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Greetings Covenant Preschool Families!

What a wonderful November we had! Our 4 year old students enjoyed Donuts with Dad or a special person. What fun! Thank you to all of our special guests who came and joined us. We loved honoring and celebrating you! *Three year old families: Your turn will come soon... our 3 year old classes will host Donuts with Dad or a special person this spring!*

Our 3 year olds enjoyed their first in house fieldtrip on November 9 or 10th! Echoes of Nature came and introduced the children to four warm and fuzzy critters – a rat, a ferret, a chinchilla and a rabbit. Those brave enough to touch could even pet the animals! It was an exciting day!

Because teaching others to be kind to others is as important to us here at Covenant as their ABCs and 123s, all students made beautiful turkey placemats as a community service project.



They were gifted to the Montgomery Village Rehab Center for residents to enjoy at their Thanksgiving meal. The Rehab Center was so delighted to receive the placemats from us. They look forward to receiving them each year.

Our teachers were delighted to have the opportunity to speak with you at parent-teacher conferences last month. We cherish our partnership with you in the growth and development of your son or daughter. We are here to serve your family. Our teachers are happy to discuss your questions or concerns at any time via phone, email or in person. We already are looking forward to February/March conference dates!

All of our children are busily practicing their songs for our Christmas Sing. You may have heard them singing the songs at home. ☺ If you are new to our preschool community and never experienced a sing you are in for such a treat! The children dress up in festive holiday clothes and stand on the altar of the Church Sanctuary so you can see them and they sing their hearts out to the beautiful songs of the Christmas season. It is fantastic! Afterwards, we enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall. While in Fellowship Hall, be sure to look for the special handprint tablecloths adorning the tables. Every child enrolled since Covenant Preschool opened 20 years ago has their handprint and name on this tablecloth. All are welcome at our sings - extended family, friends - all special persons who would like to come! **The three year old sing will be held on Thursday, Dec 15 at 9:30am and the four year old sing will be held on Friday, December 16 at 9:30am.**

A reminder the preschool is closed for winter vacation December 19 - January 2. We will enthusiastically re-open our doors on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Registration for the Upcoming 2017-2018 school year will begin for currently enrolled families, alumni and Terrific Twos families on Monday, January 30th. More information to follow.

Covenant Preschool and the Terrific Twos Program are co-hosting an Open House on Saturday, February 4th at 9:00am. If you know anyone looking for a program for their child for next year please enthusiastically recommend us and let them know about this Open House! *All who attend the Open House will receive priority registration before the general public for the 2017-18 school year.* I am hoping some of our current families (you!) can serve as tour guides during Open House showing interested families around the school and telling them why you bring your children here! We so appreciate you spreading the "good news" of Covenant Preschool with your neighbors and friends. The preschool staff loves this school and we wish to share our teaching ministry with as many children and families as possible. **You** are our best resource to bring new families here to this special place.

As we look forward to the birth of our Savior I give special thanks for the gift of YOUR child who brings so many gifts and much beauty to our world. They are each a beautiful miracle and I treasure and cherish the opportunity to be a part of their life and have them be a part of mine.

Merry Christmas! Happy 2017!

CURRICULUM:

All Pre-Kindergarten classes will be going into greater depth and detail than our three-year old children. All students cover subject areas unless noted.

Social Studies:

- A. Christmas: Carols, Decorations, Yule Logs, Special Foods, Cards, Celebrations
- B. Chanukah and Kwanzaa (Pre-K)
- C. Christmas Around the World (Pre-K)

Science:

- A. Evergreens/Holly/Mistletoe
- B. December 21-First Day of Winter

English-Language Arts:

- A. Storybook Units
- B. Learning to Listen for a Purpose

- C. Matching (Pre-K)
- D. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- E. Name Recognition (Pre-K)
- F. Letters & Phonics - K, L, M (Pre-K)
- G. Manuscript - (Pre-K)

Math:

- A. Classification by Color (3's)
- B. Numeral Recognition 0-5 (3's)
- C. Review Complex Shapes (Pre-K)
- D. Numeral Recognition 0-10 (Pre-K)
- E. Counting 0-20 (Pre-K)
- F. Quantitative Concepts
- G. Spatial Sense & Geometric Reasoning (Pre-K)(1)

Spiritual:

- A. True Meaning of Christmas
- B. The Christmas Story
- C. Jesus is God's Special Gift



CHRISTMAS SINGS:

Families are invited to share the morning with our classes upstairs in the sanctuary for a musical presentation. Following the Sing, we will have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 15th at 9:30 a.m. all three-year-old classes come to school. Children must report to their classroom at 9:15 a.m. Parents and family members go to the church sanctuary following drop off. The Sing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

MW 3's - no class on December 14th ; but will attend the Sing on December 15th.

TThF 3s - no class will be held on Friday, December 16th.

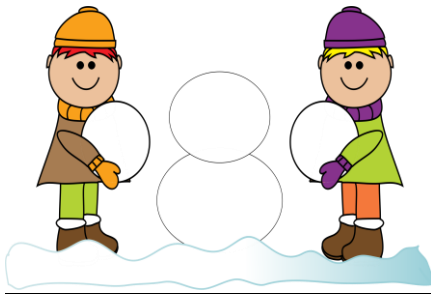
Friday, Dec. 16th at 9:30 a.m. all Pre-K classes come to preschool. Children must report at 9:15 a.m. Parents and family members go to the church sanctuary following drop off. The Sing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

SNOW POLICY/DELAYED OPENING:

Covenant United Methodist Preschool follows the Montgomery County Public School's (MCPS) weather related announcements as far as snow days, delayed openings, or emergency closings. The school will be closed on all snow days.

On delayed openings (one or two hour MCPS delays) our preschool will open at 10:15 AM.

If MCPS closes early, CUMP will "close" at 11:30 am for all classes. Do you receive weather alerts from MCPS regarding school closings? This is helpful even if you don't have children in the school system because we follow MCPS decisions here at CUMP. You can receive alerts via text or e-mail at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertsmcps.aspx



TUITION DISCOUNT

Do you know a family that is looking for a preschool to attend? If you do, you could be rewarded! With every new student registration, payment and reference of your name, the preschool will give you **10 percent off your next month's tuition**. For example – if you refer a new family to our school and they register a new student, you will receive a one-time 10 percent discount off the next month's tuition. *The tuition discount will only apply to families that are new to our school – existing families do not count.*

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:

Registration for 2017-18 preschool classes will begin for our currently enrolled students in **January 2017**. Information will be sent home with your child inside the buckets in early January. Please note, your financial account must be current in order to register for the next academic year.

Preschool & Terrific Two's "Open House" will be held Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 am. Prospective families for children ages 2-5 years, who will not attend Kindergarten yet, will tour the building, see the classrooms, and have time to ask the directors any questions. If you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested, please let them know about this opportunity now! We so appreciate your help spreading the "good news" about our wonderful school.

Reminder: No school during our winter break (Dec. 19- Jan. 2).
Classes will resume on
Tuesday, January 3, 2017!
Happy New Year!

Secret Santa Shop:

Secret Shop is a special shopping experience for the young ones (ages 3 to 11). They can come shop without the help of Mom or Dad! Friendly elves will help them pick affordable gifts for everyone on their list and they will even get them wrapped! Secret Shop is open to the community so invite friends and neighbors. It will be held on December 3rd and the fun starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at noon.



Meet The Teacher!

Mrs. Crown

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My Education!

I grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from the University of MD.



GO TERPS!

My Class Mascots!

My MWF 4 year olds are the Ladybugs.



My TTh 3 year olds are the Puppies.

The Basics!

I live in Gaithersburg with my husband, and we have two adult children we enjoy spending time with. I attend Pathways Baptist Church, and teach 6th grade Sunday School.

This is my 13th year at CUMP.



My Favorites!

Food: Strawberries

Color: Purple

Movie: Forrest Gump

Drink: Red Wine

Sports: Terps basketball and football, Washington Nationals baseball

Hobby: Rooting for the Terps, gardening and canning my crop

Restaurant: Dogfish Head Alehouse

Store: Kohl's, Ann Taylor Loft

Dessert: Ice Cream

Candy: Dark Chocolate

Flower: Anything Purple



