

Stargazer

December 2024



We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We would like to thank you for attending and providing the food for our Thanksgiving Feasts. We hope you enjoyed yourselves

Thank you also for all of the non-perishable food items that the children brought to our November chapel service. We talked to the children about how the food was going to help those in need. We also learned that God is incredibly pleased when we help others. The children donated 170 lbs. of food to help others.



Our last day of school before Christmas is Friday, December 20th. Classes will resume Monday, January 6th. We want to wish all our preschoolers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Thank you for coming to our fall conferences. We hope they were helpful and informative. We will have a more "in-depth" conference in February when we present information on how your child is growing in all of the developmental areas. More information will be coming as we get closer to the date.



On Thursday, December 19th the Fireflies and Dragonflies will participate in a short Christmas program called "The Story of Christmas." Here is the schedule:

AM Dragonflies & Fireflies - 11:15 AM
PM Dragonflies - 3:00 PM

The program will be held in the church sanctuary.



Some concepts that the children will be learning this month are:

- Christmas day, December 25th, is the day Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Christmas symbols are nativities, evergreen trees, wreaths, candles, bells, stars, sleighs, stockings, reindeer, elves, and Santa Claus.
- Colors used at Christmastime are red, green, silver, and gold.
- Traditional customs include caroling, gift making and giving, sending cards to family and friends, and festive dinners and parties.



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I saw this quote and loved it. Thought I would share it with you!

Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil and yet . . . the kernels do not **POP** at the same time. Do not compare your child to others. Their turn to **POP** is coming!



With winter fast approaching we thought that we would remind you of our inclement weather policy. If Loudoun County Public Schools are **closed**, Celebration Preschool is **closed**. If LCPS delays the opening of school by **one hour**, Celebration Preschool will **delay the AM session one hour**. School will start at **9:45 AM** and dismiss at **11:45 AM (Caterpillars, Bumblebees, Butterflies & AM Dragonflies)**. The Fireflies will be dismissed at 2:00 PM. **The PM session will start on time**. If LCPS delays the opening of school by **two hours** the **AM session will begin at 10:45 AM and will be dismissed one hour later at 12:45 PM (Caterpillars, Bumblebees, Butterflies & AM Dragonflies)**. The Fireflies will be dismissed at 2:00 PM. **The PM session will begin one hour later at 1:30 PM and dismiss on time at 3:30 PM.**

Please listen to your local radio or television station or visit <https://www.lcp.org> for school delays, closings, and early releases. We will have this information on our Facebook page and on our website. You will also receive a text or email from your child's teacher. Parents will be notified if Celebration Preschool closes early or does not abide by the schedule of LCPS.



We do take the children outside even when it is cold as long as the "feel like" temperature is above 32 degrees. With that in mind please remember to send in coats, mittens/gloves, hats, and scarves. Please make sure that your child's coat is labeled. If you have not brought in a change of winter clothing for you child, please do so as soon as possible.



Chapel will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 9:15 AM for the W/F Caterpillars, Bumblebees, M/W/F BF and AM DF and at 1:00 PM for the PM DF. The T/TH Caterpillars, T/TH BF and Fireflies will attend chapel on Thursday, December 12th at 9:15 AM.

The children will hear the story A Christmas Prayer about a child who acts out the story of the Nativity, saying a simple prayer of thanks for each blessing of Christmas, and ending with God's perfect gift of Baby Jesus. We will also share the story of the birth of Jesus with the children from Luke 2.



It is hard to believe that registration for the 2025-2026 school year is right around the corner. Registration for current students and siblings will take place the week of January 13th. More information soon!



For our December mission project will be collecting toys to fill "closets" for children while they are at the hospital. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has partnered with Cole's Closet, a nonprofit organization. Cole's Closet is dedicated to reducing the amount of stress hospitalized children and their families face. They donate thousands of new toys, books, gift cards and care packages to seriously ill children and their families. We are happy to support this organization.

We will be collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for infants through teens. Please place your gift under the Christmas tree outside of Miss Brenda's office by December 12th. Thank you so much for your support.

Jesus said: "There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving." Acts 20:35



Due to a scheduling conflict we will not be able to offer Parents Night Out on December 13th as originally planned. Our next Parents Night Out is scheduled for Friday, February 7th.