



Pitts Baptist CDC News

January 2017



Big THANKS to the parents and family members who came to our Christmas Program, donated items for our Christmas parties, and generously gave Christmas gifts to our staff. We appreciate you all!

We are pleased to let you know that our annual licensing compliance visit has taken place. The consultant was quite pleased with what she saw during her visit. She was especially pleased with the teacher/child interaction that took place while she was here and commended our exceptional compliance with the state mandated laws governing licensed child care facilities. Congratulations to our teachers and staff on a continued job well done!

2016 Tax forms will be ready by **January 31st** and placed in your child's classroom for pick-up.



January Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Megan for being named January's employee of the month for her exemplary performance both inside and outside the classroom! Ms. Megan's love for our children shines through in all she does. Her willingness to help out in any way needed makes her an amazing team member. We are truly blessed to have Ms. Megan as part of the Pitts Baptist CDC family!

Infants

Throughout December, we talked about the Birth of Jesus. God loves us so much that He sent His Son for us. We had a fun time making Christmas ornaments and gifts for our parents.

We are planning to participate in some fun art activities this month. We will learn about our bodies and how God made each of us unique. We will practice reaching, holding our heads up, sitting independently and spend time on our tummies this month!

Please be certain each child has a complete change of clothes at school in case the need arises.

Crawlers

We had so much fun celebrating Jesus' Birthday! We decorated the tree, made fingerprint ornaments, shook jingle bells, danced to Christmas music and talked about baby Jesus. We have just been learning so much! We have gotten really good as using our signs, too!

We are excited about January and will be having fun with music. We will play instruments, clap our hands and sing new songs! We are also planning to learn about the yummy foods God gives us to eat and shapes that we see all around us!

Please be sure your child has a jacket and hat at school so we can spend a few minutes outside, when possible.

Young Toddlers

We enjoyed learning all about the Birth of Jesus as we celebrated Christmas. Thank you to all the families who came to watch our little stars shine at the Christmas Program.

We are looking forward to ringing in the new year. We are planning to explore Winter and all things cold. We are going to continue learning about God's love for us.

Please be certain that your child has a heavy jacket, hat and mittens each day as we will play outside when at all possible, even on the chilly days.

Older Toddlers

We loved celebrating Jesus' Birth! We also had fun creating art with marshmallows, cookie cutters, shaving cream and cool whip!

Throughout January we will talk about all that God made and thank God for all He gives us.

We will play in sparkle snow, work a busy board, decorate a coat, dress up in winter clothes and practice using our words and signs to communicate.

Please encourage your toddler to use their spoon at meals. We are practicing at school, too! Please be sure to wash your child's hands upon their arrival each day and be sure there is a warm coat, hat and gloves to wear when we go outside on those chilly days!

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Twos

We celebrated Jesus' Birthday and learned about how we can share the good news of Jesus with others.

In January we are going to learn about how God made the whole world! We are going to talk about how we are growing big and tall, just like Jesus did! We will learn to match shapes and we will have some Winter fun!

We are excited about exploring slime and ice! We are also planning to practice putting on our coats and mittens all by ourselves!

Please be sure to have a heavy coat, hat and mittens for us to use when we go outside on those chilly days!

Early Preschool

Last month was our best yet! We celebrated the Birth of Jesus, and we talked about Mary & Joseph. We even had a special birthday party for Jesus! We talked about how Mary & Joseph travelled to Bethlehem and how the wise men brought gifts to baby Jesus.

In January we will visit the Arctic! We will learn about the animals and people that live there. We will also talk about the weather in the Arctic and the weather we see outside our window.

Please be sure everything that comes to school fits inside your child's cubby. We are required to keep children's personal belongings separate, so their jackets, bags, blankets and such must fit inside each cubby.

Preschool

December was such a joyous time as we focused on Christmas and celebrated the Birth of Jesus!

Throughout January, we will focus our attention around "My Favorite Toys" and "I Like Church." Children will have the opportunity to use and talk about their favorite toy on Show & Share day. We will also learn about the kinds of toys Jesus might have played with as a child. As we discuss our love for church, we will discover that church is a place where we hear stories from the bible and have happy experiences. We will also learn ways we can help to take care of our church.

Favorite toy Show & Share day will be January 18, 2017. Be sure to have your child select a toy that will fit completely inside your child's cubby.

Also, please remember to check your child's folder each day as we place important items there for you.

Pre-Kindergarten

We had such a great December as we celebrated with the Christmas Program, Pajama/Polar Express Day and gift wrapping relays. The children did great working together to wrap gifts (blocks). It was a blessing to see them helping one another!

Throughout January we will be discussing Winter and how it is part of God's plan. Winter affects plants and animals, too! We will learn about what animals do in the Winter and we will have a great time learning all about snow and winter weather! We will also discuss New Years celebrations that take place around the world.

We plan to paint with ice, make snow and build a pretend igloo!

Please be sure to check your child's folder each day. Also, please be certain that your child is dressed warmly on the cooler days, including having a warm coat, hat and mittens at school. We will go outside when at all possible.

Half-Day Preschool

We are so proud of our reindeer and the great performance that they put on during the Christmas Program! They did such a good job!

Through December, we focused our attention on the true meaning of Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, our Savior.

In January we are focusing on getting back into our classroom routines. We will also practice putting our coats on independently. Please be sure your child is dressed warmly on the chilly days, including a warm jacket, hat and mittens. We will go outside to play when it is at all possible.

We are looking forward to Pajama Day on Friday, January 13!

Half-Day Pre-K

Happy New Year! In December our main focus was on the Birth of Jesus and the long journey taken by the wise men. We especially enjoyed our wise men parade as we searched for the baby Jesus. We also spent time learning about different forms of transportation in December.

In January we will learn about Winter weather, Arctic animals and taking care of our bodies. We will look at the letters O, P, Q and R.

We are excited to participate in Pajama day on Friday, January 13. Please send a pillow case to school by Monday, January 16 for a special bible costume project. It can be new or used, solid or patterned.

School Age

We celebrated Christmas by making cards for the elderly, Christmas Caroling for the elders who live at the Gardens of Taylor Glen and enjoyed our class party!

We are kicking off the new year by focusing on God's blessings. He gives us all that we need, and so much more! We have also begun hiding God's Word in our hearts by memorizing God's Word. We have been setting personal goals and will be looking for and taking opportunities to bless others.

****Ongoing Special Activities at our Center****

Did you know that Pitts Baptist CDC offers special activities for our children on an ongoing basis? You may sign up for them at any time and pay for them monthly. All activities are for both boys and girls, take place here in our building, and are taught by professionals. Here are our current ongoing special activity options. Look for more information at our front desk.

Jump Bunch: Children ages 18 mos. and older meet with the Jump Bunch teacher every Wednesday morning for 30 minutes for sports and fitness-based physical activity. We currently have two class sessions: one for younger children and one for older children. The cost is \$40 per month.

CompuChild: Children ages 2 and up really enjoy meeting with Mr. Bill twice a month to learn computer skills. The cost is \$20 per month.