

Parent Newsletter

Valley Springs
Christian
Preschool

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path."

Psalm 119:105



Pre-Kindergarten Program

January 2024

Welcome Back and HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that everyone enjoyed the break. We would like to give a huge THANK YOU for all the wonderful cards and goodies. We are so blessed by your thoughtfulness. Also, thank you to all of you who came to our Christmas Program, including friends and grandparents. Your children are such a blessing. We enjoy them so much. You have truly continued to establish Valley Springs Christian Preschool as an excellent school by your outstanding support.

Over that last few days the staff has been gathering for planning and organizing our preschool in order to get it ready for our next half of the year. We are working very hard to keep our facility clean, well-organized and to keep up with the latest information on early childhood curriculum programming. Our teachers are very committed to continuing their education so as to prepare your children, socially and academically.

January Curriculum



Our theme for January is "My Bible: God's Special Book". We will be talking about the Bible, how the Bible is true, and how God had different people write the special words in it. Our Bible has different names: "Bible", "Word of God", and "Scriptures", but it is the same book. We will also talk about how the Bible teaches us about God's love for us, about His special plan for us. We will read our favorite Bible stories together (and will act some of them out!). We will talk about book awareness, which is part of pre-reading skills children need to know for Kindergarten. We will even discover that all of us can read, and are learning to read more and more each day. January is a month filled with weather. We are fortunate to live in a climate where we have many winter days to play outside without much difficulty. Preschool children love to pretend, so we will be pretending to play in the snow a lot this month. We will talk about winter weather, dressing for winter and animals in winter. Our dramatic play area will be set up with a fireplace and clothesline for sorting of mittens and socks. We will enjoy a special Penguin Day on **Monday, January 29th** where everyone will wear black and white to school. On **Wednesday, January 31st** will be **Hibernation Day!** Everyone wears their pajamas to school and brings their favorite stuffed animal. It is sure to be an exciting and fun-filled month!

January Reminders...

* Be sure your child brings a **warm coat daily**. Unless it is raining, we will be going outside for part of our day.

* It is **very important** that you sign your child in and out daily and that your signature is legible to anyone who might read it. This is a legal document of who brought and picked up your child each day. It is *Very Important!* Please check to make sure you have signed in and out each day. Thank you!

This Month Look For...

Science Activities around water, ice and snow, how animals live in the winter, and our tree for the birds.

Dramatic Play Activities including what to wear in cold weather, building a snowman, ice skating, hibernating and lots of pretending.

Math Activities: numerals 1-6, counting to 10, patterns, pairs, matching, shape review, relationships and geometry with shapes, and learning our address and phone number.

Language Arts: Letters "Hh", "Bb" and "Ss", capital letter recognition, story-telling, sequencing, beginning, middle, end, writing name, dictating own stories, and book awareness.

Child Assessments/Parent Conferences

We have begun formal assessments of the children. These assessments consist of skill-related tasks working with Miss Danya on a one-to-one basis. The assessment also consists of observations made during small group and free time in the classroom. Parent/Teacher conferences have been scheduled for Thursday, February 15th. We encourage all families to participate, so be sure to sign-up when you see the sign-up sheet out on the sign in table. We will be scheduling conferences in 20 minute increments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk with Miss Danya.

Dad's Day! On Saturday, Feb. 3rd 9:30-11:00

This is a great opportunity for your child to bring Dad to school on a Saturday morning. We will have a special snack of coffee, juice, and donuts. Dad will experience all the wonderful learning happening in preschool. (Only children enrolled in our preschool program can attend.)



Donuts, juice and coffee will be available.

Community Service Project

Our community service project for January is a **Pajama Drive**. We will be collecting pajamas and donating them to a local nonprofit organization in Roseville. If you would like to participate, please bring your donation of brand-new pajamas (sized toddler to age 5) to class. We will have a special basket for collection.




January Activities

- Mon. 1/8 **Welcome Back - Happy New Year**
Calendar/Seasons
- Tues. 1/9 **"Hh" is for Happy New Year, 2024**
Journal letter "Hh"
- Wed. 1/10 **A Snowy Day!**
Book: A Snowy Day - By Ezra Keats
- Thurs. 1/11 **Do You Want to Build a Snowman?**
Ice and Snow
Letter "Ss" for Snow 
- Mon. 1/15 **No School/Holiday**
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Tues. 1/16 **My Bible: God's Special Book**
Chapel Today
Wear your red school shirt
(Checking out books from our library - Letter "Bb")
- Wed. 1/17 **A Tree for the Birds**
Characteristics & Habitat
- Thurs. 1/18 **Owls - Nocturnal**
Characteristics & Habitat
- Mon. 1/22 **Assessment Day**
One-on One Assessment 
- Tues. 1/23 **Mitten Day!**
Nursery Rhyme - Three Little Kittens
- Wed. 1/24 **Dressing for Winter**
Journal #5, counting object to 10
- Thurs. 1/25 **Arctic/Antarctic Animals**
Habitat/Characteristics
- Mon. 1/29 **Penguin Day!**
(Wear Black & White)
- Tues. 1/30 **Animals in Winter - In our Neighborhood**
(Birds, Squirrels, etc)
- Wed. 1/31 **Hibernation Day!**
Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite stuff animal

January Birthdays

Jan 12th - Miss Gail
Jan 28th - Weston

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

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- Jan 8 **Welcome Back**
- Jan. 15 **Holiday/No School**
- Feb. 3 **Dad's Day (more info to follow)**
- Feb. 12 Registration opens for currently enrolled children/siblings for 2024-2025 School year**
- Feb. 19 **Registration Opens to the Public for 2024-2025 School year.**



For Family Time...

Bible Words: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

January Bible Story: My Bible/God's Special Book (the story of King Josiah). 2 Chronicles 34; 2 Kings 22:1-23,25. Read some of your child's, (or your), favorite Bible stories; David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions' Den, The Good Samaritan...there are so many wonderful Bible stories.

Family Activities: Plan a family snow trip, maybe with other preschool families you know. Borrow snow clothes, snow boots, and good waterproof mittens and go play in the snow!

