

# ZION PRESCHOOL DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

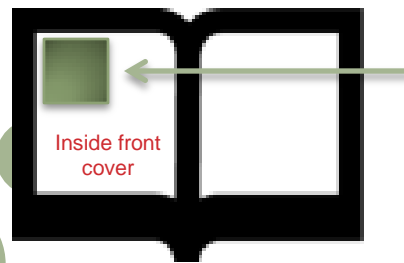


## Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K 3's and 16<sup>th</sup> for the Pre-K 4's. Our classes will have a "Gift Book Exchange" at the Christmas Party. Please follow these steps to make the book a keepsake:

1. Place a picture of your child inside the front cover of the book along with their name.
2. Date the book with the month and year
3. Write a special Christmas greeting inside the book.

Have your child bring the wrapped book to school by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. (Suggested price range for a book \$5-\$10). Please mark your book according to whom it is geared toward. "To: A Boy", "To: A Girl", or "To: A Boy OR Girl" "From: Your child's name". We will play a game with the exchange gifts.



Picture  
Date  
Greeting



## Christmas Vacation

Christmas Vacation begins December 16<sup>th</sup> and classes resume January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This year our preschool will again partake in Baby Jesus gift giving. This is a voluntary. If you would like your child to participate, please have him/her bring a baby gift to school and place them in the manger in our classroom. The children will wrap the gifts at school. The teachers will bring the gifts to Mosaic Pregnancy Crisis Center on our Preschool's behalf. To better fulfill the needs of the center a list will be sent home stating their wishes.



## Mouse House



Mother's Club Mouse House will be held the first full week of December . Pre-K 4's will shop on Wednesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Pre-K 3's will shop on Thursday. December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Instructions on how to send money to school for your child to shop Mouse House:

1. Please send an envelope with your child's name on the front of the envelope along with the amount of money enclosed.
2. Please put the names of the people your child will be shopping for and who they are, grandma, grandpa etc. written on back of the envelope.

Gifts are priced .25 to \$ 2.00. You will get a note the day before about how many gifts your child will be able to buy for, usually it is between 6 to 10 gifts. Older students and helpers will assist with your child's shopping.

A friendly reminder that each family is asked to bring in 12 gifts to donate to Mouse House. You can refer to the full-sheet red News N Notes insert from 2 weeks ago for ideas. You may start bringing in gifts on Monday, Nov. 28th, until Thurs., Dec. 8th. Mother's Club is looking for volunteers to help work at Mouse House. It is a fun way to serve Zion and I know they supply the workers with really good snacks.☺



### School Closing

When it is necessary to cancel school because of bad weather, it will be announced on Channel 5 KSDK. A notice will also be sent through the School Reach phone system. In most cases, this information will not be broadcast before 6 am.

### Important Dates

- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: 4's shop Mouse House
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Preschool sings at Advent Service
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: 3's shop Mouse House
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School Christmas Program
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: 3's Christmas Party
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>: 4's Christmas Party



# DECEMBER PLANNER

This month is undoubtedly a very busy one for your family. Although we try to keep our schedules and routines at school the same in order to keep a sense of calm, we tend to be quite busy in our classrooms also. Your child will be bringing home many songs and finger plays this month as we learn all about the amazing birth of our Savior. Some of these will be shared at Advent Worship. We will be acting out the Christmas Story as the children are dressed as a characters from the story. They love this activity! Please join us for Advent Worship Service at 3:30 pm on Wed. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Preschoolers should sit with parents until we sing. At this time, they will come forward to the front to sing together. After singing, they may go back to sit with parents. This is a wonderful time for your child to show what they've learned and sing God's praises. We are excited to share this with you.

## Christmas Worship

- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 K-4 Christmas Concert
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 5-8 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 5 pm: Family "Glow" Worship: This service is geared towards families with younger children.  
7 pm: Candlelight Living Praise: Candlelight Communion with contemporary music.  
9 pm: Candlelight Service of Carols: Traditional Service with Candlelight and Communion
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 8 & 10:45 am: Communion celebration filled with joyful musical favorites and the beautiful message of our Savior's birth

We're on the web!  
[www.zionprek.org](http://www.zionprek.org)

No Book Orders this month

# RAISING A READER

## What Research Suggests:

### 12 Things you can do to help your preschooler become a reader:

1. Have daily conversations with your child.
2. Make a message board.
3. Keep lots of print and writing materials in your home.
4. Read with your child daily.
5. Set up a reading and writing place for your child.
6. Let your child see you read and write.
7. Encourage your child to “read”.
8. Point out your reading and writing in everyday activities.
9. Display your child’s writing.
10. Make a bank or file of words your child likes to read.
11. Go to the library with your child.
12. Use technology and television wisely.



### December Snack Prayer

Thanks for the food to help me grow. For family and friends I know. Thank You for the world I see. Thank You God for loving me.



### **I Can:**

Be as tall as a Christmas tree. (stretch tall)

Be as round as Santa Claus. (circle arms in front)

Be as tiny as an elf. (make self smaller)

### **I Can:**

Bend like a candy cane. (bend head and neck)

Look like a star. (stretch arms and legs in all directions)

Prance like a reindeer.

*I wish you a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year.*

