

Creative Preschool Newsletter December 2017

Message from the Director

The month of December promises to be a very busy one for all of us, both child and adult alike. We will be bustling about shopping, planning, decorating, and partying. It is a joyous, yet exhausting season for most.

With having such long to-do lists sometimes we forget that this is a special time of year that allows us to make lasting memories with our children through holiday traditions, whether old or new. The other day I asked my oldest son, who is now 40, what he liked most about the Christmas season when he was growing up. He told me he liked eating cookies and hot chocolate while we listened to favorite Christmas music and decorated the tree together, reading Christmas stories and watching traditional Christmas movies together, shopping for needy families, baking cookies...all traditions he continues with his own children. It was then that I realized the special things we do with our family each year will be remembered by our children for years to come.

This time of year is also exciting for children because Santa will visit with lots of gifts! Therein is the biggest challenge for those of us with children, who, by nature, are ego centered and are so greatly influenced by the bombardment of advertisements and commercialism we experience in our culture. Even with the very youngest child, however, we can effectively create traditions which support the true meaning of Christmas...giving of ourselves with joy.

May you and those you love be richly blessed with joy, charity, and peace this holiday season and throughout the year. And may you pass those gifts on to your children in abundance!

Christmas blessings to you and your family from all of us here at Creative Preschool!

News from Threes

There is magic all around us these days! Our school is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We will be working on a special Christmas present for Mom and Dad. Christmas decorations, both for home and school, will keep us very busy in these fun filled weeks. Our Christmas parties are on December 19 for the T-TH class and December 20 for the M-W class during regular class time. Hopefully Santa will stop by for a short visit. Most of the children are excited to sit on his lap and give him their wish list. If your child does not want to, though, he/she will never be forced. Each child will have his/her picture taken with Santa.

We hope you enjoy much family time during our Christmas break beginning Thursday, December 21. Classes resume on January 3.

News from Fours

What a wonderful time of year this is, and how special it is for us to share the joy and anticipation of this season with your children! This month we at Creative will definitely be busy getting ready for Christmas. We will be making a gift and a card that you will find under your tree--- hand-made by your child's loving hands! Shh! Don't ask what it is, it's a secret! We are certain that you will cherish this unique gift. We will be making decorations to add Christmas cheer to your home and ornaments for our tree here at school, as

well, and we will be learning Christmas songs to share with you.



Our Christmas parties will be on Tuesday, December 19th for T-TH AM and the T-TH-F PM classes and on Wednesday, December 20th for M-W-F and classes. We are hoping that Santa will have time to visit!

On the day of our Christmas parties we will be spreading some Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols at the end of class time. **Families are welcome to join us for caroling upstairs in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 for AM classes and at 3:00 for the PM classes.** The children will dismiss from their classrooms following the carols.

Classes will resume on January 3 or 4. We wish each of you a very blessed and joyous Christmas, and a fun-filled Holiday break!

LETTERS: G, R

NUMBERS: review 0-10

News from Pre-K

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" It is so wonderful to share in the excitement and anticipation of the Christmas season with your child! Christmas is always merrier and brighter because we share the joy of the season with your child! Christmas is a busy time of year and your child will be busy all month long making ornaments and decorations for your home which you will surely cherish for years. We will also be making a very special gift for each of you -- even the wrapping paper and card will be homemade! The month of December is full of so much fun and wonder that we are all dizzy and dancing with delight!

In addition to all our Christmas preparations, we will continue with our alphabet art and our alphabet writing. We will also briefly discuss how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

Our class Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 20th. We are so hoping that Santa will be able to stop at our school on this day so that we can visit with him and remind him what we are hoping to find under our Christmas trees! We are trying so hard to be good!

We will be singing a few Christmas carols at the end of the day on the 20th. **You are all invited to join us as we sing these carols upstairs in Fellowship Hall at 3:30.**

Classes will resume for us on Wednesday, January 3rd. I wish each of you a Christmas filled with blessings, love and joy. May the New Year bring you peace and happiness too!

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News from Friday Friends

December is going to be a very busy month for us! We will be making a special present for our parents. The children will be bringing home Christmas crafts to help

decorate your home, too! Our Christmas Party is on Friday, December 15. Santa may be stopping by for a short visit on this day. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing Holiday break, and I look forward to seeing you back at school on January 5!

News from Motor Skills and Music

For the month of December, in music we will enjoy a wonderful medley of Christmas carols and the children will be introduced to the Ukulele. The children will also be meet to the chimes, jingle bells and other percussive instruments. In motor skills the balance beam will be introduced as a section of our obstacle course, gymnastic mats will be used for somersaults, and we will be doing body awareness activities. Put your left hand on right knee, touch one knee and one foot. And, as always "the starfish Circle" will be part of our fun!. Have a wonderful holiday season!!

News from Art

In this month's lesson the children will learn about the science of color and the technique of filling in space with dots of color (called Pointillism.) Then, using inspiration from the works of George Seurat, they will create Pointillist art of their own. Look for our little artist's Pointillist-inspired work in our Art Gallery this month!



Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 16th @ 7:00. Please come—perhaps you will want to join us next year!

Interested in Joining the Board?

We are in need of a Special Events co-chair for the 2018-19 school year. If you would like more information regarding this position or have any questions, please contact Lori Tranter at lpetrungaro@hotmail.com.

Welcome Future Creative Preschooler!

Congratulations to the Wedig family on the arrival of their blue little bundle of love! Caleb arrived to Allie and Joe on October 24. Big Brother Henry, in Mrs. Banta's class, sure is excited to have a baby brother to love!



And the Salas family is certainly grateful for the arrival of baby Elena Grace, born November 16, just in time for Thanksgiving! Congratulations to Mommy Christina and Daddy Derek and Big Brother, John, in Mrs. Fleming's class!

Snow Delay/Closure Reminder

Amazing, is it not, that we entering into the snow season already?! I would like to remind you that in case of inclement morning weather you should listen or look for the decision Oak Hills makes. In the case Oak Hills calls for a 2 hour DELAY, Creative Preschool will be open beginning at 9:30 AM and end at



regular dismissal time. Afternoon classes will begin at the regular time.

In the case of a CLOSURE, Creative Preschool will be closed for the entire day.

Please Spread The Word!

New Family Registration Begins On January 3!!!

Please tell your friends and family and post on your personal facebook page that Creative is soon registering NEW STUDENTS for the 2018-2019 school year! Registration for **FIRST TIME ENROLLING** families begins January 3. All registration information and forms are available at our website: www.creativepreschoolcincinnati.com. Priority Registration packets for **CURRENT AND RETURNING** families for the 2018-2019 school year will come home to our 3 year old children beginning January 8. Others can get one from the office.

Creative Preschool Spring Carnival

Merry Christmas! Are you looking to clean out those closets and playrooms? Please donate your gently used stuffed animals and "happy meal" type toys to Creative for the Spring Carnival. You can leave your items in Mrs. DePaoli's office. Thank you to those of you who have already given generously! In January will be contacting Creative parents who have indicated that they can donate food items or basket items for the Carnival. If you or someone you know owns a business and would be willing to donate items, please contact Lauren DeFranco at laurendepaoli@yahoo.com or Lori Tranter at lpetrungaro@hotmail.com. Keep updated and be sure to "Like" the Spring Carnival's Facebook page by visiting

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