



Pitts Baptist CDC News

January 2016

January Events

January 1: Center Closed for New Years

2015 Tax forms will be ready by **January 30th** and placed in your child's classroom for pick-up.

*Parent Handbook: Section III: General Policies and Procedures: What Not to Bring- **Toys (except for Show and Tell days)**, guns and weapons, rubber bands, money (unless requested and only in labeled envelopes), jewelry or other valuables, electronic items, candy and chewing gum. Special Events: Show-and-Tell: Teachers will announce Show-and-Tell and specify the instructions for bringing an item from home. All items brought from home are the responsibility of the child. The Center will not be responsible for broken or lost items. All Show-and-Tell items must fit inside the child's backpack and should be labeled with the child's name.*

As stated in the handbook, please leave special toys, and jewelry at home unless it is for Show and Tell. Many children are bringing various items to school causing some distraction in the classroom. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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

December was such a fun time! We did a great job in our first Christmas Program! We talked about the real meaning of Christmas and about how to be a good friend. Jesus will be our best friend, if we ask Him.

January will be a time of talking about our families, about the roles of each member in our family and about how we can be helpers in our families. We will practice sitting, crawling and standing, too!

We will stroll outside while we talk about winter, what we wear in winter, what we eat in winter, and even what we see in winter. Please be sure to bring coats, hats and socks each day as we will go outside any day it's not raining.

Crawlers

December was full of fun nature walks, exploring the Christmas decorations, and reading books about Jesus' birth. We sang Christmas songs and made special gifts. Christmas was such a happy time!

January will be all about Winter in our classroom. We are excited to play in pretend snow and practice putting our socks & shoes on. We are excited about creating a winter wonderland and having a snowball fight!

Please remember to bring a naptime blanket. Also, please bring jackets, hats and socks each day. We will go outside except when it's raining.

Young Toddlers

Last month we celebrated the birth of Jesus! We had fun with marshmallows, packing peanuts, glitter and candy canes. We experimented with ice and shredded paper to remind us of snow. We talked about God who made the ice, snow, wind and rain. We practiced using the signs for mommy, daddy, cold & thank you. We are getting so good at using signs!

This month we will talk about Jesus feeding 5000, how He healed the sick, Jonah and Noah. It's going to be a busy month!

We are planning to create using play dough & color with markers. We love to get messy and have fun!

We will talk about animals while we play farm, look at animal pictures, search for animals around us, and practice making animal sounds, too. Please remember a coat, hat and gloves. We go outside twice every day!

Older Toddlers

We had such a lovely December celebrating Jesus' birth. We made beautiful ornaments and glittery stars to remind us of Christmas.

In January we will explore space, the old west and talk about our feelings. We're even going to practice feeling/emotion faces and talk about ways to react when we have certain feelings! We will create Winter paintings and snowflakes.

We are going to focus on using spoons and forks independently. Be sure to practice at home, too!

Be sure to bring a coat and hat on cold days. We will go outside to play and to practice throwing, kicking and catching the ball.

Twos

Last month, we had fun learning about Jesus' birthday, where He was born, and who was there. We learned new Christmas songs and did lots of fun Christmas art.

In the upcoming month, we will be learning about winter and how we should dress for the winter. We will also learn about the habits of winter animals. As always, we will incorporate colors, shapes, numbers and letters into our daily routines as we help make the concepts more familiar for the children.

Early Preschool

Last month, we got into the Christmas spirit and learned all about Jesus' birth. We became familiar with the letter C, the number 3, the color green and the square. In the upcoming weeks, we will be learning about polar life and all things winter. Our academic concepts of focus will be the letter S, the color white, the number 4 and the octagon. We will work to help the children become more familiar with these particular concepts. We are always trying to encourage independence and strengthen self-help skills, like putting on our own coat, pants and shoes. We'll even encourage the children to zip and button. Please check that your child's cubby has a weather appropriate change of clothes.

Preschool

First, thank you for all of your support with our Christmas program and class Christmas party. We enjoyed and appreciated all of the gifts. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to teach your child. We ask God to give us wisdom, His insight, and His grace, so that each child might see God's reflection in our lives.

In the upcoming month, we will gain an understanding of how God planned Winter. The children will discuss the changes that Winter brings. We'll also have a special time for the children to show and share a favorite toy on January 20. Please allow your child to pick a toy from home for show and share. Just be sure it will fit in their cubby.

Pre-Kindergarten

The month of December was filled with many fun things. We made Christmas crafts and gifts all month long. The most important thing of course was our discovery of the true meaning of Christmas. The children learned that Jesus was born on Christmas day as a gift to the world. As we start the new year, we will learn about healthy choices for our bodies. We'll discuss ways to eat healthy and stay active. We'll also learn about the winter season and the changes that occur this time of year as well as winter animals. Our academic focus will be on letters P, Q, & R. We'll also work on blending letters to make words and continue learning about number families. Even big kids have accidents sometimes. It is essential that your child has a change of clothes in their cubby at all times for the unexpected incidents.

School Age

We have such a great group of school agers! December was filled with all things Christmas! We made ornaments and also created a tree out of the names of God. We talked about the reason we celebrate Christmas and about how we can give gifts of worship to Jesus every day.

We are excited about the year ahead! It's such a good time to set some goals and begin working to achieve them. We will set some goals and continually gauge how we are doing on reaching those goals to make ourselves better in mind, body and spirit. "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!"**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Half-Day Preschool

Oh, what a joyous month we had! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful class. We thank you all so much for making our Christmas bright and special. We appreciate your prayers, gifts, and especially the time we have with your children. We will begin the month of January with a unit on being healthy. We will discuss ways to keep our bodies and minds healthy and strong. This unit will include a highly awaited "Pajama Day" on Wednesday, January 13. During the winter months, we will encourage independence as we help the children learn to put on their coats, hats, and gloves by them selves.

Half-Day Pre-K

In the month of December, we learned about different types of transportation from bible times to the present. The children enjoyed learning to play different instruments and especially enjoyed singing Christmas songs for the senior adults of Pitts Baptist Church as well as their parents during the Christmas program. Many thanks to our parents for making our Christmas party so special. In January, we will learn about God's winter gifts and learn about how to take care of our bodies. We will begin focusing on handwriting, first with our sight words. Mark your calendar for pajama day on Wednesday, January 13.

****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.



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!