



Pitts Baptist CDC News

January 2018

2017 Tax forms will be ready by **January 31st** and placed in your child's classroom for pick-up and will also be emailed.



January Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Jamie for being named January's employee of the month for her exemplary

performance both inside and outside the classroom! Ms. Jamie is always willing to go above and beyond what's necessary to the benefit of her students and co-teachers. Ms. Jamie combines fun and learning and takes

Winter Is Here

While our weather has not felt much like winter in the last several days, the winter season is in fact upon us and the temperature will be getting colder. Please be sure your child is prepared for cold winter days at school. Here are some tips:

- Send a coat/jacket to school with your child when the weather is cold, because they will play outdoors daily.
- A hat and gloves should also be sent when the temperature is extremely cold.
- Getting outdoors daily, helps children develop healthy minds and bodies. Child are actually more likely to stay healthier if they play outdoors during winter months. Germs are not contained and concentrated outdoors, but unfortunately can be in a classroom environment.
- Teachers will always act sensitively to the cues of the children in cases of extreme cold and modify outdoor play accordingly.

Infants

We had such a fun time making Christmas crafts and exploring new textures. Most important of all, we talked about the birth of Jesus. He was a baby, just like us!

January will be all about the cold, wintery weather and working to meet our developmental milestones. Don't forget to bring a jacket to school so we can stroll and play outside when possible!

Crawlers

We learned all about Jesus' birthday in December. We explored stars, trees and Christmas ball ornaments. We continue to add signs to our vocabulary, including, "baby."

January will be all about the cold weather in our class. We will practice using our words and signs, as well as moving around more and more independently. We will also explore snow & ice! Please be sure there are socks and jackets at school each day so we can go outside when possible.

Young Toddlers

Last month we talked all about the birth of Jesus and created some beautiful Christmas items. We also made snow and talked about the changes in the weather. We celebrated New Years and made fireworks with glitter.

We are excited to explore different smells, tastes and textures this month. We will also talk about how Jesus did Go's work. We can do God's work, too! Please be sure there are weather appropriate extra clothes and coats on hand each day.

Older Toddlers

December was all about the birth of Jesus. We pretended to be donkeys, sheep, cows, wise men, angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. We had a great time! We made so many beautiful Christmas treasures!

In January, we will learn about some miracles that Jesus performed. Our art & sensory activities will relate to the winter season & the cold, cold weather. We will also talk about how special friends are and how we can show love to them.

Please be sure to have a warm coat and blanket at school for use every day.

"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 were so excited to create Christmas ornaments and other Christmas treasures. We did so many different things, from threading beads on pipe cleaners to talking about baby Jesus in the manger, we learned so much about Christmas! We even search for baby Jesus and found him in the manger.

We will be learning to put our hats and coats by ourselves. We will also talk about having good manners with our friends, especially when we need to share or take turns with a toy. Please be sure there is at least on full change of weather appropriate clothes at school each day.

Early Preschool

We had so much fun decorating cookies at our Christmas party! Everyone did a great job performing at the Christmas program.

Throughout January, we will practice putting hats, coats and gloves independently. We will be talking about winter, being cold and how to get warm.

We will also be talking about Arctic Animals and what they do in winter.

Keep your eye out for details on our upcoming Teddy Bear Day and be sure to have hats, heavy coats and gloves at school each day.

Preschool

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

January will focus our attention on Favorite toys and Church. We will learn about the toys Jesus may have played with as a child. We will also discover that church is a happy place where we hear stories from the Bible. We will also learn many ways that we can help take care of the church.

Pre-Kindergarten

We had such a great month celebrating Jesus' birth! Our Christmas program was a huge success as we enjoyed singing for everyone.

In January, we will introduce letters Pp, Qq, Rr & Ss as well as the vowels and learning to blend sounds. We will talk about the twenty family and learn to count to 50. We will begin talking about which number is greater and which is smaller.

We will talk about taking care of our bodies & how to make healthy choices. We will also talk about winter and participate in some fun winter activities.

Please be sure to have a hat, jacket and gloves at school each day.

Half-Day Preschool

There was so much Christmas Spirit in our room! From singing Christmas songs everyday and telling the story of the true meaning of Christmas to a Christmas party and program, we had a blast!

We are kicking off the new year with a healthy unit. We will discuss which foods will make us strong and how movement keeps our hearts healthy.

We will continue to hold show & share every Wednesday, emphasizing our letter of the week.

Half-Day Pre-K

Throughout December we learned about different types of vehicles. We imagined where we might go if we could drive anywhere in the world. During music, we had fun playing hand bell games.

This month, we will learn Bible Stories about Dorcas, Daniel & Jesus. We will learn about how to help others, how to take care of our bodies and we will pretend to be doctors.

We will continue to learn new sight words & the finger alphabet. We might even begin writing sentences!

School Age

Last month we enjoyed celebrating the birth of Jesus! We played fun games and made colorful Christmas art.

Throughout January we will embrace the cold and enjoy some fun winter activities. We will have a snowball fight, drink hot cocoa and design intricate frozen art. We will even have a snowman building contest! Please remember that any personal property the children bring is their responsibility.



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!