

# KKCC NEWSLETTER



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## Students

Jesiah	Pandas	December 7
Chayse	Caterpillars	December 8
Freddie	Caterpillars	December 10
Wynter	Caterpillars	December 14
Demi	Pandas	December 16
Cole	Pandas	December 19
Makai	Pandas	December 27
Alyssa	Caterpillars	December 27
Sydney	Little Lambs	December 31

## Staff

Ms. Flavia – December 28  
Ms. Lien – December 29



# 2023

## Upcoming Events

- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Fill-A-Box donations due
- December 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program and Party
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal  
Center Closed @ 3:30
- December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break  
Center Closed

## Next Tuition Due Dates

December 11	December 25
January 8	January 22



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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.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



We have finally reached the end of the year! God is so good! This year has been full of blessings, new experiences, lots of laughs and love, new faces, and tons of learning; all with God's blessing. With that in mind, we know that there is so much to look forward to next year. Before we begin 2024, we want to end 2023 with a bang! This month we will spread holiday cheer during our Annual Christmas program. Check your email for more information. Lastly and most importantly, remember, **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

## 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.
- 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.
- Do not send food items that may be choking hazards (i.e., whole grapes, popcorn).
- Place an ice pack in the lunch box.
- Use plastic microwavable containers for lunch only, no Pyrex or glass please.
- Do not send canned, or frozen foods or food that needs preparing.
- Keep two complete sets of weather-appropriate clothing, including underwear and socks.
- **Crocs are prohibited,** shoes with Velcro are recommended. Laces cause trips and falls!
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or bring valuable items to school.
- Do not send toys to class.



## 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 PANDAS

Ms. Ndamo & Ms. Martha

We are thankful to God for brining us to the close of the year. The Pandas are moving forward with their studies at a steady pace. November was a remarkably busy month. The students are working hard on blending consonants and vowels to form sounds thus introducing them to reading. They are also continuing to recognize and work on number concepts which will lead to introducing them to number families and more.

December's themes will be just as exciting and full of learning as November. The students will learn about China and some of aspects of its culture. The Transportation theme will introduce our students to the many ways we use to travel and get around. Lastly, during the Christmas theme, the students will learn the significance and reason we celebrate Christmas.

The Pandas' parent teacher conference was a success. Thank you, parents, for our frank and objective discussions. We are looking forward to working on our discussion topics and proposals together to provide a solid basis for our children's success. Also, thank you for making our Thanksgiving party a success. The students had great fun eating and celebrating.

Lastly, we are into the most beautiful time of the year! The Christmas season resonates with an atmosphere of joy, peace, and love! The Pandas will join their voices in singing Christmas carols during their class party on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent out about this celebration soon. We 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. Flavia

Compliments of the season to all our Chipmunk parents. We have successfully gone through four months of the school year! Even though it's cold out there, things will now begin to heat up in the classroom as the children know the routine and expectations for the class. We wish to appeal again to all our parents the importance of spending time to oversee your child's homework and help them in the areas where they may be struggling in. We truly appreciate you all.

Our themes this month will be China, Transportation, Christmas and How to Pray. We will go all the way to China this month. We are looking forward to seeing some Panda's and eating some noodles with chopsticks! Then we will move on to learning about the different modes of transportation. They will know the difference between land, sea, and air vehicles. They just might get a new truck for Christmas! This is a time for our children to learn that it's a blessing to give than to receive. We will end our month off by teaching the children about how to pray and different types of prayer. After, we will put it to the test and ask the children to pray for something tangible and see how long it takes to arrive. As the year draws to an end, we hope to see the desires of their heart met.

We wish you all a blessed New year and pray 2024 will be greater than 2023!



## THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. Jenae & Ms. Rebecca

Welcome to December! The Christmas season is well upon us, and it comes with family get-togethers and parties. There will be lots of fun activities this month including a Christmas program and classroom party. We're excited to celebrate and have fun with you. Be on the lookout for more information. November went by so fast. It was full of learning and fun. We were blessed to have a large feast and we couldn't have done it without you. All your generous donations and delicious food made our classroom party a huge success! Each of the children went around the room to share what they were thankful for, and they all mentioned their family and friends!

This month, we will begin to learn the names and sounds of Hh, Ii, and Jj. Be sure to ask your child to count for you; we will be counting to 15. During this busy time, let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas. The birth of our savior Jesus Christ. We would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Jackie

Joy to the world, The Lord had come. Let earth receive her king! A merry, merry Christmas to all our wonderful parents, children and your awesome families. May you all experience a blissful Christmas as you receive the goodness and blessings of our Lord and Savior “Jesus Christ”.

Joyfully, our Caterpillars will jump into this month’s activities and themes. Our first week’s theme is China. Caterpillars will travel to China, using dramatic play to experience China’s culture. For our second week, students will be introduced to Transportation. They will be given the opportunity to discuss and list types of transportation and explain how these are used. Together we will take pretend trips on buses, trains, boats, etc. to enhance our learning sessions. During our last week in December, our theme will be Christmas. Children will learn about who is the reason for this season, things that are associated with this time and the joy it brings to people all over the world as they celebrate.

This month, our students will be doing a gift exchange in the classroom, to teach them about love and kindness for their fellow classmates. We will also celebrate this special time by having a Christmas party. Lastly, on the last 3 days of this month we will discuss the upcoming year. May your holidays be filled with Love & Laughter, and God continue to bless each and everyone of you.



## THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Victoria & Ms. Keisha

December is here! Welcome to the month of cold weather, snow and of course Christmas. Praise the highest for getting us through November and welcoming December. The themes that we have for the month of December will be Cultural week: China, Transportation, Christmas, and Winter Wonderland. We will continue with letters A - E. Our colors for the month will be Yellow, Green, Pink and Blue. As we work on these here, please remember to review at home. During our Culture theme the children will learn where China is as well as gain knowledge on the food they eat. We will also be learning a few basic songs and show pictures of China. For the transportation week children will learn the different vehicles used to transport people and things from one place to another. During the week of Christmas children will learn about the meaning of Christmas and learn many Christmas songs. In our Winter Wonderland week, children will learn how to have fun in the cold and about the season. They will also learn the songs: Winter Wonderland and Frosty the Snowman. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



## THE DOLPHINS

Ms. B & Ms. Flavia

The months have really flown by and the Christmas season is upon us already. The year 2023 is almost over and 2024 is almost here! I think and I am sure you will agree with me when I say we owe God a big hearty thank you for keeping all of us and the children safe. Speaking of giving thanks, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who were able to make it to the Parent Teacher Conference. Together we achieve more! The Dolphins are making great strides in their academics and other developmental domains, and we are very proud of the progress they have made so far.

The month of November was a fun filled month filled with learning new things. The Dolphins particularly enjoyed learning about the “**First Thanksgiving**”. Our theme for the first week of October is **Culture (Chinese)**. During this week, the students will be taught that culture is a pattern of behavior shared by a society, or group of people. They will also be taught that many different things make up a society’s culture. These things include food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts, customs, beliefs, and religion.

Our theme for week two is **Transportation**. During this week, the children are going to learn to identify the three modes of transportation and will learn at least five (5) different kinds of transportation. As you drive around with your child this week, let them point out different kinds of transportation they see. We will also sing songs like “**The Wheels on the Bus**” and read stories related to our theme.

“**Christmas**” is the theme for the third and fourth week. The children will learn that Christmas is not about the presents Jesus is the real reason for the season. The Bible says, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (KJV). We will also be working 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**”.

Thank you, parents, once again for your contributions and support during the festive periods. We couldn’t have done it without you. Finally, we would like to wish you and your family Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

### **A TIP FOR PARENTS Promoting Independence**

Avoid engaging in daily power struggles with toddlers and twos. Developing independence can mean children do or say the opposite of what an adult asks, just to show their power. If there’s a behavior that’s particularly important to you, be consistent each time a struggle begins, and make your expectations clear. If it’s a daily struggle, try one of the tips in this list to engage your child’s cooperation. For example, if you need to leave right at 7:30 a.m. and every day that’s an issue, consider providing more transition time. Or if you expect your 2year-old to help clean up toys before bed, include a choice such as whether she wants to start with the crayons or the books.

By Laurel Bongiorno, PhD



## THE KOALAS

Ms. Williams & Ms. Ambreen

Welcome to the Koalas! Parents, thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your child this year. I trust it will be a wonderful year of learning and having good times together.

This year your child will be learning about God's world while developing language skills with the help of many animal friends. They will learn how to count from 1 to 25 and recognize numbers 1 to 10. They will color, paint and giving be scribble which will help with fine motor skills and eye hand coordination. Stories, poetry, music, and fingerplay will aid in the development of comprehension, language, and thinking skills.

This month we will learn some wonderful new songs and poems during this special time of the year. They will learn the songs "Jesus see me," and "Jingle Bells." This month we will also begin learning number concepts 1 to 4 and practice counting to 10. The memory verse for December is John 4:8, it talks about God's love. Lastly, we will also learn about and celebrate christmas in our classroom. More info to come. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

