



December Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas has always been an exciting and busy time for me. I must admit, I can find that I sometimes get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of shopping and checking off my list of completing long held traditions. However, this year I get to share the Christmas season with your children each day at preschool as they learn and explore the true reason for celebration, the birth of Jesus! As I listen to the preschoolers sing, pray, and

share stories about Jesus and his birth, I feel blessed.

I pray that you and your family will enjoy your Christmas as you share in your traditions of celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Merry Christmas!
Tiffany Lehman
CUMC Preschool director





Important Preschool Dates

- December 8th
CUMC Preschool
Christmas Program
6:00-7:00 Please
drop your child off
no later than 5:45!
- December 16th
Last day to drop
off gifts for our
food pantry
patrons
- December 17th-
January 2nd No
school (This is a
calendar change!)
- January 11th
Picture Retakes
- January 18th 4s and
Pre-K Parent
teacher
conferences
- January 23rd
Registration begins
for 2017-2018 (Join
Us for our
registration party!)

Christmas Program!

Don't forget about our CUMC Preschool Christmas Program! Our students are working on their Christmas songs with Ms. Brenda and are excited to share them with you on December 8th at 6:00. We ask that you drop your child off to their classroom at 5:45 in order to get their costumes on. We will begin the program at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Please plan to join us for refreshments in the gathering area following the performance.



5th Day Enrichment Option

Carmel United Methodist Preschool is excited to offer a **5th day option**, starting in January, for all students who are currently enrolled in our Pre-K or 4s classes. If you choose to enroll your child in this 5th day option, they will join us every Friday from 9:00-1:00 for enrichment activities and learning. These enrichment focused days will rotate through the following topics:

Arts and Crafts

Themed Fun (Snowmen, Hearts, Cloves, Flowers, etc.)

Space and Science

Sports and Games

In addition to these enrichment topics, students will continue to sharpen their fine motor and social skills along with other kindergarten readiness skills.

We have a few remaining spots for this program. Please stop by the preschool office if you are interested in enrolling your child. Our first Friday class begins January 6th.

Can We Help?

We know that sometimes picking your child up or dropping them off may be a challenge when you have other younger children, are taking care of a sick sibling, or are not feeling well yourself.

We will be happy to bring your child to your car on these occasions. Please just call the preschool office before 12:30 on the days that you are in need of assistance and we will gladly bring your child out to you or meet you at your car in the morning!



It's a Party!

2017 CUMC Preschool registration begins January 23rd. Please plan on joining us in the FLC (gym) 5:30-7:00 for a kickoff party! We will have music, food, and fun activities for families. This will be a great way to socialize as well as register for the 2017-2018 school year! We hope you will join us!





When the weather outside is frightful....

Please remember that we follow all closing and delays for the Carmel Clay School Corporation. If Carmel Clay Schools are closed or delayed we are as well. On a 2 hour delay, we will start school at 11:00 and dismiss at 2:00. We do not have makeup days for closings. Please do not look for CUMC as a listing on the news or radio, as there is another CUMC. Look for Carmel Clay Schools.

Please Remember

- School resumes Tuesday January 3rd and not the 2nd as printed in the Parent Handbook. The 2nd is considered a Holiday due to New Year's Day falling on a Sunday. We look forward to seeing all of our students starting on the 3rd!
- The weather can change very quickly in Indiana. Please send your child with gloves, coats, and mittens. We will have outside play time each day that the "feels like" temperature is above 32 degrees.
- Our Lost and Found is getting pretty full. Please look near the preschool office for a clear container marked "Lost and Found".
- 4s and pre-k families are asked to attend parent-teacher conferences on January 18th. Childcare will be provided.

Thank you!!!

Thanks to your fundraising efforts we now have some new play equipment on the playground and are expecting some new equipment for inside play soon! The kids were excited to see these additions and seem to enjoy playing on them as well!



Food Pantry Families

Thank you to all who have purchased gifts for our families who shop at our food pantry. There is still time if you would like to participate. Just take an ornament from the tree, purchase what's listed on the ornament, place the items in a stocking or gift bag and return them to CUMC no later than December 16th.

