



# FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL

## December 2023 Newsletter

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### REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/8, 7 p.m., Christmas Images Piano Concert
- 12/10 – Angel tree presents due prior – thank you for your help!
- 12/14 – Christmas Worship Celebration, 4 p.m.
- **12/25 – 1/1 – FCCNS Closed – Christmas Holiday!**

#### Notes from the office...

Please remember to submit Office Change forms for changes to schedules **two weeks** in advance.

### December Birthdays

Miss Micaela		12/2	😊
Miss Laura	LB	12/10	😊
Gianluca	BF	12/11	4
Shealyn	FF	12/15	5
Mia	BF	12/16	4
Hadley	LL	12/31	1
Parker	LL	12/31	1

**Happy birthday everyone!**

**Stop in the office to pick out a new book to take home!**

### Staff Highlights

#### Employee of the Month Eva Maus

Miss Eva has been the beginning of the always willing to classroom and help She has been in our a great deal recently, willing to help out boards. Her 'can quick smile are appreciated! We all she does in



with us since summer! She is step into any out our staff. Caterpillar class She is always with our bulletin do attitude' and always are thankful for our Center.



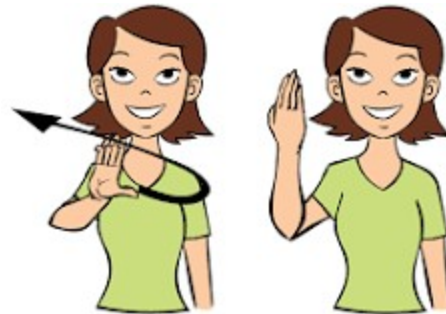
### You are invited:

- 12/7, 6 p.m., Gingerbread houses – if you have signed up already!
- 12/8, 7 p.m. Christmas Images Piano Concert – free, given by Elizabeth Balentine Faith's contemporary music director.
- 12/14, 4 p.m., FCCNS Christmas Worship Celebration – invite family and friends.
- Christmas Eve Services, 12/24, 3, 5:30 & 7:30, Christmas morning, 12/25, 10 a.m.
- New Years Eve service, 10 a.m.

### American Sign Language – Sign of the Month

We will have a new sign each month, this month we have 2.

**Christmas** – form the ASL letter C sign with your dominant hand, swoop it down in front of you, then scoop it back up until your dominant forearm is upright and your 'C' hand holds steady. Imagine this sign as indicative of setting up a Christmas tree.



**Rectangle** – Rectangle is signed by taking both pointer fingers (while the rest of each hand is drawn into a fist), then starting from the top center of the invisible shape, you make parallel, mirror actions as you trace the outline of a rectangle from either side, top to bottom.



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## Classroom News

**December monthly curriculum:** Theme: Jesus & Christmas, **Word:** Generosity, **Math:** Counting & Quantity, **Shape:** Rectangle, **Color:** Green

### **Little Lambs – Miss Faith, Miss Karen Miss Irene**

December is here! It has been exciting to welcome new friends. McKinley and Iris have joined our class. We are sad to see Cooper moving up to the Lady Bugs. We will be busy making Christmas crafts. This will help us develop our motor skills. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Lady Bugs - Miss Laura**

Here we are at the end of the year! November went too fast! Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family. In December we will learn about Christmas and Jesus! We will be doing some special crafts for the season. We will continue counting and learning our letters. We will try to continue going outside to play or walk if weather permits.

We welcome Cooper to Lady Bugs and say good-bye to Rosie as she moves to the Caterpillar room.

### **Caterpillars –Miss Stephanie, Miss Katie & Miss Eva**

Let the countdown to Christmas begin! We are so excited about the month of December in the Caterpillars! First off, all families and friends are invited to our Christmas Worship Celebration on Thursday Dec 14 at 4pm. There will be a cookie reception following the program. Your kiddos are working so hard on their songs, and we can't wait for you to see them! This month we are welcoming Rosie to our classroom. Welcome Rosie! We are so happy to have you! Our themes this month will be Winter Animals, Snow and Baby Jesus. Don't forget to check your child's white cubby at least once a week. Their projects and important reminders go in there. Our hope is to get outside every day the weather allows. Please bring a nice warm coat, snow pants, boots, mittens, and a hat each day. If you would prefer to leave a set of all these things in the classroom that's works too! Merry Christmas to all of our amazing Caterpillars and their wonderful families! We love you all so very much!

### **Butterflies – Miss Stacey & Miss Carli**

There is magic all around us these days! Our school is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We will be working on a special Christmas present for our parents, making Christmas decorations, both for home and school. Your child will be in our church sanctuary, singing Songs, followed by Cookies and drinks afterward. Hope to see you all there. Please be sure to send in all winter gear, with EVERYTHING LABELED! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

## **Fireflies –Mrs. Pucci, Miss Sarah, & Miss Meghan**

Welcome December! We love this month in the Firefly room! During the month of December, we will be holding off on new letters and numbers, but we will be doing review of the ones we have learned so far.

We will be learning and focusing all on the reason for the Christmas holiday, our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ! We will talk all about the Christmas Story, make fun Christmas projects, practice songs for the Christmas Celebration, and each week make a yummy festive treat on our cooking day.

The word we will be focusing on will be generosity and what it means to be generous!

Please make sure your child is sent with appropriate clothing for playing outside! Also, during the month of December, Show and Share will be a different theme each week, and we will let you know at the beginning of the week! Merry Christmas!

### **Good Knights – Miss Amy & Mr. Ben**

Happy December! The Good Knights are so excited to start decorating the classroom for Christmas!

We have been working very hard on our Christmas Song Born is the King. I have sent a picture of the lyrics on Brightwheel for your children to practice, and a link to the songs on Youtube. If you need me to resend them, I'd be happy to. The Good Knights will be participating in this year's Christmas Worship Celebration. All are welcome to attend, and the celebration will take place on Thursday December 14th at 4 pm.

We will be starting a countdown to Christmas advent calendar this month, that teaches the account of Jesus' birth and making many crafts.

Just as a reminder, the School Age program does have care available on days that Penfield Schools have a snow day. Faith sometimes will have to close only if there is a state of emergency. On days off of school please send your children in with snow pants and snow gear. We love to go play on the back hill in the snow.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

