

PRESCHOOL IN THE VALLEY

DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

With the season of Advent upon us, we are thrilled to be able to present our children with the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together! Each Monday and Tuesday we will meet in the Sanctuary to light the Advent wreath.

The children have been hard at work learning Christmas songs, and are looking forward to singing them for you at the Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. This will be followed by a reception downstairs in Fellowship Hall. (The Threes Homeroom Mothers are co-coordinating the reception) Please have your child come to school that day dressed up in their Sunday School/Church clothes to commemorate this special day. Children in T. Carol's class will gather at 10:15 in the Nursery, T. Winnie's class in the hallway outside nursery, and T. Lorraine's class in their regular classroom, and then proceed to the Sanctuary. After the concert, you may pick up your child in their classroom, before going downstairs to the reception. (There will be no afternoon classes or extended care that day).

I am pleased to announce that we collected thirty three Christmas boxes this year! A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated. It means so much to little children in other countries. Please don't forget to keep bringing in coins to help support our Haitian child, Kelley Dolne, throughout the school year.

Now that winter is approaching,(even though it feels like Spring today!) we must think about snow procedures. Please refer to the first page of your school directory, or the online handbook. This year, we will NOT have a phone chain, but will attempt to contact you through e mail. Should this not be successful for any reason, you are responsible to find out about school closings through the other methods which have been outlined.

Dates to Remember

December 1st – REGISTRATIONS for Fall '12 due – save your child's spot!

December 14th – Christmas Concert and last day of school

December 15th – Teacher In Service CPR and Ist Aid training (no school for students)

January 2nd – Classes resume

January 16th – Martin Luther King Day (no school)

January 30th and 31st – Parent/Teacher Conferences (childcare provided on premises)

A blessed Advent season to each of you!

Karen Erickson
Director

PS> There are still some school T shirts and sweatshirts available , as well as lunch bags, school bags, and water bottles – if interested, see me