

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **January 5**—school resumes—pajama day
- **January 6**—pajama day for the MWF 3's
- **January 9**—returning student registration begins
- **January 16**—no school MLK holiday
- **February 1**—all remaining spaces open to the community

What is Epiphany?

“On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...”



Do you remember singing that Christmas carol as a child? Ever wonder what in the world “the twelve days of Christmas” were? I mean, we sing about them, but do we know that they are?

They are tied into the ancient celebration of the Church called Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means appearance. It is the day that the Church remembers that a Star appeared to mark the arrival of the King of kings in a Bethlehem manger.

Three wise men in the East, saw that star and came to see the new king it announced. And so the three wise men, or kings, came bearing gifts for the Christchild. Epiphany is the day we remember the star, the wisemen, and the great Savior who appeared to us.

For 1600 years, the Church has celebrated Epiphany on January 6th. And the twelve days between December 25th and January 6th? Those are the twelve days that we all used to sing about.

May God bless you this Epiphany as you remember that Christ appeared to be your Savior, too.

— Pastor Jon Schroeder

At Faith Lutheran Church...

We have two Christmas Eve services. There will be one at 5:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. Please feel comfortable joining us. We'd love to see you there.



*Tuition is due on
the 30th of every
month except May
(well, okay, and
February...).*



Our Four Year Old Class is Designed for Kindergarten Readiness

Our four year old program covers the same learning objectives that the all day every day classes cover. Our program is designed with kindergarten readiness in mind. But wait, there's more. We go beyond the scope of required learning objectives set by the state of Georgia by introducing the letter sounds so that the children have a jump start and feel confident when they begin learning to read in their next phase of education. In addition, because we do a lot with the math rods, our kids have the opportunity for a concrete understanding of number value. And, we are able to provide a Christian-oriented atmosphere and Biblical teachings that our public school system does not offer. How are we able to do all this? Because we provide more in less time due to a small teacher to student ratio. As you can see, there are many benefits to staying at Faith Lutheran Preschool for the four year old program. Please let me know if you would like more information. (<http://helpdesk.glynn.k12.ga.us/goals/101contentstandardsgeorgiaprekindergarten.pdf>)

Scholastic Book Order in time for V-day

The next book order will be available on January 23rd if you'd like to order some valentine books for your little sweetheart. I will need all orders by February 2nd to ensure that we get the orders back before Valentine's Day. The newspaper like catalogs of books will be available in stapled packets on my desk in the clear information holder.

**Please send your child to school in a heavy coat,
mittens and hat/hood every day so we can go outside.**

Pajama Day

The kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas the first day back in January for pajama day—January 5th for most classes or 6th for MWF 3's. This is a much enjoyed tradition at FLP. Be warned, the kids will want to do it everyday afterwards! Just make sure to send your child in tennis shoes and coats so we can still go outside, weather permitting.

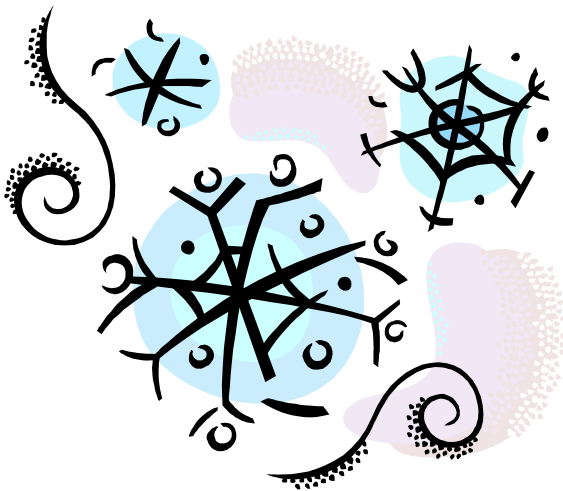
Important Reminders

School resumes January 5th and 6th

No school on January 16 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

You may pay this month's tuition when you come back from Christmas break.

Welcome Back!!



Happy Birthday to you!!!

2-year-old classes

Josie-4th
Sydney-15th
Olivia-27th

3-year-old classes

Maggie—8th

4-year-old class

Will-19th

Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year for currently enrolled students and their siblings begins on the 9th at 8:45. This gives you first chance to reserve your spot before we open the remaining spots to the community on February 1. If you would like, I am available to give you a tour of the class for which you would be registering and let you know about that class's special features. Our program is designed to be a cumulative experience so that when your child finishes the four year old program, he or she is well prepared for kindergarten.

Packets will be ready for you the day you return from Christmas break. Please let me know if you need a packet for a sibling.

This is a great time to refer your friends. We offer a referral discount on September's tuition for anyone who refers someone who enrolls at our school.





Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Kerri

From Mrs. Tiffany: Along with our colors, we have really been concentrating on learning opposites. We try to give them as many opportunities as possible to experience the opposites we are working on that day. For example, just recently we worked on fast and slow. We sang our favorite songs fast and slow and passed bean bags around the circle first fast and then slow. We looked at fast and slow bottles and took turns rolling a heavy can (fast) and a light can (slow) down a ramp. When possible the books and crafts also correspond to the opposites we are working on for that week. They are having a lot of fun and learning too.

The month of January is an exciting month, because we are beginning two new fun activities. The first is Show and Tell. In the newsletter you will find a list of themes for each week. Please have your child bring in something from home that corresponds with this theme (usually a color or shape). We will put the item on the top of the bookcase until it is shown. Then we will put it in the child's bag. We do not play with the items from home in the classroom. Show and Tell is a great way to reinforce the concepts we are working on at school and gives each child a chance to improve his or her speaking skills.

Our second new fun activity is the chance to be a helper in the classroom. We have six helpers: chair, crayon, door, snack, book, and line leader. Each child will get the chance to have one job each week. We keep track of this with a cute chart in the classroom that has the children's pictures and pictures of the jobs. This is a great opportunity for them to take ownership of their classroom and learn how to take turns. When time allows I will try to document on your child's daily report which job he or she had so you can ask him or her about it.

Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Tracing
 - Shaving cream painting
 - Make a snow globe
 - Fun literature activities using "The Mitten" by Jan Brett
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Bible Lessons-2 Year olds

God Leads the Wisemen to Jesus
Jesus is Baptized by John
Jesus Changes Water into Wine
Jesus Calms the Storms

We are Learning About:

Color: White/Blue
Shape: Square/Circle and triangle
Opposite: Long/Short, Loud/Soft, and front/back

Show and Tell Themes:

January 5 - kid's choice
January 12- something square
January 19- something white
January 26- something circular
February 2- something blue

From Mrs. Kerri: We have had a great month getting ready to sing for you at our Christmas Party. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The children continue to amaze me everyday as they are building confidence and creating friendships daily. January is a pretty exciting month for the children as we build on our daily routine by adding helper jobs to the classroom. We have six jobs everyday. The jobs will be chair helper, snack helper, door helper, crayon helper, book helper and line leader. Once a week each child will get a job on either Tuesday or Thursday. Also on Thursdays we will begin doing show and tell. The item will be related to the theme in some way that week. Their show and tell item just needs to be able to fit into their school bag. The children love to have time in front of the class to share. Looking forward to an awesome New Year!



Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

Dear Parents,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your year be filled with many blessings!

We will start January out with the traditional Faith Lutheran Preschool Pajama Day. The first day back to school is pajama day for both teachers and students (parents may participate too). It is a fun way to ease the transition back to school.

In January, we will continue to introduce the letters and numbers on a weekly basis. After we reach the number 10, we will start a review. This will give the students a solid foundation for the four-year-old class.

Some of the hands on fun will be: painting with ice cubes and dry tempera paint, painting with our feet, Playdoh, and finger paint.

I would appreciate some help with the footprint painting. Please let me know if you can help during week 2.

Have a blessed New Year,
Ms. Joan



Week 1 (Jan.5-6)

Bible Theme: God leads the wise men to Jesus

Topic: Winter/Cold Days

Letter: G Number: Review

Shape: Star Color: silver

Show and Tell: A favorite Christmas present. *(Please make sure it fits inside their book bag and only bring in one item)*

Week 2 (Jan. 9-13)

Bible Theme: Young Jesus visits the temple

Topic: My legs and feet

Letter: S Number: 8 Shape: Star Color: Silver

Show and Tell: Any favorite item

Week 3 (Jan. 17-20)

Bible Theme: John baptizes Jesus

Topic: My fingers and hands

Letter: J Number: 9 Shape: Star Color: Silver

Show and Tell – Anything with Silver on it

Week 4 (Jan. 23-27)

Bible Theme: Jesus Helps His Friends Catch

Fish

Topic: Things I Like To Do

Letter: Review Number: 9 Shape:

Star Color: silver

Show and Tell – Something you can play with a friend

Week 5 (Jan. 30-Feb. 3)

Bible Theme: Jesus Calms the Storm

Topic: Transportation

Show and Tell – transportation item – car, truck, bus, planes, etc.

Color: Pink

Letter: P Shape: Heart

Number: 10



Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Kristine

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We will see you on Thursday, January 5th. Please remember that this is **Pajama Day!** Please dress them accordingly with shoes and coats to still go outside, weather permitting.

We will continue to cover many new items this year as well as keep up with our review of items already introduced. Please continue to work with your child on learning their age, birthday, address and phone number. Thank you for remembering their folders everyday and keeping up with their memory verse memorization. We have a great class because of all the support from you parents.

We will be studying the *Five Senses* this whole month of January and the first week of February. Because of the theme, we will be doing many sensory activities with their ears, eyes, noses and mouths. This will help them to investigate, experience and become aware of what their body can do. They will be making simple sound/rhythm patterns, practicing visual memory, playing musical chairs, smell match-up and tongue tasting. We will observe the simple anatomy of the eye, ear, nose and mouth.

I have enjoyed seeing your children grow this first half of the school year, and I look forward to sharing the children's excitement as we learn, create and play this new year. It is a very good program we have that I am able to teach a curriculum designed for kindergarten readiness with all the added bonuses of giving them an opportunity for a foundation in a Christian oriented atmosphere. I truly love my job!

Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas party, we have been so blessed to have such great four-year-old families again this year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas; we have so much to be thankful for. I am looking forward to what we will accomplish with your children in the New Year. I wish for all of you a truly blessed and joyous 2012!



Thank you and all God's blessings,
Mrs. Kristine Schroeder & Mrs. Deb Peterson



Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell

Show and Tell is on Thursdays and can be something from the theme of the week, the Bible story, or an item that begins with the letter of the week.

January 5:

Bible story:

January 9-12:

Bible story:

January 17-19:

Bible story:

January 23-26:

January 30-February 2

"Five Senses—Hearing" and Vv

"The Great Catch of Fish"

"Five Senses—Sight" & Letter Ww

"The Farmer and the Seed"

"Five Senses—Smell" & Letter Xx

"Jesus Calms the Storm"

"Five Senses—Taste" & Letter Yy

"Jesus Teaches Us About Loving Others"

"Five Senses-Touch" & Letter Zz

"The Good Samaritan"

