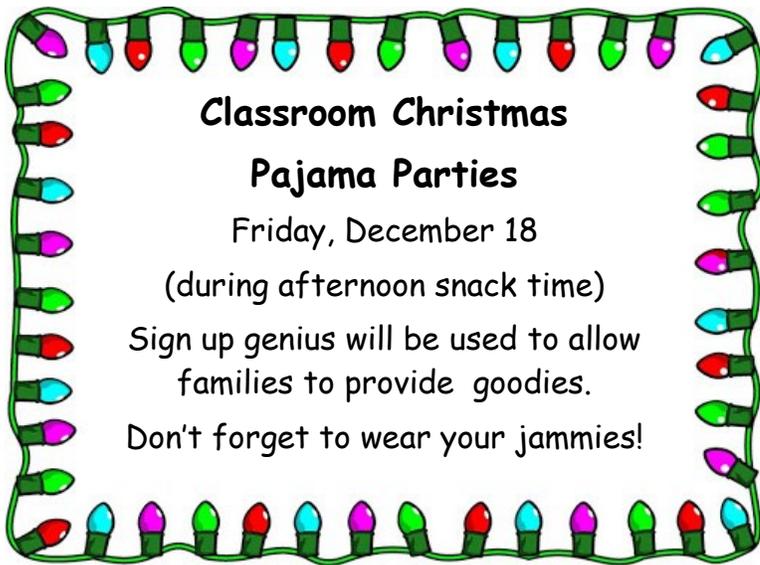




Pitts Baptist CDC News

December 2020 Edition



Classroom Christmas

Pajama Parties

Friday, December 18

(during afternoon snack time)

Sign up genius will be used to allow families to provide goodies.

Don't forget to wear your jammies!

Our 2020 Living Room Christmas Spectacular

Grab some cocoa and cookies and enjoy seeing the children of Pitts Baptist CDC spread a little Christmas cheer right from your living room! Each class in the Center is preparing a special Christmas performance just for you. Christmas packages will come home and a viewing link will be sent to your inbox on Friday, December 18.

It's time for mistletoe, Santa, presents, and Christmas carols. At Pitts Baptist Child Development Center, we embrace these aspects of Christmas. But, the reason for this exciting time of year must always be at the forefront of our teaching. The Birth of Christ, the Savior, born to save mankind from our sins, is our main focus during Christmas. So even though you'll see Santa, Rudolph, and Frosty, you'll see Jesus as our central focus. Here's the story from the New International Version, Luke 2:6-11.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord!

Young Infants

Our first Thanksgiving was so much fun! Now we are getting ready for our first Christmas! We are excited to continue working on each child's next thing, for some friends that's rolling over or sitting up and other friends are practicing pulling up and taking turns. It's such fun to see each friend change and grow!

We are looking forward to reading Christmas books, shaking jingle bells, creating pretty ornaments and looking at pretty Christmas lights.

It's going to be such a fun month of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Older Infants

Your children love clapping and stomping while we sing "If You're Happy and You Know It." We also try to make our voices go high and low. Last month, we worked on stacking 2 or more blocks on top of each other.

We have some special Christmas projects planned for the upcoming month. We'll explore the story of Baby Jesus being born in our picture book bible. We'll continue learning more signs and practice using a spoon.

We try to get outside each day, so please be sure your child has a warm hat, socks, and a coat.

Young Toddlers

In November, we loved learning about being thankful for our family and friends. We learned a lot of new words and also some new signs. We worked on using our spoons and our friends are getting pretty good at that skill. Be sure to give your child a spoon at home while they eat, so they can practice.

In December, we have lots of special things planned as we celebrate Christmas. We'll learn about Jesus' birthday and Jesus' family. We are excited to create a Christmas ornament for the tree and we have been singing and dancing in preparation for the Christmas Program, too! This is going to be such a fun holiday! Be sure to send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing and a coat to wear for our outdoor play.

Older Toddlers

November was a great month! We talked about Veterans, learned about turkeys, yummy food & being thankful for our friends and families. We created broccoli with our feet, we made sun catcher turkeys with watercolors, and many more fun art and science crafts.

December is sure to be a fun and festive month. We will help the children learn why we celebrate Christmas. Jesus is the reason for the season and we will have so much fun celebrating that with our friends. We are going to decorate our wall with a felt Christmas tree, make art with bows, and make a Christmas tree with our handprints. We'll also continue working with our friends on being kind and gentle just as Jesus wants us to be.

Early Preschool B

We had so much fun in November! We learned about how we can demonstrate our thankfulness. We discovered fall leaves and learned about the changing of seasons. We discussed the weather and learned the days of the week.

We are so excited for the holiday season! We will continue to practice counting to 5 and identifying the letters A-E. We will talk about the real meaning of Christmas, baby Jesus! Please be sure to have warm clothes and outerwear at school.

Preschool A

Last month, we introduced the letters C, D, and E. We also reviewed A and B. Our class loves the songs we learn with each new letter. We discussed turkeys and Thanksgiving. We did an "I am thankful" craft and I loved getting to hear what each child had to say.

This month, we will dive right into all things Christmas. We will introduce the letters E, G, and H. We will count Christmas trees and Santa's elves, we will practice writing our letters with candy canes and Christmas bows. We will continue to work on our fine motor skills by cutting out some Christmas wishes from the toy catalog and creating pretty ornaments for the tree. Please make sure your child has a bag to carry their things back and forth in. Please also ensure that your child has a weather appropriate change of clothes at all times and a coat to wear during our outdoor play.

Preschool B

Preschool has been great fun as we created all kinds of turkeys and talked about all the fun things we did with our families to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are learning to recognize and write so many letters and numbers, too!

We will continue to learn about letters, numbers, shapes and spatial concepts, all while having a fun time as we are learning through play. We are looking forward to creating Santa's workshop and a manger to hold the baby Jesus. We will learn some new songs to share and make some pretty cool things to show! It would help so much if each child brought a backpack to transport items to and from school each day.

Pre-Kindergarten A

Thank you to all the families who participated in our turkey disguise projects. They were all very creative and the kids loved showing them to us! Thank you for the wonderful gifts and treats you blessed us with this past month! We had a great time using board games to practice turn taking and rule following.

We are getting excited to celebrate Christmas together! We will focus on the letters L, M & N, 3-D shapes and the Birth of Jesus. We will make some pretty decorations for our classroom and the Christmas tree and, of course, we will work on a special gift for our families. Please include only 1 full change of clothes at a time in backpacks as our cubbies are getting a bit overloaded.

Pre-Kindergarten B

Last month we had so much fun. We especially practiced working together and talked about how thankful we are for so many things! We learned the letters & sounds of G, H, I & J and had lots of fun with rhyming words.

December will begin a time of learning about opposites, the meaning of same/alike, letters K-N and numbers 15-20. Most importantly we will talk about the true meaning of Christmas and purposefully participate in activities that will bring joy to others in our community.

Please be sure there's one change of season appropriate clothes at school.

School-Age

November was full of wonderful weather for playing outside and we enjoyed it to the fullest! We are well into our study of Acts and have gotten to learn how the gospel is for all people! Jesus came for everyone!

December is full of excitement as Christmas is approaching. We will spend a little time each day in an Advent study leading up to Christmas. Advent is a Latin word meaning, "to come." We are celebrating the coming of Jesus!



As a reminder, we take the children outside daily. Please keep this in mind as you dress your child each day. Children should be dressed in weather appropriate clothing and have a coat, hat, gloves, etc. for cold weather. Our teachers are sensitive to the children's response to the temperature and adjust their outside time accordingly. In extreme temperatures, a walk outside may be most appropriate. Some parents believe that cold weather can make children sick. Research actually proves otherwise as germs can be contained in the classroom and breathing in fresh air can help your child's immune system!