

Calvary Lutheran Preschool

January 2024 Newsletter



A time for new beginnings!

Happy New Year! Each year, January brings with it a time for new beginnings, at home and at school. At Calvary, we are excited to return for a new year, filled with new and familiar opportunities!

Throughout the month of January, we will explore the curriculum theme “Snowy Science,” as we learn about all things winter. We will also explore the winter weather outdoors on our playground daily, so please be sure your child continues to arrive to school prepared for outdoor winter play.

From January 16th-23rd, we are having a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive for the West Chester Food Cupboard! We are collecting peanut butter (or other “butter” substitute) and jelly to give to children in our local community as we learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and participate in the National Day of Service. Your child can help pick out their favorite (non-perishable) sandwich ingredients to bring to school for our drive. Children will learn about ways to help others in their homes, in the school, and in their local community.

Playground pickup for January is scheduled for Thursday, January 4th (weather permitting). At pickup, families will park in the Rosedale Ave. lot and meet their child’s class on the playground for pickup. Families are invited to take this opportunity to play and chat before leaving for the day!

Summer camp 2024 registration begins on January 10th! Registration packets for summer camp will be distributed on your child’s first days back to school in January. These are 4, week-long sessions, and families can choose from any of the 4 weeks. Sign-ups are on a first come, first-served basis. Spots are limited, and will also be open to new families, so be sure to submit your registration form ASAP. Please see the camp information packet for details on timing and registration. If you have any questions, please let me know.

2024-2025 school year registration also begins on January 10th. Registration packets will be distributed on your child’s first days back to school in January. Registration for current families, alumni families, and church member families runs from January 10th-17th, and then registration for new families begins on January 18th.

Calvary Preschool will be CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15, 2024. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 16th.

Happy New Year!

Heather

School Snow Closures and Delays

Reminder- Calvary Lutheran Preschool follows the WCASD schedule for weather delays and closures. Please refer to your Preschool Handbook or the “winter weather” email for more details.

Tuition payment #6 (January) and lunch bunch payments- Due by Friday, January 5th. Please put in an envelope and label “preschool tuition.” Thank you for your payment!

EARLY PRESCHOOL NEWS - 2 year-olds

Jan. 2-3 Show and Tell Day! Please label your child's item and send inside their tote bag

Jan. 4 Playground pickup

Jan. 9-10 **BLUE day**- wear **blue** to school today!/Chapel

Jan. 15 CLOSED- MLK Day

Jan. 16-23 Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, benifitting WC Food Cupboard

What are we learning this month?

Social/Emotional

- Acts of service toward others
- Healthy habits
- Individuality

Art Experiences/Skills

- Using glue sticks
- Marble painting
- Vegetable printing

Cognitive

- Same and different
- Winter animals
- Spatial awareness/placement of body parts in a picture
- Review of colors



What are we reading?

The Mitten

Three Little Kittens

The Biggest Snowman Ever

When It Snows

Penguin's Skating Party



What are we singing?

"Where Oh Where Did My Blue Mitten Go?"

Oh where, oh where, did my red mitten go?

Oh where, oh where could it be?

I have looked up high and I've looked down low,

Oh where, oh where can it be?

(Tune: "Where oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"



Happy Birthday to...

MW: No January Birthdays!
TR: Rylie W., 23rd

Want to share a birthday snack with your child's class?
Your child's teachers will contact you with more information!

Reminder

Show and Tell on January 2nd and 3rd- label with name, please send inside your child's tote bag- please no small parts. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL NEWS - 3 year-olds

Jan. 2-3 Show and Tell Day! Please label your child's item and send inside their tote bag

Jan. 4 Playground pickup

Jan. 8-9 Chapel

Jan. 16-23 Peanut butter and jelly drive, benefitting the WC Food Cupboard

What are we learning this month?

Social/Emotional

- Good manners (communicating and behavior)
- Acts of service
- Developing personal connections to a story

Cognitive

- All about penguins
- All about polar bears
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Visual Discrimination
- Reviewing shapes and colors

Art Experiences/Skills

- Figure painting
- Fingerpainting
- Cutting
- Gluing

Special Friday Activities

- Winter games and stories
- All about Martin Luther King Jr.
- Large motor fun day
- Snowman winter project



What are we reading?

- Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?
- Sadie and The Snowman
- Penguins, Penguins, Everywhere
- Let's Share!
- Penguins To The Rescue
- The Berenstain Bears Learn To Share



Happy Birthday to...

MW: Brody B., 17th

TR: Ethan C., 18th

Want to share a birthday snack with your child's class? Your child's teachers will contact you with more information!

Reminders

Zipper practice-we need you! Please help your child practice zipping their jacket. The best way to practice is while they are not wearing it! We practice this skill at school also. Zipping is a skill that children can master at this age with some good practice. Thanks for your help!

On January 2nd or 3rd (your child's first day back in 2024) **we will have Show and Tell.** Please have your child choose a toy to bring for Show and Tell that they would be willing to share with their friends. No weapons or small parts please! Please label your child's toy.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWS - 4 & 5 year-olds

Jan. 2-3 Show and Tell Day! Please label your child's item and send inside their tote bag

Jan. 4 Playground pickup

Jan. 8-9 Chapel

Jan. 15 CLOSED-MLK Day

Jan. 16-23 Peanut butter and jelly drive, benefitting the WC food cupboard

Jan. 26 **Pre-Kindergarten Pajama Party Day!** Wear your pj's and bring a pillow for some pj party games. Please wear sneakers.

What we are learning this month?

Social/Emotional

- Helping others
- Manners unit

Cognitive

- Winter science
- Hibernation/migration
- Patterning
- Number identification 1-20
- Ordinal numbers

Art Experiences/Skills

- Using tracers
- Cutting
- Art appreciation-intro to artistic styles
- Easel painting
- Mixed media

Literacy

- Non-fiction text
- Predictive text
- Continued letter/sound recognition
- Rhyming
- Receptive communication and recall



What are we reading?

- Let's Read About Martin Luther King Jr.
- The Mitten
- Hibernation
- Penguins
- Achoo-Good Manners
- Martha Doesn't Say Sorry



What are we singing?

Hibernation, winter hibernation,
Hibernation, Animals asleep.
Bears and snakes and woodchucks too,
(Bears and snakes and woodchucks too.)
Bats asleep,
(Bats asleep),
Whoa oh, oh, oh,
Hibernation, winter hibernation, hibernation, animals asleep.
(Tune: "Alouette")



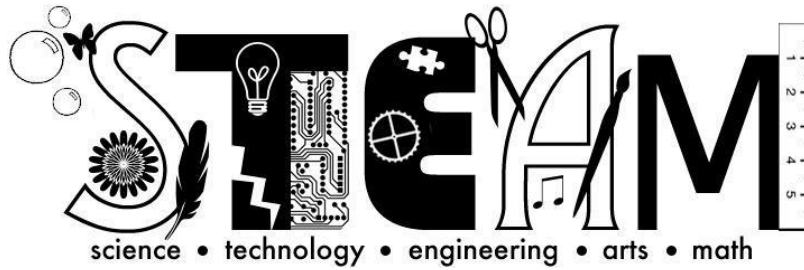
Happy Birthday to...

Mrs. Davis's class: No January birthdays
Mrs. Tuitt's class: Sophia B., 18th; Cruz S., 19th; Kendall C., 31st

Reminders

Show and Tell is on January 2-3! Please have your child choose a small toy or other special (school appropriate) object to share. This object should have no small parts and should not have weapons, and should be something that your child will be willing to share with friends. Please send to school in your child's tote bag.

Pajama Party Day is scheduled for Friday, January 26th. On this day students and teachers will wear their pj's to school for a day of fun. Please bring a pillow for some pj party games, and wear sneakers.



STEAM CLUB

Jan. 2 School resumes

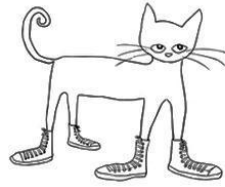
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What are we learning this month?

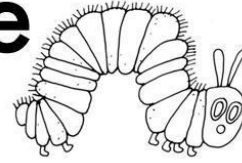
Happy New Year! Beginning in January, STEAM Club students will focus on thematic vocabulary related to the topic of study. These are high frequency words that your child will encounter through the various books and activities that they complete in STEAM Club. The goal of introducing thematic vocabulary is to continue to build phonemic awareness, and print concepts, which are important skills for Kindergarten readiness.

Topics of Study This Month:

- Arctic Animals
- States of Matter
- Germs
- Dinosaurs
- Magnets



Literature Club



Jan. 2 School resumes

Jan. 15 CLOSED- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

What did we learn in December?

- Cause and Effect
- Retelling
- Illustration styles and how they impact storytelling

What are we learning this month?

- High frequency vocabulary
- Beginning journaling skills
- Extending a story
- Thematic Author Studies



What are we reading?

- Fairy Tales Unit
- Loud Winter's Nap
- Where the Wild Things Are
- Mystery of the Missing Mitten