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Greetings Covenant Families!

What a wonderful November we had! It was jam packed with activity and excitement and everything ranging from Donuts with Dad, Parent Conferences, Special visits from KayDee Puppets and The Science Guys, and Chapel!

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 this spring!*

The 4s also greatly enjoyed their visit from The Science Guys of Baltimore! The presentation was so much fun and entertaining that the children were completely captivated! The laughter was loud and frequent - check out the pictures from our Facebook or Instagram pages.

Our 3 year olds enjoyed their visit from KayDee Puppets. Their shows were so fun! The children couldn't look away. They were even able to meet the puppets after the shows were over - it was an exciting day! Check out these pictures on our Facebook or Instagram pages too.

Our teachers were happy 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 conference dates!

Don't forget our pajama drive – we are still collecting new pajamas to be distributed to children staying in local shelters. The pajama donations will be accepted thru December 6th.

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 23 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 Sing, which is a combination of both age groups, will be held on Friday, December 13 at 9:30am.**

A reminder the preschool is closed for winter vacation December 16 - January 1. We will enthusiastically re-open our doors on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Registration for the Upcoming 2020-2021 school year will begin for currently enrolled families, alumni, Terrific Twos families and church members on Wednesday, January 29th. More information to follow.

Covenant Preschool and the Terrific Twos Program are co-hosting an Open House on Saturday, January 25th at 9:00 am. 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 2019-20 school year.* I am hoping some of our current families (you!) can visit during the Open House and tell interested families why you bring your children here! An even better idea would be to invite them to check out our Instagram, Facebook page and website. There is no better advertisement for the school than the happy faces reflected on our FB and IG pages! The preschool staff loves this school and we wish to share our teaching ministry with as many children and families as possible.

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.

Blessings, Merry Christmas and Happy 2020!



Lisa Broadman

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
- B. Chanukah and Kwanzaa (Pre-K)
- C. Christmas Around the World (Pre-K)

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 (Pre-K)
- G. Manuscript - (Pre-K)

Science:

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

Social Emotional:

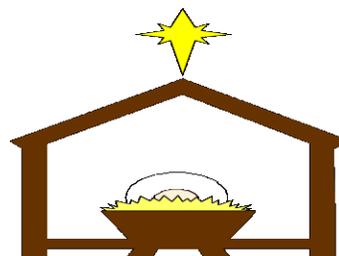
- A. Gratitude

Math:

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

Spiritual:

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



CHRISTMAS SING:

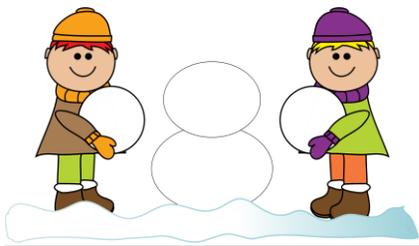
On **Friday, Dec. 13th at 9:30 a.m.** families are invited to share the morning with our classes upstairs in the sanctuary for a musical presentation. Children must report at 9:15 a.m. Parents and family members go to the church sanctuary following drop off. The Sing will begin at 9:30 a.m. Following the Sing, we will have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

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 11:45 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



Covenant Church Secret Shop:

Saturday, December 7th from 9:00-12:00 will be a personal shopping experience for young ones (3-11 years). Allow your child to independently shop while you relax! It is so fun for them!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Registration for 2020-21 preschool classes will begin for our currently enrolled students in **January 2020**. 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, January 25th 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.

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.*

Reminder: No school during our winter break (Dec. 16 - Jan. 1).

Classes will resume on
Thursday, January 2, 2020!
Happy New Year!

Meet The Teacher!

Mrs. Crown

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My Education!

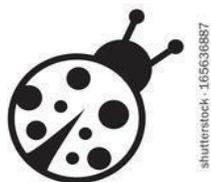
I grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from the University of MD.



GO TERPS!

My Class Mascots!

My MWF 4 year olds are the Ladybugs.



The Basics!

I live in Gaithersburg with my husband, and we have two adult children and a beautiful grandson we enjoy spending time with. I attend Pathways Baptist Church, and ring in the handbell choir.

This is my 16th 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 of veggies, spending time with my grandson

Restaurant: Dogfish Head Alehouse

Store: Ann Taylor Loft, Christopher Banks

Dessert: Ice Cream

Candy: Dark Chocolate

Flower: Anything Purple



