



January 2012 Preschool News

We hope you had a wonderful celebration of Christmas & New Years with your loved ones. The new year is here and we are excited to welcome the children back to their classrooms!

We hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy our "Checkin' It Twice" preschool Christmas program. We had a wonderful turn out and the children really sang well!



On the last day before Christmas break the children enjoyed a classroom party. We played some Christmas games and worked hard at breaking open the piñata. It was a fun way to end the year.

Themes for January:

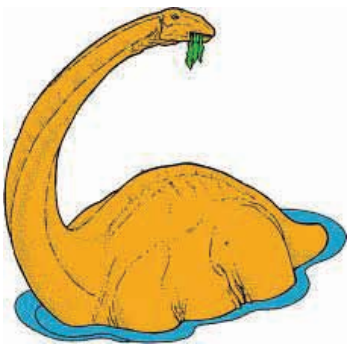
Both classes will be traveling back in time for the month of January.



The Preschool class will be learning about the West, the Gold Rush and Native Americans. Come and see our TP, our covered wagon and look out for those “cowboys”!



Our Bible stories this month will be about the life of Moses. We’ll talk about the baby in the basket and then how as an adult he led the Israelites out of Egypt.



For the Pre-K class their room has been transferred back in time to the land of Dinosaurs! Look out for the T-Rex and beware of the volcano!



The Pre-K class will be learning about Joseph, Elijah, Elisha, Josiah, Daniel and Esther, for Bible this month.

----- **Thank you’s** -----

Thank you to all parents who brought goodies for all of us to share, after our “Checkin’ It Twice” program. And we want to thank Mrs. McCoy, who so faithfully came to help the children learn the songs in the last several months and then directed the program. We love her.

Thank you to Andrew McCall (James' Dad) and Chris Luna (Bella's Dad) and Mandy Anderson (a parent from last year's class, who has so much fun helping she's willing to come back again and again!) for pitching in and helping us change the rooms over, on our work day in December. You made such a difference, thanks!

Thank you to Jocelyn Camara and her family for taking not one, but both guinea pigs over the Christmas break. We know Adam and Jigs had a great vacation at your house!

And finally a huge THANK YOU for all the parents who participated in the purchase of the new printer / fax / scanner, the digital camera and all the extra ink! We are so excited and so grateful for the new equipment and can't wait to start using it! What a wonderful Christmas gift!



Kindergarten Readiness Testing

For those in the Pre-K class, be aware that in February you will need to schedule a Kindergarten Readiness Test for your preschooler. Look for more information to come.

Re-Enrollment reminder

Just to remind you that in January the school will be asking you to re-enroll your children. This is your opportunity to secure your child's spot in next year's class, before they open enrollment up to those outside the school.

Enrollment for summer session

January is also time to think about summer session. Please look for the sign up sheet on the pre K sign in table to let us know that you are interested in the summer session. This is the time that we start to get staff vacations and schedules set.

Volunteer Hours

The school will be looking for your volunteer hours by the end of the month. If you are in need of hours check with one of the teachers, we will be able to find something for you to do!

Reminder Check List:



*Remember to check your child's extra clothes in the extra clothes bin. The weather has changed and you may need to exchange those shorts and t-shirts for some long pants and sweat shirts.

*Please have your children bring jackets to school. We do play outside on the play yard, and they really need to have some appropriate clothing on these cold days.

*Don't forget to send along your child's bedding. We've had a few that only get a classroom blanket. That's really not as comfy as familiar sheets & blankets from home.

*Make a note that **NO** peanuts, peanut products or nuts are allowed in the classroom!!!!



Dates to remember:

January 3, Tuesday – School resumes

January 16, Monday, No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

February 4, Saturday – Open House – a morning when everyone can visit their classrooms and invite new families who might be interested in our school. Also it's a great opportunity to see what's going on in some of the other classrooms!

February 17 – 20th – No school, President's Day holiday

February 25, Saturday – Annual Crab Feed/Auction. You don't want to miss this evening! It's a night with friends, good food and it raises money for Contra Costa Christian School!