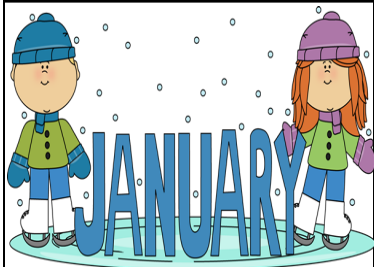




# Grace Preschool News



## Important Preschool Dates

Tuesday, Jan. 4  
*Back to School*

Monday, Jan. 17  
No Preschool  
*Martin Luther King Jr.  
Holiday*



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all of our Preschool students and staff who celebrate birthdays in January!!

## 2-Year-Old Preschool Class

As we begin our new year, we will adjust to being back at school, seeing all our friends, and will begin learning new and exciting things. We will study the number 6, the color blue, the shape rectangle, and the letters L, M and N.



We will also be talking about winter.

Our Bible stories will be about young Jesus and the Disciples.

As we begin this new year, we would like to thank you again for giving us the opportunity to share and learn with your child.

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Edith

## 3-Year-Old Preschool Class



Welcome back! January is here and our staff is ready for another faith-filled month.

During the upcoming weeks, our three-year-olds will be getting back to their preschool routine. We will

begin the month with reviewing our numbers 1-5; our shapes circle, square, triangle, and star; reviewing many of our basic colors; and looking at the many wonders of the winter season.

Ms. Nikki and Ms. Jennifer

## 3/4-Year-Old Combo Preschool Class

Themes: The Winter Season; Snowmen; Snowflakes; Winter Animals

Number: 5

Shape: Circle

Color: Blue

Letters: C, L, M, S

Activities: New beginnings; Happy New Year; Winter crafts



Ms. Madison and Ms. Cheryl

## 4-Year-Old Preschool Class

December was a wonderful month. January is here, and we have a lot of work to do. We will be working on our telephone numbers and addresses and writing our names.

Our units this month are:

Jan. 4-7 Winter/New Year

Jan. 10-13 Birds

Jan. 18-20 Circus & Zoo

Jan. 24-31 Jonah and the  
Big Fish (Ocean Animals)

Along with our units we will be studying the color blue, the



shape rectangle, the number 6, and the letters J, O, Z, and W.

Our Bible lesson for January is "Joseph, the Favorite Son."

Ms. Abby and Ms. Cheryl



## Thank YOU

Thank you for a wonderful month in December. Our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" celebrations were great! We look forward to another month of activities with you in January.

- Grace Christian Preschool Staff



## Winter Weather Information

It's that time of year when snow or ice can become an issue in getting your child to Preschool. In case of inclement weather, Preschool will not meet if Newberry County Public Schools are closed. However, in case of a delayed opening for public schools, Preschool will operate with drop off at 9 a.m. with no early bird. Preschool closings are usually announced on WIS-TV.

**INCLEMENT**  
WEATHER POLICY



## Winter Prayer Reflections

By Christy Olson

Learn about reflection with mirrors and water. Using art, draw pictures of prayer and its reflection in the world.

### Activity Plan

1. Stand at a wall mirror or use individual hand held mirrors. Say this prayer wave. The first person says the words and does the action;

then the next person and so on until the action and words have gone through the whole family. Watch self and others as the prayer wave happens.

**God we pray.** (fold hands in prayer by mouth) [repeated by each person]

**God we hope.** (hold hands out front with palms up) [repeated by each person]

**God we pray for a world of hope.** (make a circle with hands) [repeated by each person]

**Amen.** (bow head)

- What did you see reflected in the mirror?
- How did you know what to do when it was your turn to be in the prayer wave?

2. Sit in a circle around the pan filled with water. Have each person look into the water from above and tell others what they see. Use these questions to talk about reflection.

- How is that the same or different than what you see in the mirror?
  - How did we make the wave in the mirror(s)?
  - How do we make a wave in the water? Try it.
  - Do the waves get bigger or smaller?
3. Everyone fold your hands. Use these questions to talk about prayer.

- Where does our prayer go when we pray?
- Do our prayers get bigger or smaller as we say them?
- How can our prayer reflect into the world as a wave that gets bigger and bigger?

4. Pass out papers and art supplies. Use a different cotton swab for each color of poster paint. Draw a prayer. Then make a bigger picture of the same thing to show our prayer getting bigger and bigger. Talk about your prayer pictures and show the waves. Do the prayer wave again.

5. Variation: If there is snow outside, talk about how things reflect in the snow. Snow is made of frozen water. How can we make waves in snow?

### PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Administrator: Chop Cooper

PS Director: Andrea Hawkins

Board Chair: Sarah Eargle

Pastor: Rev. Michael Price

2-Year-Olds:  
Andrea Hawkins  
Edith Elsenheimer

3-Year-Olds:  
Nikki Hughes  
Jennifer Templin



Chapel: Pastor Michael  
Music: Shelby Felker

3/4 Combo Class:  
Madison Abrams  
Cheryl Mitchell

4-Year-Olds:  
Abby Lasater  
Cheryl Mitchell

