

# Notes from the Garden

December 2016

December is here and the Christmas season is upon us! Christmas lights and decorations, parties, presents and talk of Santa and his reindeer can all be a little overwhelming to our children (and to me, if I'm honest). I hope that during the hustle and bustle of the holidays your family will be able to find time to slow down and reflect on the meaning behind the season. "For unto us a child is born... and he shall be called Prince of Peace." I pray that the Prince of Peace is present among your family and in your home this Christmas. ~Christy

## Upcoming Dates

Dec. 15- Christmas Program  
Dec. 16- Class Christmas Parties  
Dec. 19-22- No Preschool- Extended Care Only  
Dec. 23 & 26- God's Garden CLOSED  
Dec. 27-30- No Preschool- Extended Care Only  
Jan. 2- God's Garden CLOSED  
Jan. 16- God's Garden CLOSED  
Jan. 24- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
Feb. 20- No Preschool- Extended Care Only

## **Extra Clothes**

Please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their bag and that they reflect the current weather.

## **Extended Care**

Please make note of our extended care days and sign up on the form outside of your child's classroom. We schedule our teachers according to how many children are signed up, so please fill this out as accurately as possible. Extended Care is available to children who attend beyond the 8:30-11:30 preschool hours.

## **God's Garden Christmas Program**

Our annual Christmas program is Dec. 15 at 6:30. All children should wear their Christmas Sunday best and be in their classroom at 6:15. Doors to the sanctuary will open at 6:00. Invite your friends and family!

## **Pajama Project**

From Dec. 1-16 we will be collecting pajamas and books to donate to needy children for Christmas. Please refer to the letter that came home this week in your child's folder for more information. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about the joy in giving to others.

## **Christmas Parties**

Each class will plan their own Christmas party/celebration. Please watch your child's folder and classroom door for information regarding your party. Parent volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6-7