

Happy new year, Maranatha Kids Dream Team!

We hope you felt loved and appreciated and were blessed by our handmade and homemade gifts and treats for you every weekend of the month of December. I think we can agree that having a little time off to celebrate the holidays is a nice reset for heading into this new year.

Speaking of resets, you will be seeing everything from tweaks to more significant changes in our ministry in this new year. Please read on for notes on some of these changes.

SHEKEL STORE (K-3RD GRADE)

- The **Shekel Store will be closed for the month of January**. This will allow the kids to replenish their shekels and for some refreshing of the store.
- We will (with your help) be introducing **Shekel Card**, a storage system for shekels earned.
- We will still use the **1-shekel currency notes** since the cards accumulate **stamps that are worth 5 shekels each**. Look for these cards, stamps, and a more detailed explanation in your classrooms in January.
- It is important to follow a **consistent system of rewarding shekels**. Please know, we work with a limited budget to re-stock the store and carefully consider the pricing of items.
- The intent is to give kids the **opportunity to earn, save, and plan** for their special purchases.
- We will continue to incorporate **outreach elements and blessing of others** with their earnings. (Acts 20:35)

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION—UPDATES

- **Signs and labels** will be updated and added to help guide our volunteers to **put toys and materials away in an organized way**.
- In the toy cabinets there will be a designated **“parking space” for the white bins** (after they get prepped, they are stored there during the week) If you put another bin in this space, make sure there’s room for the white bin to be placed above it.
- Please continue to **return the white bins to the Resource Room following second service**.
- Classrooms are stocked with **tape, liquid glue, and glue sticks—please keep these in your classroom cabinets** and let us know when your supplies are running low.

WEBSITE UPDATED

- Please **visit our training website at maranatharesources.org** and see what we've added and how we've reorganized.
- There is now a **contact section** for you to communicate any questions or comments you'd like addressed.
- If you missed the service where Pastor Trevor shared **the enduring and ongoing impacts of a simple Sunday school teacher named Edward Kimball**, please take a few minutes to watch it and be encouraged! **Click on "A Simple Sunday School Teacher"** upon entering the site.

NEW MARANATHA KIDS CURRICULUM

- We have **developed the lesson schedule and look of the curriculum**, but there is a lot more work to do between now and the rollout (following promotion in June).
- We would appreciate your input at our curriculum meeting coming up in March.
- If you have ideas for activities, crafts, worship songs or lesson videos, we would welcome your help in developing these to complement the lessons.
- Please let us know if you would like to take an active role in any aspects of the curriculum development.

If your January birthday cards are not yet in, please turn into the Resource Room this weekend. The February lists will be in the classrooms this weekend. Thank you!!

So grateful for our team and our kids!

In His service,

Melissa