

KKCC NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER 2021



Upcoming Events

December 23rd & 24th
Christmas Break
(Center Closed)

December 30th & 31st
New Year's Break
(Center Closed)

January 17th
ML King Day
(Center Closed)

TUITION EXPRESS DUE DATES

DECEMBER 13TH	DECEMBER 27TH
JANUARY 10TH	JANUARY 24TH
FEBRUARY 7TH	FEBRUARY 21ST



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.



Arielle	Caterpillars	Dec. 1 st
Rachel	Chipmunks	Dec. 2 nd
Amaziah	Chipmunks	Dec. 15 th
Chloe	Chipmunks	Dec. 15 th
Jade	Chipmunks	Dec. 17 th
Matthew	Caterpillars	Dec. 17 th
Christian	Chipmunks	Dec. 18 th
Cole	Little Lambs	Dec. 19 th
Dylan	Chipmunks	Dec. 27 th
Brasen	Caterpillars	Dec. 29 th
<i>Faculty and Staff</i>		
Ms. Flavia – December 28 th		
Ms. Hale – December 29 th		



Merry Christmas!! ---- Happy New Year!!

*From the
 Faculty and Staff
 Kiddies Kollege Christian Center*



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.



THE BEAVERS

Ms. Ndamo & Ms. Katherine

Welcome, December! Yes, it is already the end of the year. The Beavers are advancing with their studies at a steady pace. November was a remarkably busy month. Our Beavers have worked hard on blends and adding final consonants to blends to form words. This is gradually moving them on to reading simple, short sentences. As we worked on numbers, we have introduced time to the hour, adding on one, counting by 10s, writing after numbers, adding pennies and dimes and number families. Meanwhile we continue to work on letter and number recognition.

Last month we studied as themes the importance of eating healthy along with exercise and fitness to grow strong and healthy bodies. They also studied some safety rules that will help keep them away from harm. Lastly, the Beavers learned the historical background of Thanksgiving and why we are thankful to God.

During December, we will explore new and exciting themes. First, we will study the roles of Community Helpers in society. We will then discuss Cultures and Diversity while exploring the uniqueness of our distinct cultures. Our next theme will be Giving and Sharing, which is especially relevant during the Christmas season. We will continue to educate the children about taking precautions against the COVID-19 virus and the dangerous variants. We will do our best to maintain a safe environment at school as well as at home.

The Beavers Parent Teacher Conference was a success. Thank you for our frank and objective discussions. We look forward to working on our discussion topics and proposals together to provide a solid basis for our children's success. Once more, we are thanking our Beavers' parents for your contributions to making our Thanksgiving party a great success. The students had a wonderful time eating and celebrating.

We are into the most beautiful and exciting time of the year. The Christmas season resonates an atmosphere of joy, peace, and love! The Beavers will join in singing Christmas carols during our class party on December 16, 2021. More information about this occasion will be sent out soon. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, I pray for joy, peace, and good health for all. May each family be showered with God's love and blessings. Amen.



THE CHIPMUNKS

Ms. Roberts & Ms. Caroline

We are near the end of this year already! We thank God for His mercies! The children have done so well this first semester, and we are expecting much more from them.

Our themes for this month are Community Helpers, Cultures and Diversity, Giving and Sharing, Fruit of the Spirit, and Prayer. The children will learn about those they interact with in their community and how not everyone is the same as they are as they learn about different culture and diversity in their communities. Giving and Sharing is a virtue we would like the children to learn without focusing solely on receiving gifts at Christmas. Our next theme will be Fruit of the Spirit where we will teach the children about God's character that they need to exhibit too. Finally, we will continue with our teaching on Prayer. They will be reminded of the several types of prayer. They will also learn how to talk to God.

The Chipmunks' Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 13th. They will share in a gift exchange during this party. We will relay information about what we will need.

Have and Blessed Season!



For
unto us
a Child is Born
unto us
a **Son** is given
and the government
shall be upon his shoulder
and his name
Shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor
THE MIGHTY GOD
The everlasting father
THE PRINCE OF PEACE
ISAIAH 9:6



THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Martha & Ms. Lydia

WOW! We can't believe we're in the last month of 2021! The month of December brings many holidays, feasts, and happenings. Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions. It is a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends. The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear. This month we will discuss what everyone looks forward to this Christmas. We have discussed the importance of loving the giver more than the gift. After all, it is the thought that counts. Right?

We thank our parents who attended the Parent Teacher Conferences. It was really nice meeting all of you and speaking face-to-face. Hopefully, you were pleased with what you were able to see during the limited time allowed for each conference. We hope your questions were answered, your concerns were addressed, and that your minds were put at ease. This year has really taught us so much about our students and has challenged us as well. We've learned more about what each child likes and dislikes when it comes to learning. We've learned about their strengths and weaknesses and their activities outside of school. This year has challenged us to be more aware as teachers and to always put our best foot forward when it comes to teaching the children different concepts.

The Cheetahs have been doing quite well with all that they have learned and show such enthusiasm to learn more! It has been great to see each child grow academically and just as great to see so much improvement from them as well. It brings joy to our hearts to see our students interested in the lesson, classwork, and activities in the classroom. As we proceed into December, there will be so many more valuable lessons to be learned. The Cheetahs will continue elevating their academic knowledge in letter and number recognition. They have learned about vowels and consonants. They have learned about all their letters and letter sounds. They should now be able to identify each letter with its corresponding sound. The Cheetahs have also learned about numbers 1-50. They should be able to identify and count from 1-50. They have learned about each number belonging to a family. Numbers 0-9 belong to the ones family. Numbers 10-19 belong to the teens family. Numbers 20-29 belong to the twenties family. Numbers 30-39 belong to the thirties family. Numbers 40-49 belong to the forties family. The Cheetahs will continue working on learning how to write all their letters in uppercase and lowercase

form. They will continue to practice writing their single-digit and double-digit numbers.

The Cheetahs have started working on cursive writing. They have learned how to spell their color words Red and Blue. They will continue to work on more color words. They have also learned how to spell their number words one, two, and three and will continue working on some more. They have learned Bible verses A through P and will learn the rest. They have learned about rhyming words and AB pattern sequence. AB pattern sequence is placing a variety of shapes, letters, or numbers in a sequence and have the child complete the sequence and say what comes next. AB pattern sequence is important for children to learn because it provides a sense of order, and it helps them develop critical thinking skills.

The Cheetahs have learned about opposite words such as day and night and tall and short. They have also worked on basic addition and subtraction problems such as $10+2$ and $5-3$. This month they will learn about different themes of Community Helpers, Culture and Diversity, giving and sharing and Christmas. The Cheetahs have started working on something new called blends. Blending is a skill that helps children learn how to read. It involves putting together the sounds of two letters to make one sound. We will teach the children two and three letter blends. Once they fully understand the concept of blends, we will move on to our little readers' book. Their little readers book has short sentences and blends. This book will help the children learn to read.

Please remember these three important points. The first point is the Cheetah Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 17th. Second, your child's homework is due on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The third and most critical point is that if your child is showing any signs of illness, please keep him or her at home until your child has been free of symptoms for 24 hours.

We look forward to what the rest of this year brings. I look forward to turning 26 and celebrating my birthday on New Year's Day!!!





THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Flavia

Jesus is The Reason for The Season! The time of festivities, enjoyment, and togetherness is here! Let us all rejoice and sing praises to our King! While celebrating with our friends and loved ones, let us focus on “Jesus” who is The Reason for The Season!

Caterpillars will continue their academic and general developmental trail during this month. Our themes will cover Community Helpers, Culture and Diversity, Giving and Sharing, and Christmas. To enhance their knowledge, teachers and children will share in social interactions, hands-on assignments, dramatic play, and singing and dancing.

Caterpillars will celebrate Christmas at their class party on Tuesday, December 14th. We have already begun practicing our brief Christmas program which will be recorded and shared with parents.

Parents, Christmas is truly a season for giving and sharing. Kindly consider blessing the less fortunate with a “Fill-the-Box” donation. Donations will be given to Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. Friday, December 18th will be the last day for donating. A very special *thank you* to all for your kindness and generosity!



A TIP FOR PARENTS Promoting Independence

While 3- and 4-year-olds still need plenty of parental help, our preschool experts agree that kids are typically able to do more than many of us think. Here's how you can encourage them:

Expect more. Most people have a way of living up (or down) to expectations -- preschoolers included. "At school we expect the kids to pour their own water at snack, to throw away their plates, to hang up their jackets -- and they do," says *Jennifer Zebooker*, a teacher at the 92nd Street Y Nursery School, in New York City. "But then they'll walk out of the classroom and the thumb goes in the mouth and they climb into strollers." ***Raise the bar and your child will probably stretch to meet it.***

By Marguerite Lamb *“Getting the Best from Your Child”*



THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B & Ms. Williams

Dear parents,

The year has really flown by. The Christmas season is upon us already. 2021 is almost over and 2022 is almost here! I think and I am sure you will agree with me when I say that we owe God a big hearty “*thank you*” for keeping all of us and the children safe. Speaking of giving thanks, we gratefully take this opportunity to thank all parents who were able to attend the Parent Teacher Conference. Together we achieve more!

The Busy Beez are making great strides in their academics and other developmental domains. We are very proud of the progress they have made so far. November was an exciting month filled with learning new things. The Busy Beez particularly enjoyed learning about the “**First Thanksgiving**” and “**Fitness and Exercise.**” They also enjoyed learning about “**Safety;**” for example, “**Stop, Drop and Roll,**” learning the emergency number 911, and being extremely cautious around strangers.

“**Community Helpers**” is the theme for the first week of December. Busy Beez will be taught that community helpers are individuals who live and work in our community and ensure that the community stays healthy, safe, and happy. These community helpers do everything they can to help us and make our lives easier by providing us with goods and services. The children will also learn names of some of the helpers like doctors, teachers, and police officers. The theme for the second week is “**Culture and Diversity.**” During this week, we will explore some cultures represented in the Busy Beez room and discuss the various diversities. Above all, we are going to learn that although there are differences in our cultures, we are one! The theme for the third week is “**Giving and Sharing.**” During this week, the children will learn that giving is an act of love. They will learn like the saying goes, “one can give without loving but one cannot love without giving.” The fourth week’s theme is “**Christmas.**” The children will learn that Jesus is the real reason for the season. The theme for the last week of 2021 is “**Happy New Year!**” During this week, the children will study some facts about New Year’s Day; for example, the fact that it is the end of one year and the beginning of the next.

We will work on the numbers **6** and **7** and the letters **Hh, Ii, and Jj.** Our Bible stories include “**Queen Esther,**” “**Jesus is Born,**” “**Shepherds See the Savior,**” and “**The Wise Men Worship Jesus.**” Our memory verses for the month are **John 3:16** and **James 1:17.**

Finally, we wish you and your family Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Patel & Ms. Norris

December is here and winter is upon us. Can you believe it is the end of the year already? In just a blink of an eye we will be in the new year. Last month we talked about your child's progress. We now know more about what areas we need to work on to help your child continue to grow and advance. Keep in mind this is a team effort, and we need your help at home. Let's end the year with a bang!

During the first week of December our theme is community helpers. Children will learn the roles and importance of those who help better the community. With many of the Little Lambs being visual and kinesthetic learners, we will work as a team to keep the Little Lambs community safe and clean. The Little Lambs will make occupational hats, i.e., those worn by police officers, mail carriers, bus drivers, waste collectors, and others. Using their growing imagination, they will perform jobs as community helpers.

In the second week of December, the Little Lambs will learn about cultures and diversity. While exploring diverse cultural backgrounds, children will develop an understanding of diverse values, customs, beliefs, and traditions based on where people live and their cultural upbringing. The Little Lambs will be traveling to different countries throughout the classroom to learn ethnic diversity and cultural differences.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! This week's theme is the story of the Nativity. The children will hear the Bible story of "The Birth of Jesus" thereby learning that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. They will also learn that we give gifts by tradition as a symbolic tribute made to baby Jesus by the Three Wise Men after his birth.

Out with the old and in with the new! Goodbye 2021! Hello 2022!! During this last week of this year, the theme will be New Years. Our Little Lambs will learn that New Year's Day is the day that signifies the cycle of life. They will fingerpaint fireworks to celebrate the 365 days that it has taken earth to travel completely around the sun.

With winter upon us, temperatures have dropped and will continue to do so. Please dress your child appropriately for the season and ensure that your child keeps two complete weather appropriate outfits in their boxes.



*** Class news and reminders were contributed by classroom teachers. For questions, comments, or corrections, see Ms. Hale.*



THE DOLPHINS

Ms. Victoria & Ms. George

Season's Greetings!

Welcome to a new month! Can you believe that it is the end of the year already?! I know I can't! It has been a great school year thus far. December will be no different. This is my favorite time of the year. We will be celebrating the birth of Jesus all month long! There will be lots of crafts, classroom decorations, and tons of Christmas cheer! The Dolphins will be learning the holiday songs "Jingle Bells," and "Away in a Manger." They will also learn many more!

Our Dolphins Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 13th. We will also have a "Secret Dolphin" gift exchange at the party. The gift should cost between \$5 and \$10. Please wrap the gift, label it with your child's "Secret Dolphin" and tell us who it is from. Bring the gift to school on the morning of the party. The names will be revealed to the parents of each child privately. It is going to be a great month! I hope you are as excited as I am! Happy Holidays 

Fun Fact:

National Cookie Day is December 4th!



Enjoy a cookie or two.....



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 such as grapes or 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.