

Church of the Savior Preschool Principal's Corner Newsletter

January 2024

Joyful Month of January

Happy and Healthy New Year to all our COS Families!

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday with their families and friends. Spending this precious time together goes so fast, so I hope it was enjoyed by everyone. This Christmas was a bittersweet one for me, as I lost my mom back in August. I was glad to have my family around, and to visit my older daughter who lives in Tennessee, so that we could reflect on the holidays that we got to spend with her, and to continue some of the traditions that she passed down. She will always be in our hearts, not just around the holidays, but always.

The month of December was filled with many things at school. We got to enjoy our first "Christmas Around the World" event, which went well. Thank you to all the parents who contributed their time, effort, and culinary expertise to make it a great experience for everyone. I hope that this will become a new tradition at COS. The holiday concerts and programs went off without a hitch! I hope that everyone got to enjoy them, and that the 4-year-old parents were able to see their angels, shepherds, and kings adorn the chapel. We look forward to seeing them every year, and all the creative energy that gets put forth creating them. We were also happy that Santa came to visit the children on the last day of school. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Jones for making this happen.

Now that we are in the month of January, and a new year has begun, we are looking forward to all the things planned at school. This first week back will highlight the Epiphany on January 6th, which for many Christians is when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born. The teachers will be discussing this with the children in their classes.

As we move on in the month, the 4-year-old teachers will be discussing the life and importance of Dr. Martin Luther King, who we celebrate on January 15th. In the latter part of January, the classes will be getting ready for our theme week, in which we will be highlighting famous artists! Each teacher will introduce a famous artist to their class or classes.

The children will learn all about this artist and their style of art. The children will learn the technique and genre of the artist, and then create their own masterpiece to reflect the style of their chosen artist. At our theme week celebration, we will have an art show, where parents are welcome to come visit and see their child's artwork displayed. We are very excited about this!

With the winter months upon us, please be mindful of everyone when it comes to illness. If your child is exhibiting any signs of illness, please do not send them to school until they feel better or have been seen by a doctor. We all need to take care of each other, especially at this time of year, when respiratory illnesses are on the rise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In addition, if your child will be absent, please make sure that you notify the office, so that we can maintain proper records, and have an accurate count of the number of children we have in the building. This is a state requirement.

Dates to remember:

January 15 – No school-Martin Luther King Jr.

January 26 - Half day session- Theme week set-up/Professional day

January 29 - Feb. 2 - Theme week & art show

Happy & healthy new year to everyone!

Best,

Alex Cavaliere

Psalm 20:4

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.