



# Pitts Baptist CDC News

January 2020

*Thank you*

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!

2019 Tax forms will be emailed by **January 31st**. Please let an administrator know if you prefer a hard copy.

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 interactions 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!

## 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.

## Young Infants

In December, we learned all about Christmas. We had fun celebrating the birth of Jesus and learning to show our love for Him.

In January we will learn all about the Winter season. We will explore a variety of sensory activities that represent Winter and cold weather.

Please be sure to wash your hands and your child's hands each day as you enter. We want to keep out as many germs as possible!

## Older Infants

We learned all about the birth of Jesus through our artwork, Bible stories and puppets. We have been working to strengthen our gross motor skills by shaking bells and climbing/pulling up and down and all around!

Throughout this month, we will work to walk with and without assistance (based on each child's readiness) and practice using a pincer grasp (using pointer finger and thumb).

Please be sure to update your child's feeding chart each child their needs change.

Also, if your child sleeps on a cot, please bring a blanket each Monday for them to use and take it home on Friday to launder it.

## Young Toddlers

This month we talked about Christmas and what it means to us. We also talked about the Birth of Jesus and celebrated him by singing "Happy Birthday!" We had a great time making ornaments for the Christmas tree as well as a special gift for our families.

January will be a time of learning about Winter! We will talk about snowflakes, snowmen and all the yummy warm things we can eat in Winter, too! We will even talk about the kinds of clothes we wear to keep us warm in Winter.

## Older Toddlers

December was a fun month as we talked about stars, Christmas trees and Baby Jesus! We had a great time celebrating Jesus' birth! We have been working hard on our gross motor skills and have even learned to wheelbarrow crawl. We also learned so many animal sounds & movements this month! Be sure to ask us so we can show you at home!

We are super excited for the new year. We will celebrate 2020, learn about Winter, Winter animals & snow. We will continue working to develop gross motor skills, identifying colors, using our manners and feeding ourselves with spoons.

Please make sure blankets go home to be washed on Friday and come back on Monday of each week. Also, we will indicate needs for wipes & diapers on your child's daily report, so please be sure to keep an eye out for that.

*"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*

## Early Preschool A

We celebrated Christmas by talking about Jesus! We had fun making gifts for our families and exploring the Christmas sensory bin. We also had a great time mixing colors and sorting stars.

January will be all about Winter weather and community helpers in our class! We will include talking about how God gives us different people in our lives to help us do different things.

We are looking forward to making fireworks, playing in snow and throwing snowballs!

Please don't forget to take home and wash blankets at the end of each week.

## Early Preschool B

Throughout December we learned all about Christmas! We learned about Jesus' birth, especially that he was born in a stable. We also learned about the letters G & H and the numbers 7 & 8.

Our goals this month are to continue working on our numbers and letters, especially I & J and 9 & 10.

We will also continue learning to be kind, sharing with friends and playing well with others.

Please be sure to have a heavy jacket, gloves and a hat. Sometimes it is chilly when we head outside to play!

Also, be sure there are extra clothes and underwear at school in case there is an accident.

## Preschool A

We had a fun & busy December. We learned about the birth of baby Jesus and celebrated all things Christmas! We loved smelling Christmas scents and hammering candy canes. We also talked about the letters G, H & I.

January will be a fun month of exploring Winter and learning about the letters J, K, L & M.

Please be sure there are adequate changes of weather appropriate clothes at school to be used in the case of a spill or accident.

## Preschool B

Last month we loved learning all about the true meaning of Christmas. We had a fun time exploring peppermint cloud dough, crushing candy canes with plastic hammers and digging through rice to find the letters in our names. We also had fun preparing for and performing in the Christmas program. The kids did a great job, we know you are as proud of them as we are!

In January we will learn about how Jesus fed the 5,000 & all about the Forgiving King. Everyone is doing such a great job learning to write the names, and even the names of some of their friends! We will continue name building and mastering letter recognition. We are excited about the Winter sensory & art we will experience this month, too!

Please be sure there's a heavy coat, gloves and a hat at school every day as we will certainly go outside to play and this crazy weather changes quite a bit from morning to afternoon and from day to day! Also, please be sure there is at least one full change of weather appropriate change of clothes at school each day.

## Pre-K A

We had so much fun making gifts for our parents for Christmas! We also loved learning about and celebrating the Birth of Jesus. Each child decided what gift they would bring to Jesus. This month we will continue cutting with scissors and writing our names (first and last for some friends). We will work to master the letters and sounds of P, Q, R & S. We will practice making and tracing different kinds of lines and will also introduce the Spanish colors pink, gray and purple and Spanish numbers 11-19. We are really focusing on problem-solving and working puzzles with up to 50 pieces. We are excited about having some indoor snowball fights and will decorate our classroom for Winter! Also, each Friday be sure to wear the color of the week! Please be sure to double check and confirm that the extra clothes at school are appropriate for your child's current size and the current weather.

## Pre-K B

We had a great time celebrating Christmas with games, songs and special activities. Thank you for all the help with our Christmas party and the generous gifts! Our families are a true blessing to us!

January will be an exciting time as we introduce the vowel chart, blends and single syllable short vowel words. We will count by 10s to 100 and will compare numbers (which is smaller/which is larger?). We are excited to discuss showing love to one another and how we can show God our love, too!

We have had a few accidents and a few spills. We are finding that many friends do not have a size and weather appropriate change of clothes in their cubby. Please check to be sure your child has proper clothing just in case it's needed.

## School Age

In December, we enjoyed learning through the Advent Season, in preparation for Christmas. We learned more about Jesus and about how God fulfilled His promises.

Throughout January, we will study through the book of Romans.

Don't forget to check the white board for January school holiday sign ups!

### **\*\*Ongoing Special Activities at our Center\*\***

Did you know that Pitts Baptist CDC offers special activities for our children on an ongoing basis? 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.

**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. You may sign up for them at any time and pay for them monthly.

**Soccer Shots:** Children ages 2 and up have a blast acquiring skills & playing soccer with Coach Grace on Thursday mornings. The cost varies based on the length of the season. Go to [www.soccershots.org/greatercharlotte](http://www.soccershots.org/greatercharlotte) for more information and registration.