

# Grace House Preschool



**Tuition is due  
December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Upcoming Dates

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic  
Orders Due

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Teacher  
Appreciation Lunch, noon

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas  
Program, 6:30 pm

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Wear pjs  
to school!

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
Christmas Break

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve  
Service at GPC, 7 pm.

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Back to School!

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – No School

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Make Up Day

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – No  
School

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of  
School

## A Very Happy Thanksgiving!

I wanted to share the way God provided our Thanksgiving Feast this year. Our service project for November was to make cards and decorations for the retirees at Robinwood Retirement Home at the annual Thanksgiving meal that Grace Presbyterian organizes and prepares. We explained to our preschoolers that the cards they were making would bring cheer to a lot of grandparents that may not have the chance to spend Thanksgiving with their families. That meal was on November 10<sup>th</sup>. After the meal there was quite a bit of food leftover, so we put it all in the freezer and thawed it again to treat all our parents to a hot Thanksgiving meal. Ms. Mona stepped up to do most of the coordinating, cooking, and buying of the remaining items we needed to serve the kids and she made sure the meal for our parents was hot and ready to serve. After our Thanksgiving feast we still had some cards and decorations left over, so Sunday I took them to Piney Grove Rehab for the nurses to share with the patients there to bring cheer to them as well. It was the feast that just kept giving and giving! I had so much fun with this service project.

In addition, a big thanks to Ms. Mona and to the Grace Presbyterian ladies who helped serve and clean up our meal.

May you have a blessed Christmas season! Ms. Lori

## Christmas Program

Please join us as our children present to their families and friends songs of the season on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The center front doors of the building will open at 6:15 pm. Children need to go directly to their classrooms at 6:15, dressed in something seasonal and festive. Please make sure they have recently been to the bathroom (diaper changed) and have eaten before arrival. There will be a cookie reception following the program. If you would like to provide some cookies for the reception you may sign up on the preschool sign up board. Once again, we will have photographers and a videographer so you can just enjoy the show. Pictures and a video of the performance will be available to download online. You will receive an email inviting you to view them later in December. We are so excited for you to hear the songs they have been working so hard to learn.



### **Inclement Weather (Snow Days) Policy**

When Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we are closed. If WSFCS are on a one or two hour delay, we open preschool at 10:00 am. If it is raining we do offer carpool under the overhang outside the preschool entrance.

### **Spring Consignment Sale Dates!**

Mark your calendars now; the spring sale will be March 12th - 14th. We will need lots of volunteers to help us all through the week. Details and sign ups will be posted in January.

### **Sick Policy Reminder**

As cold and flu season have arrived, please take a moment to review the sick policy in your parent handbook for the protection of everyone.

### **Gotta Play Outside!**

Children will play outside daily even in the cold, so outerwear such as hats, gloves, and warm coats should be sent with your child daily. Don't worry; our playground is surprisingly warm when the sun shines because it is close to our brick building.



### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Please take note of the scholastic book order forms that were sent home this week. These books are a fraction of the price of books in stores and when you order from Scholastic, Grace House can earn free books for our classrooms as well. Because of the upcoming Christmas break, the order is due on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We should have our order back before Christmas, so if you would like to include a few Christmas gifts in your order you will have them back in time. If your order is a gift for a Grace House student, let me know and I will keep the order in the office for you to pick up at your convenience. After all, children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

### **Lunch Bunch**

Don't forget that we offer lunch bunch all week long. The cost to attend is \$5 per day. If you sign up for the entire month in advance the rate drops to \$3 per day. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help your child be more prepared for kindergarten and to have another hour to finish all those Christmas errands!

### **PJ Days**

On Thursday and Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> our classes will enjoy a special showing of *Frosty the Snowman*. In honor of the occasion we encourage everyone to wear his or her pjs on those days and bring a blanket on which to sit. Please wear or bring sneakers for the playground. Thanks!



*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

*Luke 2:11*



## Little Peeps (Toddlers)

Happy Birthday Jesus! This is such an exciting time of year. The Little Peeps class would like to welcome our new friend Andr'ea and her family to the class and to the Grace House family. We would also like to congratulate Ethan and Austin on becoming big brothers! The "Littles" have been practicing singing songs and ringing bells for the Christmas Program on December 12th at 6:30. Please let us whether or not your child will be participating. It is very important to have your child dressed and in our classroom at 6:15. This month we will be talking about the birth of baby Jesus and how much God loves each one of us. Our animal is a sheep and our color is white. The "Littles" are doing well holding a friend's hand when we are walking in the hallway. They are also doing well sitting on the line to wait for their name to be called for snack time. The three of us want to encourage you as parents to continue the hard work you are doing with your child to have listening ears and being kind. We can see a difference. The "Littles" are learning simple signs with using our words. This is to help us all get out of the habit of whining, crying or demanding for things. They are learning that words work so much better. We will continue to go outside as long as it isn't raining so please make sure your child has shoes, a warm coat, and hat. Ms. Ally, Ms. Jessica and I want to thank you all for the honor you have given us to teach your child. What a blessing they all are. We love watching them grow and change.

Ms. Christy, Ms. Ally, Ms. Jessica



## Shooting Stars (2 yr)

Happy December! The Shooting Stars are very busy learning. They love to do crafts and activities. We have been learning the meaning of being thankful and talking about for what we are thankful. We will add three new letters this month, J, K, and L. Our color will be yellow and our shape will be a star. We will learn about the birth of

Jesus and listen to stories about Christmas, Jesus, and wintertime. We also have been practicing our songs for the Christmas program. Our Christmas program will be on December 12th at 6:30 pm. Please have your children in the classroom by 6:15 pm. We are looking forward to a month of learning and Christmas fun! Ms. Jennifer and I would like to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year! Ms. Kristen and Ms. Jennifer



## Explorers (3 yr)

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope December finds your heart filled with joy. The Explorers are getting into a festive mood. This month we will be learning about the birth of our Savior and the true meaning of Christmas. Our focus will be on Jesus and the wise men. We will talk about some Christmas traditions around the world and all the different ways Christmas is celebrated. We will have some fun exploring and learning about our own Christmas traditions. The class will have the chance to bake and decorate Christmas cookies.

Our color is red and our shape will be a star. We will continue with letters I and J and the numbers 9 and 10.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> the whole preschool will have PJ days and a movie with popcorn. Come to school all comfy and cozy and bring a blanket on which to sit.

Our Christmas program will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please plan on arriving by 6:15 so we can get the children ready. There will be a cookie reception following. I hope everyone can join us. The class has been working really hard on learning their songs. It is a magical night to see these children sing their hearts out for Jesus. There will be no school from December 23rd through January 3rd. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and special time with your families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Mrs. Beth and Mrs. Mona



## Busy Bears (4 yr.)

Merry CHRISTmas Busy Bears! What an exciting month to be at preschool. This month we will learn about how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, and how our long-awaited savior was born in a lowly manger. There will be a special Advent study during our daily circle times. There will be activities like a craft or service project for you to do with your Busy Bear during the advent season that will be posted on the "What we did today" sheet as well as on Class Dojo. Please be on the lookout for those. Our math concepts this month will be continuing to count our way to our 100th day. We will learn and review the star shape when we talk about the star that lead the wise men to the new born king. We will also be introducing telling time and counting money. Our color this month will be red.

We will complete our first round with the alphabet with the letters Ss and Uu. Then we will begin reviewing our alphabet through reading and playing. We will practice writing letters during our small groups as well as in writing centers. Our bible verse for the month will be Colossians 3:20 - Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Science this month will be how animals prepare for the winter. We will create some birdfeeders for our winter birds and decorate the tree just outside our classroom with our creations. We wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas season. Ms. Christy, Ms. Ann, and Ms. Laura



## Enrichment

The faint chill in the air must mean December is already here! We are going to kick start that excitement with our 2019 Christmas program on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The kids are always so excited to perform for their parents. I look forward to this joyous event. In class we will be hearing stories of Christmas.

Our lesson will involve what the true meaning of Christmas is and why it is better to give than to receive. We will also have crafts and sensory play to go along with our stories. Remember that all books are to be returned by December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and we will not be checking out books over the Christmas break. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to your return in the New Year! Ms. Andrea



## Art Class

The art class finished up the "crumpled art" project. The finished product looks sort of like a window. The next project was a faux sun catcher made with transparencies and highlighters. They will be coming home with frames and a gold string for hanging. December will be all about Christmas. The first project will be a card or ornament. The second project will be decorating gingerbread houses or a gingerbread man depending on the age group. Wishing each of you a very healthy and Happy New Year! Merry Christmas! Ms. Mona

## Don't forget Make It Fresh Mondays!

Our children have really been enjoying all of the fresh food you have provided for snacks each week. Some have even tasted things they have never tried. We love seeing them gobble up fresh, healthy food. If you haven't had a chance to donate a fresh food snack it's not too late! There is a sign up sheet outside each classroom door. Please pick a week that works best for you and if your child doesn't come on Monday we will gladly take a fresh snack on Tuesday instead. We hope to continue this project throughout the year and hope to start a garden in the spring too! If anyone has gardening expertise to share we would appreciate your help.

# Christmas Services at Grace Presbyterian

## What is Advent?



The church year begins with Advent and the birth of Jesus. Advent was recognized in the 4th century when the Roman emperor Constantine was converted to Christianity. Advent is derived from the Latin word for "coming." It is the period of time before Christmas during which we wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus, first in His birth and also "when He comes again to judge the living and the dead" (The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed). Advent directs our attention to both 'comings' of Christ. This season in the church traditionally begins four Sundays before Christmas and extends through Christmas Eve.



**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. This is a one-hour candlelight service with songs and the message of the season. Children are welcome to participate in this service with their parents.

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