

# KKCC NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

**MLK Day**  
**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - Center Closed**

**Monthly Staff Testing**  
**Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Closing at 3:30 pm**

**Progress Reports Sent Home**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Valentine's Day**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**President's Day**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup> - Center Closed**

## **Next Tuition Due Dates**

<b>January 10</b>	<b>January 24</b>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>February 21</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 21</b>



The mission of Kiddies Kollege Christian Center is to provide a warm, stimulating, safe, affordable, high quality pre-school program that develops the social, emotional, and academic needs of children of the greater Laurel community.

### School Closings

**Whenever KKCC is closed because of inclement weather or other emergency circumstances, all parents and staff will be notified by message using the Procure application.**



Skylar	Chipmunks	January 4
Kayden	Little Lambs	January 08
Payton	Chipmunks	January 10
Elliott	Little Lambs	January 25
Elijah	Caterpillars	January 27
Eliana	Busy Beez	January 28
Leilani	Chipmunks	January 31

### Faculty and Staff

Ms. Martha	– January 1
Ms. Roberts	– January 7
Ms. Bolanos	– January 8
Ms. Williams	– January 23



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

*"Sometimes you have to accept the fact that certain things will never go back to how they used to be. Life goes on."*

*...StayingAliveisNotEnough*



Happy New Year! We are here in 2022, and we are grateful to be here. We hope that you enjoyed the holiday time with your families and friends. Welcome to our new family members. The addition of two new teachers joining our staff in December made it possible to enroll fifteen new students. We continue to interview teacher applicants until we find the right candidates to add to our family.

We will continue to follow COVID guidelines from the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland State Department of Education regarding closing classrooms and quarantine periods. We will notify parents and staff of any occurrences and updates to the guidelines. It is critical that we all continue to follow the policy on sick children. Sick children are not allowed at Kiddies Kollege Christian Center.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Our joint efforts will enable us to meet the challenges that await us. Our reward will be seeing our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We look forward to the challenges and rewards that await us in the New Year.



*"As you move outside of your comfort zone, what was once the unknown and frightening, becomes your new normal."*

*...Robin S. Sharma*



## THE BEAVERS

Ms. Ndamo, Ms. George, & Ms. Katherine

Happy New Year 2022, dear parents. We are thankful that the Lord has led us through the year 2021. We are happy that despite the Covid scare we came through without major setback. We hope you all had a good time during the holidays with your families.

December was quite a busy and exciting month for the Beavers. We had our Christmas party and did a wonderful presentation when we recorded our Christmas carols. Parents, we sincerely appreciate all the energy you put into making our various activities successful.

Last month, we studied Community Helpers and their importance to our society. The theme for the second week of December was Cultures and Diversity where the Beavers learned to respect and appreciate different cultures and diversity. We then studied the importance of Giving and the history of Christmas.

In January, we shall explore weekly themes of Winter, Night and Day, Outer Space, and Opposites. We will continue studying numbers, phonics, and building our basic reading skills. We need parents to always review work with their children. We look forward to a safe and fruitful year 2022.

May the good Lord grant everyone good health, happiness, peace, fruitfulness, and all God's blessings.



## THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Martha & Ms. Lydia

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! WOW! I am so thankful to see another year. I am especially thankful to have celebrated with my family and friends as I turned 26 on New Year's Day! We all look forward to what 2022 brings us! Welcome students to the second half of the school year. Ms. Lydia and I truly hope that your holidays were enjoyable and that everyone got time to spend with their families. We thank our parents for contributing to the Christmas party and gift exchange. It was great seeing the children enjoy themselves and seeing the excited looks on their faces when they received their gifts. The Cheetahs practiced hard and then did a fantastic job performing "Feliz Navidad" for the Christmas program.

January will be a month full of exciting, somewhat challenging, and fun activities. In Language Arts, the Cheetahs will continue to practice how to correctly form all their letters, both Uppercase and Lowercase. They will also spend more time and attention on recognizing and writing their cursive letters. They will begin working on reading and writing Blends and Combinations. Doing so will lead to eventually reading words and sentences. Cheetahs will also continue working on color words and number words. In Math, there will be a continuation of being able to identify and write numbers. This month we will work on numbers 1-50. The Cheetahs have started working on more shapes. They have learned how to draw circles, ovals, rectangles, triangles, and squares. They have also learned how many sides each shape has. The children have learned a variety of Bible stories such as "God's creation," "The man who was too little," "The man who couldn't see," and "The man who said thank you." As always, the students will be enjoying their extracurricular activities such as learning how to speak Manika and Spanish, Music, Dancing, and many types of Art.

January is the first full month of winter and with it comes seasonal illnesses. Please help everyone in the classroom including your child's teachers, by tending to your child at the first sign of the sniffles. It is better to err on the side of caution than to allow the illness to get worse, have your child in school while feeling miserable, and possibly spread the sickness. We as teachers must follow procedure and call parents if there are any complaints of not feeling well by a student or if there are concerns of potential illness. Parents must pick up sick children. The themes for January are Winter, Night and Day, Outer Space, and Opposites. Let's work on making 2022 the Best, Safest, and most Enjoyable School Year!!!



# THE CHIPMUNKS

Ms. Roberts & Ms. Caroline

Praise God! We made it to 2022! We do not take for granted the abundant mercies of God! We had a slow, but progressive, journey through 2021. We expect to speed up the pace for the rest of the New Year. We are asking all our parents to be diligent with their child's learning in school. Help them with their at-home review of lessons learned. It is our joint effort that will bring out the best in our children. It is important that you check your child's folder for work or other important information. Checking their folders each day will allow you to see what the children are working on. Doing so will also allow you to see what areas may need additional review at home.

Our January themes are Winter, Night and Day, Outer Space, and Opposites. We will continue studying our Bible verses, numbers, letters, phonics, and building our basic reading skills.

Thank you, parents, for cooperation towards our Christmas Party, we had a blast! We thank you especially for your ongoing support. We wish everyone a wonderful New Year! We thank God for allowing us to share this New Year with all of you!



## Welcome to Our Family

Ms. Jenae - Dolphins  
Ms. Yulisa - Little Lambs

**The Child Care & Preschool Teacher Poem**

Although I am not their parent,  
I care for them each day.  
I cuddle, sing, & read to them  
And watch them as they play.  
I see each new accomplishment  
And help them grow and learn.  
They come to me for comfort.  
I soothe away their tears.  
They proudly show their work to me.  
I give the loudest cheers.  
No, I am not their parent,  
But my role is just as strong.  
I know some day the time will come,  
When we may have to part.  
But I know each child I have cared for,  
Is forever in my heart.  
-Author Unknown

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# THE CATERpillARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Flavia

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. The year 2022 is here! We bring in the New Year with thanks and praise. The Caterpillars look forward to seeing their classmates back from the holiday break. I know that the children are ready for the fun and excitement that 2022 will bring.

Our Caterpillars did a great job with their Christmas video. We hope you enjoyed it! We are proud of them and hope you are too. It showed that they worked hard practicing their songs. "Thank You" for the food, drinks, and the wonderful gifts that you gave to make the Christmas party such a wonderful gathering of friends.

January is sure to hold lots for us as we explore new themes along with new Bible stories and Bible verses. Our January themes are Winter, Night and Day, Outer Space, and Opposites.

Parents, thank you for entrusting your children to our care. Should you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to share them with us. We look forward to working closely with you to make the rest of the school year a great one! Have wonderful New Year!



**WINTER**  
**BY DOROTHY ALDIS**

The street cars are  
Like frosted cakes --  
All covered up  
With cold snowflakes.

The horses' hoofs  
Scrunch on the street;  
Their eyelashes  
Are white with sleet.

And everywhere  
The people go --  
With faces tickled  
By the snow.

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# THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B & Ms. Williams

Dear parents.

Welcome to a Glorious New Year in Jesus name, amen! We thank God for keeping all of us safe in the year 2021. For that, we are eternally grateful! Ms. Williams and I wish you and your family a happy and blessed New Year.

The year 2021 went by rather fast! It was a year of getting to know our Busy Beez better and them getting to know us better. The Busy Beez had fun learning about the different themes that were outlined in our newsletters; however, the theme on Christmas was by far their favorite. That was because they learned the real reason for Christmas -- Jesus! Jesus is the reason for the season!!

We want to express our sincere thanks to all our parents for making our Christmas Party such a great one. Thank you for all your contributions. They were truly appreciated! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Kudos to our Busy Beez for a great Christmas performance. We are extremely proud of them.

The theme for the first month of January is "**Happy New Year.**" During this week, the children will learn first of all to be thankful to God Almighty for another Year. They will also learn some traditions of the New Year. The theme for the second week is "**Winter.**" The children will learn that winter is one of the four seasons recognized in some parts of the world. They will also learn that winter is the coldest season, that snow falls in the winter, and that trees and plants stop growing in the winter. We will also discuss how some animals hibernate in the winter. The theme for the third week of January is "**Night and Day.**" During this week, we will explain the concept of night and day to the students. We will teach them that daytime is when one can see the sun from where they are, and its light and heat can reach us. Nighttime is when the sun is on the other side of the Earth from us, and its light and heat do not get to us. The theme for the fourth week of January is "**Outer Space.**" During this week, the children will learn about the concept of outer space and astronauts, etc. The theme for the following week is "**Opposites.**" The children will learn that opposites are pairs of words that have different meanings (e.g., big/little, fast/ slow, happy/sad). These words are part of Basic Concepts. Basic concepts are building blocks that **children** need in order to follow directions, engage in classroom routines, and provide descriptions.

The Busy Beez will be working on the numbers **8** and **9** and letters **Kk** and **Ll**. Our Bible stories include "**Jesus' Boyhood,**" "**Follow Me,**" "**First Miracle,**" and "**The Woman at the Well.**"

To all our wonderful Busy Beez, start your year with a cheer! Be the best you can be and have fun learning new things. To the parents/guardians, we look forward to another awesome year in Jesus' name amen.

## A NEW YEAR POEM

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell  
A brand-new year will begin.  
Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast,  
to the promise it ushers in.

May your battles be few, your pleasures many,  
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.  
May your confidence stand in the face of loss  
And give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days  
may serenity grace your soul.  
My tranquil moments bless your life  
And keep your spirit whole.

....Author unknown



**Martin Luther King Day**  
**January 17, 2022**

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929. He was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination on April 4, 1968. King advanced civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience. He was inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the son of early civil rights activist and minister Martin Luther King Sr.

[Martin Luther King Jr. - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.)



# THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Patel, Ms. Norris, & Ms. Julisa

Hello, Little Lambs Parents! Wake up, Everyone! Here we are in 2022 with so very much to do! There's no time to waste. It has been a true blessing watching our Little Lambs grow. Yes, they are all physically bigger than they were just a few months ago, but they have also grown emotionally, socially, and academically. One of our best rewards as teachers is to have been a part of establishing that foundation needed for their continued growth and development. During those special moments when they are enjoying free play, we sometimes hear them repeat verbatim words spoken by a teacher earlier in the day while at the learning wall. Those moments make us all smile.

Our theme to start January is Winter. Little Lambs will focus on the aspect cold of winter and how to dress appropriately. "Night & Day" is the second theme for the month of January. Our projects will help us learn differences between Night and Day including being able to see the sun during the day or seeing the moon at night. We go to school during the day. We go to bed at night. We will finish the month with the themes Outer Space and Opposites. We will reference our earlier theme, Night and Day, as we study Opposites.



## KKCC School Reminders

- **Keep sick children home from school.** If a child complains of not feeling well or shows *any* signs or symptoms of illness, the parents will be called to pick up the child from school.
- Pack at least one extra mask in your child's bag.
- Breakfast is served from 8-8:30 am daily.
- Classes begin at 9:00am each day.
- Do not pack shellfish, nuts, peanuts, or other nut products for lunch or snacks.
- We encourage you to pack fresh fruits and vegetables for your child's lunch.
- Do not send food items that may be choking hazards for young children (i.e., grapes, popcorn).
- Put an ice pack in the lunch box to keep food fresh.
- Use only microwavable containers. Meals must take no longer than two minutes to microwave.
- Keep two complete sets of weather-appropriate clothing (including underwear and socks) at school for your child.
- Crocs and open-toed sandals are prohibited.
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or excessive hair beads to school.
- Do not send toys, especially stuffed animals, to school.
- Remove and review classwork that has been placed in your child's folder each day.



# THE DOLPHINS

Ms. Victoria & Ms. Jenae

Greetings, Parents!

Welcome to a new month and a New Year! Can you believe it is 2022 already! I can't! It is going to be another great year. I hope you all enjoyed this past holiday season. This month, the Dolphins will be learning about winter, night and day, outer space, and opposites. These lessons will be filled with fun, crafts, and a silly outfit for opposites day! The Dolphins thoroughly enjoy exploring the world from their point of view and love to learn new things. As far as potty training, the Dolphins are making great progress!! Their vocabulary is increasing. They are strengthening existing friendships, as well as making new friends. These behaviors indicate that our Dolphins are becoming more independent. We are so proud of them! Cheers to the New Year!!!



Parents, you are God's greatest blessing to your children! You are valued, cherished, and loved most of all. We celebrate you this day and every day! "Be the change you want to see in the world." - Gandhi

### *Fun Fact*

**January 14<sup>th</sup> -- National Dress Up Your Pet Day!**

*If you dress up your furry friend, please share pictures with us in WhatsApp!*



### **5 Little Snowmen Chant**

Five little snowmen on a snowy day  
 The first one said, "Let's play, what do you say?"  
 The second one said, "Let's stomp on the ground."  
 The third one said, "Let's roll around."  
 The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."  
 The fifth one said, "I'm afraid I feel the sun."  
 "Oh dear," cried the snowmen, as they looked toward the sky.  
 And the five melting snowmen waved a fond goodbye



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