

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

December 2016 - January 2017

Dear Parents:

Thank you all for providing stone soup vegetables! I sincerely appreciate the many volunteers that helped during Stone Soup week: Sarah Amick, Catherine & John Boetsch, Mylene Boudreaux, Lindsay Davis, Srikrupa Chandrasekaran, Tamika Elliott, Paloma Fitzpatrick, Cary Fuller, Camile & Craig Horton, Lindsay Morgan, Lei Shao, and David Winters. Also, Clemson Community Care was very thankful for our donations!

Your son/daughter has the opportunity to make the wish of a child in need come true this CHRISTmas season. **Please help us in providing gifts for the children of Tamasee DAR School and Children's Home**, a private, non-profit children's home and family services organization located in Oconee County: www.tdarschool.org/. The children's Christmas wishes will be presented on our school Christmas tree December 1st -7th. Choose a **Wish Star** ornament from the tree. Let your child to help you select and purchase the gift, then bring it to school and place it under the Christmas tree **by Thursday, December 8th**. The gifts should be placed inside a gift bag (not wrapped) with the original wish star attached or labeled with the child's name if it was provided on the wish star. It is never too early to start teaching our children about the importance of giving to those less fortunate. I greatly appreciate your support in this community outreach project!

If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for your child's teachers, I invite you to make a donation to our school library in honor of them. **Teacher Appreciation** library books will be in the school office December 12th -15th. A \$20 donation will purchase one library bound book. Please see me if you would like to make this memorable contribution. I encourage that your child accompany you to choose the book(s), in which the teacher's name(s) and your child's name will be inscribed for placement in our school library.

In-house enrollment for the 2017-2018 School Year will begin January 6, 2017. As current Day School students, your children will have priority for enrollment during the month of January. An Application for Enrollment will be e-mailed to currently enrolled families in January. Printed applications will be available in at the school office. The \$80 application fee is required to be provided when the application is submitted. Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Watkins, swatkins@holyltrinityclemson.org

SPECIAL DATES

- Dec. 1 Holiday Family Movie Night 6:00-7:30p.m.
- Dec.6 Clemson Christmas Parade
*4K Red Birds may sign-up to ride in the parade
- Dec. 7 4K Red Bird Field Trip to Merry Christmas Tree Farm
- Dec. 8 Deadline to return Wish Star Gifts for Tamasee DAR School & Children's Home
- Dec. 14 Pick-up Poinsettia orders after 12noon
- Dec. 15 Pick-up Poinsettia orders
- Dec. 16 Christmas Program at 9:00a.m.
No Classes or Extended Care
School dismisses after the program
- Dec. 19-30 Winter Break & Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 2 Back to School
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
School Closed
- Jan. 19-21 Teacher Workdays – School Closed
Staff is attending an early childhood conference.

Christmas Program December 16, 2016

Our school **Christmas program** will be **Friday, December 16th**. All classes/students will participate in this special program of songs beginning at 9:00a.m., followed by a social get-together.

Please bring the children to their classrooms between 8:45-8:55a.m. and then you may assemble in the Parish Hall (big room) for the program. **We ask that each family bring a finger-food item to share at the social. The school day will end after the social and there will be NO early morning care and NO after school care on this day.**

A parent, guardian or caregiver should accompany the children to school this day and stay for the event. Children should not be dropped off alone. We look forward to gathering with you to celebrate CHRISTmas! **Please tell your child's teachers as soon as possible, if your child will not be present for the program on the 16th.**

Have a blessed Christmas!

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Extracurricular Activities

November 2016

Creative Movement – Mrs. Duncan

November in Creative Movement was all about animals. We had fun the first week pretending to be circus animals. We balanced and stretched on top of buckets, while pretending to be elephants at the circus. Jumping through "fire" hoops like Tigers was much enjoyed by all. We had a couple of songs we moved to, and then ended with an animal parade. Farm animals were celebrated the following week. The Chicken Dance was a lot of fun. We played a Movement game of "Old McDonald," and we acted out the movements of our favorite farm animals. December we will celebrate Christmas and winter while using our favorite prop...the parachute! We will be acting out the classic book, "The Mitten", by Jan Brett. The children love climbing into the parachute as if it were a mitten. We will have fun with a snow storm, using many cotton balls to toss and bounce out of the parachute.

When we return from our Christmas holiday in January, our Creative Movement theme will be "Transportation."

Happy Holidays!

Music – Mrs. Andrus

In November, the children loved all our songs in music time. We sang about falling leaves, twirling pretend leaves as we danced. We also played bells and danced to a neat Indian song. In another song we paddled our pretend canoes down a river.

We are working hard to learn new songs for the Christmas program. The children have been very patient with the learning process. It takes time but they learn so fast!

This month we will spend all of our music time practicing for the program. The Red Birds are doing great learning to play the bells. The program is going to be wonderful!

In the New Year, we will begin to learn about music, high and low, fast and slow, loud and soft, rhythm and more. Music time is so much fun!

