg noodles Carrots Rolls/Milk | 21 Chicken & Dumplings Jello Salad Rolls/Milk | 22 Sloppy Jo French fries Mixed fruit Milk |
| The CDC closes at 3:00pm on 12/22 and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018! | | | | |

