



The Great Beginnings Gazette

Newsletter of the Great Beginnings Sunbeams



Director's Corner:

Happy Holidays all! We had a fabulous time at our Friendship Feasts! The hand-made Christmas cards our Sunbeams created will be sent to Operation Gratitude and distributed to deployed troops, wounded warriors and service men/women around the globe. What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

You may be wondering why our December newsletter is purple. Purple is the color of Advent and a symbol of hope and preparation for our coming King.

We are looking forward to celebrating Jesus' Birthday during Christmas Special Chapel on December 13th/14th at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. December birthdays will also be recognized. We ask each Sunbeam to bring a donation for Backpack Buddies as a gift for baby Jesus. A list of items needed will be sent home.

On December 11/12th, your Sunbeams are welcome to wear cozy pajamas to school for Pajama Day!

As the weather is getting colder (I think...), please remember to switch out your child's change of clothes for warmer items. We encourage our Sunbeams to bundle up as we will play outside each day, weather permitting.

Mark your calendars: Preschool Sunday at LUMC is January 21st during the 9:45am service. Please bring your Sunbeam up to the Sanctuary to sit with you for the opening song. Our students will then be called forward to share some songs with the Congregation before heading to Asbury for a special Sunday School lesson. Siblings are welcome to attend and join us for Sunday School! Please wear your GBP Spirit Wear for this fun celebration of GBP! (more information to come in the new year) Our Annual Bake Sale is also January 21st. GBP parents provide baked goods for this sweet sale to raise funds for our preschool. A sign up will be sent out closer to the event!

Wishing you and yours all the magic and joy of our Savior's birth.
Blessings and Warm Regards,
Heather Gonzalez

Upcoming Events

December 13

Special Chapel

Sanctuary, 9:15am

-MW Monkeys, MWF Bears, Bees

December 14

Special Chapel

Sanctuary, 9:15am

-T/TH Monkeys, T/TH Bears, Owls

December 18-Jan 1

No School

Christmas Holiday

Classes resume Jan. 2

Important Reminders:

-Tuition and December Lunch Bunch fees are due at this time.

Looking ahead:

January 10&11th:
Parent Appreciation
Breakfasts

January 21st:
Preschool Sunday at LUMC

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."
~Isaiah 9:6



MONKEY JUNGLE

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What a great month topped off by an amazing Thanksgiving feast! Thanks to all that came and were also able to bring a dish to share, we enjoyed having you all!!

We are so excited for the coming month of December to learn about and celebrate the birth of Jesus! We have so many fun activities planned for our little monkeys. We will continue with our alphabet book with the letters H, I and J and the star shape. Our color for December is red. We will be doing some really fun holiday crafts and making something special for our Moms and Dads! We will also be having our Christmas Special Chapel on December 13/14. We have already started practicing our songs, you don't want to miss it. Wishing you all a blessed holiday!



BEARS' DEN

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Happy December everyone! It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us once again, where has the year gone?

We've had lots of fun decorating our room and getting ready for Christmas. Please look in your child's folder for info on an advent activity that we are working on in class. Star of the Day information was also sent home. Next week, a sign up will be set up with available dates. Our themes this month are Advent, Christmas, outer space and transportation. Next week we will be making Santa binoculars for our Santa hunt on the last day of school in 2017. Maybe we will catch Santa this year??!!

We will also have pajama day on Monday 12/11 and Tuesday 12/12. It will be fun wearing pjs to class and watching a movie during our snack time.

Show 'n' tell will be on Thursday 12/14 and Friday 12/15. Please have your child bring in something Christmas related to share with the class.

This month we will work on the letters J and K, the numbers 1-5, the color red and our shape is the star.

Thank you all for being such wonderful, supportive families to our class and our preschool, we wish you all much peace, joy, and happiness this Christmas Season and always.

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Owl's Nest

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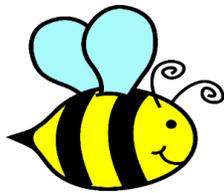
During the month of November, we were busy preparing for our Thanksgiving Friendship Feast. It was great to have everyone together celebrating our blessings.

During the month of December, we will be learning about Advent and Christmas. We will be focusing on letters J, K, the color red, the star shape and 12.

Please be sure to update the "extra clothes" in your child's backpack to be sure that there are winter clothes. Please dress your child for the cold weather (and label all items) as we will try to go outside every day that we can (we plan to go out when it is 35 degrees and higher and not raining). If your child can not put on gloves by themselves, please send them in mittens. We have many children to dress before going outside and it helps to not have to manage the fingers in the gloves.

Our Special Chapel will be December 14th at 9:15am.

We will have a pajama day on December 12th. Please dress your child in comfy pajamas.



BEE HIVE

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Thank you to all of our families for making our November Thanksgiving Feast so wonderful. We all have so much to be thankful for!

December promises to be magical in our classroom! Much of our focus will be on Advent and Christmas. We will learn about letters J & K, the color red, star shape and number 12.

Reminders:

Please update the "Extra clothes" in your child's backpack to ensure they are appropriate for the cold weather. Also, please dress your child for the cold weather with heavier coats, hats, and mittens as appropriate (and label all items) as we will try to go outside every day.

Please be on the lookout for a sign up genius for our January conferences, scheduled to be held on Monday, January 15th.

Our Christmas Special Chapel will be on December 13th at 9:15am. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Merry Christmas! May the joy and peace of the Season be yours.

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Fabulous Friday Frogs

Enrichment Class

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Miller

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! We are very thankful for all of our Frogs and their families!

November was a very busy month and we have some exciting things planned for December. Our theme books this month will be *The Gingerbread Baby*, *The Stable Where Jesus Was Born* and *Bear Stays Up For Christmas*. Have a great holiday!



Chapel and Music

Ms. Heather



"Prepare the way for the Lord!" Isaiah 40:3. We have met several prophets this Fall (Samuel, Daniel and Jonah). We are heading into Advent with the prophet Isaiah's words reminding us that Jesus is the Reason for this exciting season. We are looking forward to memorizing our bible verse, sharing our Christmas songs and SHINE-ing bright!

In Music class, our term of the month is FERMATA. When a fermata  is seen above a note, it indicates that the note is held longer than its typical duration. In class this week, I pretended to be a conductor and attempted to trick the children by holding out different notes.

We are having a great time learning our Christmas songs, another way to prepare for Jesus' birth!

Look forward to seeing everyone at December Special Chapel on December 13th and 14th.

Have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

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