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## DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

### *Glad Tidings from The Director!*

To God be the glory for the good things He has done!

Dear Parents,

December is here and with it comes the Christmas season. We will experience the children getting excited from all the trees, lights and decorations going up everywhere. They will also be filled with anticipation of Santa Claus and the gifts they believe he will bring. In the midst of all this excitement, we must remember it is our responsibility to teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and help them understand there would be no Christmas without **CHRIST!**

**Christmas Program** – Our annual Christmas Program will take place Thursday, December 22 at 9:15 a.m. in the main sanctuary. Please come and show your support as the children share what they have learned about Christmas through recitations and songs.

**Tuition Payments** – Please remember *all* tuition payments are due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. If you signed a bi-weekly agreement, the second half of your payment is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Per our policy, a \$30 late fee will be charged for payments made after the due date. MSCA's ability to meet its financial obligations, including payroll, is dependent upon tuition payments. Therefore, it is imperative that these payments be made on time. Failure to meet financial obligations for the care of your child will result in the removal of him/her from the center. If you have questions or need to discuss your situation please call and schedule an appointment. We look forward to continuing to provide quality early education and care for your child in a Christian environment.

**Daily Arrival** – MSCA opens its doors at 7:00 a.m. each morning. Unless, your child has a doctor's appointment, please make every effort to have him/her at the center by 8:00 a.m. This will allow them to be a part of the setting of the tone for the day and to be ready to participate in the first large group activity (breakfast) where teaching and learning begins. When a child arrives late, it is disruptive to the activities/flow of the class, especially when the child undergoes separation anxiety. So please help us maximize the teaching and learning experiences of *all* the children by getting them to MSCA on time.

**Uniforms** – The change in the weather is calling for coats and sweaters. Remember to label all of your child's clothing and make sure she/he has a change of clothing available. Our uniform colors are still navy blue bottom and light blue top. Please keep this in mind as you layer your child's clothing. MSCA's uniform colors and policy are not optional. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to extend to each of you a wish for **Joy, Peace, and LOVE!** During this season keep **Christ** in Christmas!

God Bless You,

*Kay Fowler*





# Banana Bites from **BABY MOSES**

Dear Parents,

It's time to **"Deck the Halls!"**

Christmas is almost here! We will celebrate the Birth of Jesus, as we introduce the toddlers to the sights and sounds of the holidays. Fill your heart with the joy of Christmas by making sure you take time to renew it in the Bible.

Educational Theme:

- Week 1: Holidays Around the World
- Week 2: Sights of the Holidays
- Week 3: Sounds of the Holidays
- Week 4: Taste and Smells of the Holidays
- Week 5: Feeling of the Holidays

Biblical Theme:

- Week 1: Happy Birthday, Jesus
- Week 2: The Angel Speaks
- Week 3: Away in a Manger
- Week 4: The Wise Men Worship Jesus
- Week 5: Jesus Grew As a Little Boy



**Flu** season is here. We need your help to keep the children as germ free as possible. In class, we wash our hands a lot. Most of the babies know the process: wet hands first; put soap on hands; rub together to form bubbles; dry hands. So make sure you are doing it at home as well.

Reminders:

- Sign your child in/out daily. Make sure to sign on the **correct** dates.

- Read the Newsletter! Doing so will inform you of what your child will be learning during the month, upcoming events, and other things specific to our classroom.
- Take blankets and pillows home on Fridays to be laundered and returned on Mondays.
- Provide a complete change of clothes (pants, shirt, socks) for your child. Bring shoes too if possible.

Your Partners in Educating the Young,  
*Miss. Nastachia and Mrs. Lety*

**Merry Christmas!**

# Grapevine News from the **GREEN ROOM**



Dear Parents,

December is upon us and we'd like to wish you **Happy Holidays!** December is the month that is set aside for celebrating family, friends, and most importantly, the Birth of Jesus Christ!

We are striving to make the month special by taking the time to explore all the things that make the holiday season unique. As such, we would love for you to share some of your family traditions and celebrations with us.



We look forward to this exciting month!

**REMINDERS:**

- Bring a clean blanket for your child each Monday.
- Check your child's art folder on Fridays.
- Be sure your child has extra clothes in his/her cubby.

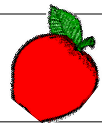
**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"**



**Merry Christmas!**

*Mrs. Cynthia & Ms. Debora*

# Apple Wedges from the **RED ROOM**



Dear Parents,

Throughout this holiday season, the **Jonah Class** will be learning about:

- Sharing and Giving,
- Extended combination of Holiday Traditions, and
- Sound and Movement (the Joy of Music and Dance).

Our Biblical lessons will teach us about:



- Jesus' birthday (Matt. 1:21)
- How to glorify God (Luke 1:46-47)
- Recognize that Christ the Lord is our Savior (Luke 2:11)
- The reason we give gifts on Christmas

Thank you for partnership and support.

*Ms. Cordelia Bailey*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



# Orange Slices from the ORANGE ROOM

Dear Parents,

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and an awesome time at the luncheon.

I would like to send a special thank you for your wonderful support and involvement in your child's education. Homework is an essential component of a child's learning. Children need continued exercise to build the important skills for learning. Please allow your child to do his/her own work. Homework folders go out on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are to be returned the following day. The work should be completed and your child prepared to discuss the homework activity from the previous evening. Continue to share with your child the importance of homework and learning.

Now that December is here, the children are excited! Throughout the month, we will discuss **Christmas** and

what it symbolizes (the *Birth of Jesus Christ*).



In the Spirit of Christmas, preparations are being made for our annual Christmas Program. Please have your child practice daily the speech that has been sent home. We will also practice at school.

Additionally, the following topics will be introduced and/or reviewed during December:

- Things that go together
- Dr. Seuss
- Giving and Sharing
- Birth of Christ/Holiday Traditions
- Review: Phonological Awareness and Number Operations

## REMINDERS:

- Sign your child in and out daily.
- Do not allow your child to bring toys to school.
- Check and remove completed work from work folder weekly.

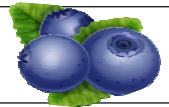
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Brian Phelps Jr. — 12/01**



*Ms. Janell & Ms. Noole*

# Berry Bits from the BLUE ROOM



Dear Parents,

As always, I would like to thank you for taking an active part in your child's education. I cannot do it alone. Your continued support is appreciated.

Your children have been in the Pre-K class for 7 months; over half the year is gone. We need to continue to focus on academics, but we also need to focus on good listening skills, respect for adults and each other. Your children need to know that "good choices bring good things." Time is going fast and before you know it, your children will be in Kindergarten. We want them to be fully prepared (academically and socially).

December has come and with it comes all the joys of **Christmas**. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, dinner

with family and friends? Is this what Christmas is all about?

Christmas is a time of God showing His great love for us. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child (Jesus). Please share with your children the real meaning of Christmas.

In the spirit of Christmas, we are preparing for our annual Christmas Program. As speeches are sent home, please have your child practice daily. We will also practice at school.

### December Units of Study:

- Things that go together
- Dr. Seuss
- Giving and Sharing
- Birth of Christ/Holiday Traditions
- Review: Phonological Awareness and Number Operations

## REMINDERS:

- Check blue folders daily.
- Make sure your child has a change of clothing.
- No outside food please.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

*Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Gwen Dyer-Mitchell*

*"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15*



MOUNT SINAI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
DECEMBER 2011  
MENU


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>				
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			B: Corn Flakes/Toast/Bananas L: Chicken Nuggets/Corn/Spinach/ Cheese Squares S: Animal Crackers/Milk	B: Cinnamon Toast/Sausage/ Orange Juice L: Bar-B-Que on Bun/Corn/ Peaches S: Cookies/Milk
5	6	7	8	9
B: Oatmeal/Toast/Orange Juice L: Baked Chicken/Mashed Potatoes/ Green Beans/Bread S: Granola Bars/Milk	B: Pancakes/Grape Juice L: Meatballs/Macaroni & Cheese/ Mixed Vegetables/Mixed Fruit S: Animal Crackers/Milk	B: Cream of Wheat/Toast/Orange Juice L: Beanie Weenies/Peas & Carrots/ Cornbread/Pineapple S: Cheez-Its/Apple Juice	B: Corn Flakes/Toast/Bananas L: Steak Fingers/Broccoli/Corn S: Saltine Crackers/Cheese	B: Cinnamon Toast/Bacon/ Apple Juice L: Tuna Salad Sandwiches/French Fries/Tropical Fruit S: Cookies/Milk
12	13	14	15	16
B: Oatmeal/Toast/Apple Juice L: Fish Sticks/Mixed Vegetables/ Applesauce/Bread/Cheese Sticks S: Peanut Butter/Bread Slices	B: Pancakes/Mixed Fruit L: BBQ Wieners/Baked Beans/ Peaches/Bread S: Apple Slices/Ritz Crackers	B: Malt-O-Meal/Orange Wedges L: Meatloaf/Cream Corn/Rice/ Apple Slices/Bread S: Pretzels/Peanut Butter/Water	B: Fruit Loops/Toast/Bananas L: Beef Fajitas/Cheese Slices/Refried Beans/Flour Tortillas/Tossed Salad S: Graham Crackers/Grape Juice	B: Muffins/Peaches L: Turkey Slices/Bread/Tater Tots/ Pineapple Tidbits S: Gold Fish Crackers/ Orange Juice
19	20	21	22	23
B: Oatmeal/Toast/Orange Slices L: Turkey/Spaghetti Noodles/ English Peas/Fruit Cocktail S: Animal Crackers/Milk	B: Pancakes/Tropical Fruit L: Ground Beef/Rice/Spinach/ Pineapple Chunks S: Cookies/Milk	B: Cream of Wheat/Toast/Apple Juice L: Chicken Nuggets/Broccoli/Peaches S: Ritz Crackers/Peanut Butter	B: Breakfast Bars/Orange Juice L: Sausage/Red Beans/Rice/ Broccoli/Peaches S: Peanut Butter Crackers/Milk	B: Cinnamon Toast/Bacon/ Cran-Grape Juice L: Pizza/Corn/Green Beans S: Graham Crackers/Applesauce
26	27	28	29	30
<b>School Closed</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> <b>Jesus!</b>	B: Pancakes/Orange Wedges L: Ground Beef/Spaghetti Noodles/ Corn/Peaches S: Ritz Crackers/Apple Juice	B: Cream of Wheat/Toast/Grape Juice L: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches/Mixed Vegetable Soup/Carrot Sticks S: Apple Jacks/Milk	B: Cinnamon Crunch Cereal/Toast L: Ground Beef/Taco Shells/Beans/ Lettuce & Tomatoes S: Peanut Butter/Apples	B: Cinnamon Toast/Bacon/ Orange Juice L: Wieners/Hot Dog Buns/French Fries/Pineapple Tidbits S: Chex Mix/Apple Juice
 <b>Luke 1:46b-47 "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior."</b> 				

WHOLE MILK IS SERVED DAILY TO CHILDREN AGES 12-36 MONTHS  
2 PERCENT MILK IS SERVED DAILY TO CHILDREN AGES 36 MONTHS AND OLDER



# DECEMBER

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- THURSDAYS 9:30AM  
Chapel Hour
- DEC 22-First Day of Winter  
Christmas Program 9:15AM
- DEC 23  
Early Release 1p.m.
- DEC 26  
**Christmas Holiday**  
**School Closed**
- DEC 30  
Early Release 1p.m.

