



Upcoming Preschool Dates:

January

- 3 School resumes
- 10 & 11 Wear School Shirt
- 11 & 12 Menchies spirit day 12-5pm
- 12 Preschool Staff Mtg
- 16 No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 17 In-house Registration begins
- 18 & 19 Queen Glitter
- 18-20 Pajama Days
- 24 In-house Registration closes at 9:30 am
- 24 & 25 Wear Black and White Day
- 25 Church Member Registration 9 am
- 25 Legacy Reg. 11 am
- 26 INK field trip for 4's
- 27 Community Registration 9 am

February

- 1 & 2 Tooth Fairy Visits
- 3-5 HMUMC Women's Retreat Weekend
- 17 & 20 No School
- 22-23 Muffins for Mom

Please read: Upcoming Registration for 2012-13

Please be looking in your child's book bag for information about registration. Please make a note of the deadlines. In-house students and siblings register first. Don't miss the opportunity! The classes fill up quickly.



Resolutions

As we begin 2012 it is wise to make some resolutions. While we might resolve to eat better, exercise more, and rest more, we might also consider how our children's time is spent. While our children are young, their brains are growing at an enormous rate. Providing the best environment for our children to grow and learn should be a priority. Research tells us that the more our children move the large muscles in their bodies by running, jumping, pushing, pulling, hopping, and spinning, the better they will perform in school in years to follow. While the muscles work, connections are made in the brain. These connections have lasting significance. Although computer skills, writing skills and desk work are important, muscle work is paramount.

Children who are active outside while younger will have greater success in school. For example, handwriting is affected if a child doesn't have adequate shoulder strength. A child playing 'wheel barrow' with a friend will increase his/her arm and shoulder strength. Even though it is cold outside, bundle up and take the kids outside to play! The exercise will be good for you and will help grow their brains! More and more children are being diagnosed with learning disabilities. One reason is because as a society we are more sedentary. Children tend to play a video game instead of climb a tree! We need to move our muscles because this affects our brains directly. Go outside and play! When you can take the cold no longer, bring them inside, fix

some hot chocolate and read them a book or two. Your children and you will benefit from these two activities more than you can ever measure.

Prayer for Parents:

Healthy children make a lot of noise. They sing, they shout, they belly laugh, they fight, they bang things together, they bounce things, they cry, they scream, they make lots of noise. They play loud. God, bless my healthy children. Give me new ears, ears that hear the music of their noise. Give me new understanding, understanding that doesn't crush their spirit with my intolerance and oversensitivity. Give me a new Peace, a Peace that is grateful for the sounds created by healthy children. Amen

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!

Thanks for your generosity!

We appreciate all of your gifts during Christmas. We collected over 50 coats and blankets for the homeless in downtown Atlanta. Thank you for all of your generosity!! Our mission for January is to make Valentine's cards for children in the hospital for Valentine's Day. We will make them at school but if you would like to make some at home that would be great, just send them in after they are done.

Thank you to all of you that were able to attend the Christmas programs and parties. It was so nice to see everyone. At the end of November we had a preschool staff baby shower for Ms Lynnette who became a Grandmother over Christmas to two beautiful baby boys! Thank you to Tricia Perdew, Diane Spengler and Kelly Faber for watching our staff children during the baby shower. Also, in December the teachers were spoiled by our hospitality group, Heather Ko-

rey, Jill Maddox, Hillary Barrett and Sara Hildebrand. Thank you ladies for spoiling us with all of the goodies!

Tax ID

Did you know that if you use preschool for care for your child while you work, you can claim the tuition on your taxes? If this pertains to you, see Jennifer to get the church's tax ID number.

Coats

Please remember to send a coat in with your child each day when the weather is cool. If the weather is cool but pleasant, we will go outside to play! Outside play is so important for a child's well being. Label all coats and jackets.

Illness

Please remember to keep your child at home to rest if he/she is not feeling well. Not only does this lessen the spread of the illness, it gives

your child the needed rest to overcome the sickness. Remember two rules:

1. Your child should be 24 hours free of **all** symptoms.
2. Would you want another parent to send their child in this condition to play with your child??

Car pool

Please remember to turn off your phones when your child is getting ready to get out of the car or when you are getting ready to pick up your child. They really would like to talk to you and tell you about their day! Also, each child **MUST** have a car seat. We are not able to put them in the car without a car seat. You will have to park and come in and get them. All children should still be in a car seat or booster seat in preschool, it is the law.