

Day and Night January 2018

Dear Folks at Home,

As we enter a new year we have the tendency to look back at both the good and the bad, but yet we look forward to what is yet to come. We may make New Year's resolutions that we may or may not keep. There is one constant in our life that never changes and that is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! God has a plan for each of us! We need to keep our hearts and minds open to follow the path that God has for each of us. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. If we keep in mind All of the wondrous blessings that God has given from His birth to His death for our sins and resurrection from the dead we are able to enter this "New Year" with confidence of what is yet to come! Thank Jesus for giving us the certainty of a blessed future throughout all eternity!

Our next unit will focus on "Day and Night." The dramatic play area has been transformed into a space station, complete with a space shuttle, astronaut gear and a mission control center. The children will have a lot of fun pretending that they are astronauts and scientists. We have truly enjoyed watching the children's creativity take off in this area of the room.

One of our special activities for this unit will be a "Pajama Day" on Wednesday, January 10 for Class 3 and Thursday, January 11 for Class 6! On our pajama day we encourage everyone to wear his or her jammies or something very comfortable. Some children may feel a little leery about this, but assure them that even the teachers will be wearing their p.j.'s. I would also like each child to bring a teddy bear, stuffed animal or doll that they love and/or sleep with at night. We will be giving our special friends a ride in the parachute on this fun day! The children will also be introducing their special friends to their classmates. Please make sure that your child's stuffed animal or special friend is labeled with their name on, because we may have duplicates. Your child will need to wear shoes or slippers, but please make sure that the bottoms of the slippers are not slippery! We will be making apple turnovers as our special snack.

Our Jesus time will focus on Jesus growing as a child and visits the temple for the Passover Celebration with his family as found in Luke 2:41-50. We will be having a special Bedtime Devotion for our Pajama Day. We will also learn about Jesus raising Jairus' daughter from the dead. (Luke 8:40, 49-56) Jesus is all powerful! The last Bible story will focus on Jesus heals a blind man. (Mark 10:46-52) Jesus listens to our prayers!

Free-choice Activities:

- Science Center: weights and scales, light table, and globe with flashlights

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- Sensory Centers: make playdough aliens with Mr. Potato head accessories, moon sand with astronauts, packing peanuts in water, snow painting with water color, sand with astronauts and craters and snow with moon rocks
- Religion Center: Jesus as a young boy, Jairus' daughter lives and Jesus heals a blind man
- Art Table: bed collage, rocket ship with markers and earth on black paper
- Easel: earth shape with sand in paint and teddy bears with construction paper crayons and jiggly eyes and create a constellation
- Letter of the Week: Nn, Oo and Pp
- Shape of Week: moon and earth
- Color of the Week: black and blue

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Chapel— Wednesday, January 3 (Class 3) and Thursday, January 4 (Class 6)
- Parent Association meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00
- Pajama Day/Cooking apple turnovers— Class 3, Wednesday, January 10
Class 6— Thursday, January 11
*****Please refer to the above note for more information.
- NO SCHOOL— Monday, January 15
- In School Field Trip— RAD Zoo
Class 3— Wednesday, January 17
Class 6— Thursday, January 18
- Registration for current families in program and church members of Family of Christ.— Monday, January 29
- Open House/Registration— Open to the Public— Monday, February 5 from 7:00-8:00
Please pass the word on!

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around (turn around)
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground (touch the ground)
Teddy bear, teddy bear, climb the stairs (climb in place)
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say your prayers (fold hands)
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the light (turn out the light with your hand)
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say "good-night" (blow a kiss)

Blast Off

(Crouch down and get ready for blast off)
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF! (Jump up as if blasting off!)

In God's love,
Marla Guenther

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
Genesis 1:1