

# Preschool Press December 2016

## Preschool Christmas Program

The Preschool Christmas Program will be on December 19 and 20. Times will be 10:00 and 1:30 respectively. Your invitations will be arriving in your child's mailbox in a few weeks. Siblings and Grandparents are invited as well.

Monday, December 19 at 10:00

Mrs. Gruber Creative Playgroup M/W  
Mrs. Graham 101 am 4's  
Mrs. Merz 105 am 4's  
Mrs. Bailey 108 am 4's

Tuesday, December 20 at 10:00

Mrs. Gruber Creative Playgroup T/TH  
Mrs. Mills 101 am 3's  
Mrs. Damante 211 am 5's  
Mrs. Alverson 108 am 3's

Monday, December 19 at 1:30

Mrs. Graham 101 pm 4's  
Mrs. Valenti 105 pm 4's

Tuesday, December 20 at 1:30

Mrs. Mills 101 pm 3's  
Mrs. Damante 211 pm 5's

### SHOEBOX OUTREACH REMINDER

IT HAS BEEN A TRADITION OF THE HUM PRESCHOOL TO OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING WITH OTHERS DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. THIS YEAR WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE HILLIARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE WESTSIDE FREE STORE TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF GIVING. THE GOAL OF THE SHOEBOX OUTREACH IS TO FILL SHOEBOXES WITH TOYS AND CANDY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WEST SIDE AND HILLTOP AREAS. MANY OF THESE CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS. THE SHOEBOXES THAT THE CHILDREN RECEIVE WILL MOST LIKELY BE THE ONLY PRESENT THAT THESE CHILDREN RECEIVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CHOOSE AN ITEM OR TWO FROM THE LIST BELOW. YOU WILL THEN DROP THE ITEMS OFF AT PRESCHOOL. DONATION BOXES WILL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ROOMS 211 AND 108.

STICKERS, COLORING BOOKS, MARKERS, COLORED PENCILS, SMALL PUZZLES, PLAY-DOUGH, SMALL CRAFT KITS, SMALL BOOKS, FLASHCARDS, CARD GAMES, SMALL GAMES, HAIR ITEMS, FUN JEWELRY, WALLETS, PURSES, PLAY MAKE-UP, NAIL POLISH, YO-YOS, MATCHBOX CARS, MATCHBOX AIRPLANES, SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS, ACTION FIGURES, SMALL LEGO SETS, PUPPETS, SMALL CARS AND TRUCKS, SMALL DOLLS,

REMEMBER THE ITEM NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO FIT INTO A SHOEBOX. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE UNWRAPPED AND BROUGHT TO THE PRESCHOOL NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.

# Acts of Kindness for Preschoolers



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Donate a toy	2 Give a kiss to mom or dad	3 Say please and thank you
4 Make a picture for the mailman	5 Help mom or dad count to number 5	6 Hug a friend	7 Help bake cookies	8 Feed the birds	9 Share something	10 Mail a note to grandparents
11 Sing a song to someone	12 Snuggle while watching a movie	13 Make a picture for your teacher	14 Donate clothes that you have outgrown	15 Make a gift for someone	16 Make a Christmas card for someone	17 Clean up your toys
18 "Read" a book to someone using the pictures	19 Donate one of your toys to charity	20 Help with chores	21 Tell a joke	22 Take cookies to a neighbor	23 Take a snack to the fire department	24 Leave out cookies and milk for Santa
25 Tell everyone Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

## GIFT IDEAS OF YOUR PRESCHOOLER

Books always make a great gift for under the tree. We have compiled a list of favorites that your preschooler will love.

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell  
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss  
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats  
Mrs. Giggles is Coming for Tea by Donna Guthrie  
In the Rain with Baby Duck by Amy Hest  
Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann  
Bear Snores on by Karma Wilson  
Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae  
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant  
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw  
The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle  
Giggle, Giggle, Quack by Doreen Cronin  
Bark, George by Jules Feiffer  
A Weekend with Wendell by Kevin Henkes  
The Napping House by Audrey Wood  
Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins  
The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

Footloose by Kenny Loggins  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Helen Oxenbury  
The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood  
Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall  
Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathmann  
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney & Anita Jeram  
Crazy Hair Day by Barney Saltzberg  
Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester  
A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams  
Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell & David Catrow  
Jamberry by Bruce Degen  
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle  
Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner  
National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books  
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.



### Play Dough Recipe

5 tbsp. of cream of tartar  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of salt 3 cups of flour  
.14 oz. pkg of unsweetened Kool-Aid  
3 cups of water 3 tbsp. vegetable oil  
Food coloring of choice (the Kool-Aid will color the mixture also)  
Stir all of the dry ingredients into a large pot. Slowly add the water and oil. Using a large wooden spoon. Blend the mixture until all of the lumps are gone. Stir in several drops of food coloring till you have the desired color. (the dough will darken as it cooks.) Cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly with a large spoon until it forms a ball. While the mixture is still warm, knead it on a lightly floured board for several minutes or until the dough has a soft, satiny feel. Store the dough in a sealed container at room temperature for up to a month.

### December Calendar

December 1: Tuition Due  
December 1: Shoebox Outreach Gifts Due  
December 4: Breakfast with Santa  
December 17: Parent's Day Out  
December 19 & 20: Christmas Programs  
December 21: Christmas Vacation Begins

Parent's Day Out  
December 17  
1-5

The HUMC Youth will be hosting a Parent's Day Out during this hectic Christmas season. Children must be 6 weeks to 10 years of age to participate. It will be held in the Sanctuary building with youth and adults supervising the children. There is no fee, but donations are accepted to purchase gifts for underprivileged children for Christmas. To register your child please contact April at [humc\\_youth@yahoo.com](mailto:humc_youth@yahoo.com)

## What's Happening in Storytime & Play with Ms.J

During letter Hh week we found many animals about to hibernate in "Time to Sleep" by Denise Fleming. The children watched and listened as each animal in the story appeared high and low on the table set and warned other animal friends that winter was coming. All the critters settled down and prepared for the fast approaching cold weather. We also read, danced and clapped along to the song "Happy"!

Letter Pp week brought us the "Three Little Pigs"...a fairy tale favorite. We discussed again how stories can be retold differently and that we too can create our own version. The children experienced one of my interpretations with the help of music by Greg and Steve. After listening to Greg's and Steve's "Little Pig Blues." they danced to music that sounded quite similar; PB&J Blues.

Migration was also emphasized with a retelling of "Duck at the Door". The children met Max who is the main character in Jackie Urbanovic's duck books. We hopefully will get to revisit Max in "Duck Soup" during a Lunch Bunch session. We had so much fun making our bodies into different "p" words. We were pretzels and pirate ship planks. "Ye should be mighty proud of these mateys."

Letter Ss was our last letter of the week before Thanksgiving. We read a special book called "Pumpkin Soup". The story is about three animals who live together: a cat, a squirrel, and a duck. Each day is very routine. Every time they make soup, they each have their very own special job. Cat cuts the pumpkin for the soup, squirrel stirs the soup, and duck measures and adds the salt. When they play music, cat plays the bagpipes, squirrel strums the banjo and duck sings. All is well until duck decides he wants to do a different job. You could have heard a pin drop as the plot unfolded. There were multiple ideas as to what would or could happen. The ending had everyone guessing.

The last few weeks we practiced out songs for Preschool Appreciation. Thank you to those of you who joined us last Sunday. Hope you enjoyed it. We certainly did.

The next few weeks our letters will be U, M, and R. We will read holiday stories, dance, sing, and smile a lot. We will prepare and rehearse for our Christmas programs December 19th and 20th. Mark your calendars! Let's make some memories.

Til next time!

Fondly,

Ms. J

### December Themes

Reindeer

The Toy Shop

Christmas Trees

Mittens, Marshmallows & Hot Chocolate

Sights & Sounds of Christmas

You Can Be a Santa Too

Click, Clack, Ho! Ho! Ho! By Doreen Cronin

Happy Birthday Jesus

### Letters of the Week

U

M

R

