

# BETHESDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



December 2018

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*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

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## Important Dates

- 12/5- Santa Visits- Yellow 4's, Purple, and Green MWF

- 12/6- Santa Visits- Yellow 3's, Red 3's, and Green T/TH

- 12/7- Santa Visits- Red 4's, Blue, and Orange

- 12/10- Christmas in Odessa Trip for 4's

Last week of Christian Ed before break

- 12/14- Special Lunch

- 12/21- Christmas Programs

2 & 3 year olds: **9:15am**

4 year olds: **11am**

- 12/24-1/1- **Christmas Break- School Closed**

## CIRRICULUM CORNER

In December, we wrap up Creative Curriculum's Ball Study Theme with the topic of "What are balls made of?" Then, we finish the month with the themes "Merry Christmas" and "Jesus' Birthday". Our Health, Nutrition and Food activities for December include making Gingerbread cookies using store bought cookie dough and Candy Cane Shapes using strawberries and bananas or mini marshmallows.

## CHRISTIAN ED

During the month of December, we'll be talking about Advent as we excitedly wait for Jesus' birthday. We'll learn how Santa got his name and learn about who celebrated Jesus' birthday while we look at a nativity scene made by one of the members of Bethesda's congregation. We'd love for your family to join ours as we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve! Join us at our 7pm service that evening to celebrate the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The Holiday Programs are scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> for all the classrooms. The 2 year old and 3 year old children's Christmas concert will begin at 9:15am in the Bethesda Hall. The 4 year old children will begin the Christmas Story Worship Service at 11:00am in the sanctuary.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

BCDC will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>- January 1<sup>st</sup>. All programs will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.





A Glance at January

Jan 2	All programs re-open
Jan 18	Special lunch *Full day kids
Jan 18	<b>Closed-</b> Martin Luther King Day
Jan 25	Holiday camp- School age/ <b>Preschool in session</b>
Jan 28	Super Hero Dads 2 & 3's 9:15 4's 11

### COLD WEATHER ALERT

The children will be going outside every day, sometimes multiple times a day. Our weather policy states, "Children will play outside every day unless there is active precipitation/public announcement that advise people to remain indoors." Please pack appropriate clothing for the weather. Label mittens, coats, scarves, and any articles of clothing that will be removed and put in the child's cubby for safe return.

### SPECIAL LUNCH

For special lunch we will be having pizza and two sides. If you do not think that your child would enjoy this lunch, please feel free to pack your child's lunch. Please let your child's teacher know if your child can not participate due to allergy sensitivities.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

Our teachers and staff use positive behavior strategies in the classroom every day. Here are some ways you can use positive behavior in your home as well:

- Follow a predictable routine (ex: reading a book before bed each night)
- Stay calm and use a calm voice
- If you need to provide redirection, remind your child of the behavior expectations (ex: "Susie you need to be getting dressed for bedtime.") Get at your child's level and make sure they are paying attention before providing redirection
- Spend quality time with your child whenever possible (take your child to the park, movies, go on a walk, etc)
- Provide your child with age appropriate chores around the house to promote independence.
- Use logical consequences, when needed (ex: if your child made a mess, have them clean it up)

### SCHOOL MESSENGER WEATHER ALERTS

Winter weather is on the way. Please make sure we have up-to-date contact information so you don't miss out on messages about delays, early dismissals, or closures. If you've recently changed your email or gotten a new phone number – please let us know!