



December 2023 Mt. Pisgah Preschool News

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him”
Romans 15:13

It is such a blessing to view the season of Advent through the eyes of children as they are naturally filled with hope, joy, and peace. As adults it sometimes takes work for us to maintain these attributes, especially during busy seasons of life. Your children’s joy is one of our biggest blessings here at preschool, and we as a staff are incredibly thankful that we get to experience it each and every school day. As you move through the month of December, we encourage you and your family to set aside time to pause and reflect on the hope, joy, and peace that are yours through the miracle of Christmas.

Gingerbread Festival: We can’t wait to kick off the Christmas season with your family this Saturday, December 2nd from 10-11:30am. Our CFLC will be transformed at this festive event with Christmas activities for your family to enjoy. If you have not yet submitted your rsvp but would like to join us, please reach out to Sarah in the preschool office. See you there!

Family Christmas Chapel: To celebrate the season together as a preschool family, we would like to invite you to join us for “Family Christmas Chapel” in our Christian Family Life Center at noon on your child’s chapel day. (Wednesday, December 20th or Thursday, December 21st) An invitation with all the details will come home from your child. We ask that you be seated for the service by 11:50am so that we can walk the children in and begin promptly at noon.

Thank you!!! Thank you to everyone who gave their time and resources to our “Thanks For Giving Wheel-A-Thon.” We can’t tell you how much we loved gathering in community with our families! The smiles and good times were priceless! If you would still like to make a donation, it would be helpful if we could have all pledge money returned to the preschool office by Friday, December 8th so that we can use these funds in planning next semester. We have not met our fundraising goal, so any help you can provide will directly impact our program this school year! We couldn’t do this without you, so thank you for supporting our mission and helping our program stay strong!

Announcing 2024 – 2025 Preschool Registration: Thank you, families, for partnering with us this preschool year. As our way of saying thank you, we set aside a week prior to Christmas break as “**Priority In-House Registration**” for currently enrolled students and their siblings. Registration packets will be sent home at the end of next week, and in-house registrations will be

collected **Monday, December 11, 2023 – Tuesday, December 19, 2023**. Registration will open to new families on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. (I will start collecting new family registrations beginning December 11th to enroll in the order they are received after priority in-house registration closes.) If you have friends or family looking for a preschool home, please let them know about our registration process. Most of our new families learn about Mt. Pisgah Preschool through currently enrolled families, so please help us spread the good word about our program and enrollment process. We will have extra registration packets available for you to share as well. Please feel free to call Sarah McCrum in the preschool office at (804) 794-1720 with any questions or to talk through class placement for the new school year...especially if you are considering a bonus preschool year in our Junior Kindergarten classroom.

Substitutes Needed: We are in need of more substitutes to add to the list for our teachers to pull from when they are absent. If you have last minute morning availability and are interested in spending some time in our program, please reach out to Sarah in the preschool office. Thank you for considering this opportunity; we would greatly appreciate the help!

Inclement Weather Policy: As a reminder, we follow Chesterfield County Public Schools for inclement weather closings. If CCPS is closed, we close. If CCPS is delayed one hour, we open one hour late but close at the normal time. If CCPS opens two hours late, we open two hours late and stay at preschool for 2 hours. On a two-hour delay, please send a nut-free, packed lunch or larger snack for your child. Afternoon Explorers still concludes at 2:30pm.

Christmas Eve Worship: Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church invites you to a “Family Service” on December 24th at 5pm. This service is designed for children and families and will include carols, the Christmas story, Communion, and candlelight.

Important Calendar Dates

December 2023

12/1	Tuition is Due
12/2	Gingerbread Festival (10-11:30am, CFLC)
12/8	Wheel-A-Thon Donation Wrap Up
12/11-19	“Priority In-House” Registration for 2024–2025 School Year
12/18-19	“Jingle Jammie Christmas” (<i>school-wide pajama days-see your child’s classroom calendar for your specific date</i>)
12/20-21	Family Christmas Chapel (<i>12pm in CFLC – please arrive and be seated by 11:50am.</i>)
12/22-1/5	Preschool is Closed for Christmas Break
12/24	Mt. Pisgah UMC Christmas Eve Children’s Service 5pm
12/25	Merry Christmas

January 2024

- 1/1** Tuition is Due (*please pay promptly upon return to preschool*)
- 1/8** Preschool Re-opens
- 1/9** “Open Registration” for 2024–2025 School Year begins
- 1/15** Preschool Closed (CCPS)

February 2024

- 2/1** Tuition is Due
- 2/2** Preschool Closed (Teacher Continuing Education)
- 2/8-9** Hugs and Kisses Breakfasts in CFLC (9:00-9:45am)
- 2/19** Preschool Closed (CCPS)