



Growing in God's Love

Preschool News

Christ Lutheran Preschool

January 2018 Edition

From the Director...

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. Thank you for your generous gifts! After all of the busy holiday hustle and bustle, it was nice to have a little bit of a break. I hope you all enjoyed it as well.

Over the break, I received the sad news that Mrs. Griffith's dad passed away on Christmas Eve. She will be out this week and back on Monday, 1/8/18. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

We were able to come back to completed new roofs and new HVAC units where they replaced the roofs. The security gates got put on hold due to cabling running on the roofs. However, now that the roof work is complete, Platt security should be able to come in and complete the security gates. The code to get in the gates will be 1966.

At our Christmas program, we collected an offering of \$448.00. This money will go toward fire victims here in California. Our families here at CLP continue to impress me with your generosity and willingness to support our school and things our school is doing. THANK YOU! You truly make a difference!

Ms. Millard (our afternoon teacher) was coming to the end of her probationary period with us and we decided it wasn't a good fit and not to continue employment. We are currently in the process of looking for a new afternoon teacher and will let you know when we have found someone. If you know of someone that might be interested, please have them email their resume to info@clplb.com.

January is a relatively calm month. We will begin preparing for our **Auction** which will be Friday, March 9th at 6pm at The Grand. Our theme will be, "*Tiaras and Bowties*". We are sending out donation request letters to businesses this week. We are still looking for a couple parents to help with filling out online donation requests and to make follow up calls. If this is something you are willing to help with, please let me know. Looking forward to a fun-filled event!

Parent Participaiton: Please remember to write down all of your donations and volunteering in the Parent Participation Log at the check-in station so that your hours get counted.

Wishing you a blessed New Year!

Lisa Clinton

Director



Parent's Corner

Keys to Self Control

Talk it out

Give your child words to use when they are upset. For example, if you can't find your glasses, you might say, "I feel so *frustrated!* Where did I last have them?" Then when they are aggravated (say they misplace their favorite book), encourage them to use similar words. ("I feel *upset* because I want my book. I was looking at it in the living room-maybe it's there.") They'll learn to identify their emotions, talk through their problems and be less likely to cry or whine.

Think Ahead

Prepare for situations where self control comes in handy. You could say, "We're going to your cousin's house. Let's think about what you can do if she's playing with a toy you want." Your child could ask to join her or play with another toy until she is finished. You can also coach your child to ask, "How can I play with you? or Which toy can I play with?" (These phrases can lead to a more positive outcome than asking "Can I play with you?" as they can easily reply with "No".) Having a plan can help them avoid grabbing the toy or yelling.

Calm Down

When your child begins to get upset, help them find ways to keep their cool. For instance, he might take a deep breath (you can teach them this by telling them to "smell the pretend flower and blow out the pretend birthday candle"), count to five, or draw a picture of how they are feeling. The distraction may be enough to settle them down. Once they get used to these techniques, they'll be able to do them without a reminder from you.

Mark Your Calendar...

January 1 - CLOSED for winter break

January 2 – School resumes from winter break

January 15 – CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Happy Birthday!

Eloise Landau (Rm 6) - January 8

Emmitt Schivley (Rm 4) - January 18

Jamie Vongdang (Rm 4) - January 22

Ms. Theriault (Rm 5)– January 26



January Scripture

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

~Proverbs 3:5



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