

Genesis Early Childhood Program News

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Spiritual Connection

From the Directors Mary Davis and Melanie Gehrt:

This is the time of year for new beginnings. We should not forget that our children can benefit from our resolutions also. As we begin the new year, we reflect on things that can help our children have the best school experience.

- To provide a consistent daily schedule
- To provide a developmentally appropriate quantity of sleep.
- To provide good, nutritious snacks and meals given on a consistent schedule.
- To be on time to school, as to not miss out on critical instruction that begins at 9:15 am.
- To read to your child each day for the best development of language and vocabulary.

Most importantly, love your child for who God made them to be! Thank you for all you do for your children!

CYPRESS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

would like to thank all those who so generously donated gifts for the children and teens of our neighbors in need. We were able to fill six 35 gallon tubs full of presents. Your generosity made the holidays brighter for so many in our community.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! We would like to give a special thanks to Jeannie Bergmann, who so graciously donated her time and equipment to take the Christmas Nativity pictures of all the Genesis children, and all the parent volunteers who helped. The pictures look amazing!

Upcoming Events

CURRICULUM NIGHT is on Thursday, **January 18 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. The topic will be "Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?" We will have a panel of experts on hand to help answer this question. This event is for parents only please.

PETTING ZOO: The Petting Zoo will be visiting our school on **Wednesday, Jan. 24 and Thursday, Jan. 25**. In addition to the zoo animals, there will be pony and train rides. Permission slips and more info will go home later in January. All children must have signed permission slips to participate.

NO SCHOOL REMINDER: In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be no school on **Monday, January 15**. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 16.

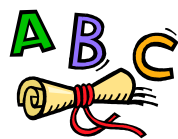
Early Registration Packets for 2018-19 will be sent via email on **Monday, Jan. 22** and are due back no later than Friday, Feb. 2. Early registration will be available **only** for the families currently enrolled in Genesis and their siblings. The other registrations will be at 8 a.m. in the Parish Life Center as follows:

Parishioner Priority Reg. Feb. 6

Open Registration Feb. 20

Registration operates on a first come, first serve basis. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SOME CLASSES WILL FILL UP QUICKLY!** Be sure to return your completed paperwork and registration fee without delay to reserve a spot before Parishioner Registration.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH!



Letters of the Month:	Ww, Qq, Yy, Zz
Numbers of the Month:	8, 9 & 10
Color of the Month:	Blue and White
Shape of the Month:	Hexagon
Rhyme of the Month:	Little Boy Blue
Themes of the Month:	"Winter Weather" and "Farm Fun"



CURRICULUM CORNER

The second task of the Catechetical Framework is the Liturgical Life. The strands or topics covered are The Paschal Mystery, Sacraments, Liturgical Participation, Baptismal Rights & Responsibilities, Roles of the Laity & Ordained, and The Church's Daily Prayer. For our age of children, this translates to simple concepts like "God wants people to pray at Mass together.", "Sunday is a special day for the Church.", and "Catholics pray and sing at Mass to show love for God." So, be sure to take your children to Mass to experience prayer, community and the power of the Eucharist.

4 YEAR OLDS

Winter fun with math concepts will start in the new year for the 4s. We will work on size ordering, number correspondence and shape recognition. We will use Jan Brett's book, "The Mitten," to work on sequencing and fine motor skills. At the end of the month, we will enjoy a focus on recognition of letters and phonemic awareness as we work through our mid-year assessments.

3 YEAR OLDS

Brrr... It's cold outside! This month we are celebrating winter with ice experiments like instant snow in our sensory tub. We are continuing our scissor practice by cutting straws and yarn. We will be busy with our letter recognition by continuing to create our ABC process art book.

2 YEAR OLDS

We will be exploring the season of winter with sorting jumbo blue and white pompoms, writing in "ice" (really salt) and building igloos with real ice cubes in our sensory tubs. We will work on matching after reading the book "Mrs. Wishy Washy" by Joy Cowley. Farm toys and animals will be added to blocks to expand our vocabularies as we prepare for the Petting Zoo coming on Jan. 25 and 26. Playing in play dough will help the 2s continue to strengthen their tiny hand muscles for cutting and writing.

18 MONTH OLDS

The 18 month olds will begin the new year by working on gross motor skills like riding a tricycle and walking on a beam. For fine motor skills, we will paint. Finally, we will be sorting by color and shape to work our cognitive and fine motor skills.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Brrrr! It's winter time, and Music and Movement will be singing, dancing and playing games about snow and colder weather.

BIBLE: In the month of January, we will begin Bible with the Feast of Epiphany. We will talk about Jesus' childhood with Mary and Joseph, His life and His ministry.