



Presbyterian Preschool News

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Theme Time

January's themes will be Fantasy, Transportation, and Winter! As always, keep an eye on the hallways and front door to see what we're learning.



Dates to Remember

- 📅 **Jan. 13th** – Tuition due
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- 📅 **Feb. 6th** – NO SCHOOL (Mid-Winter Break)
- 📅 **Feb. 10th** – Valentine's Day Party (Zebras)
- 📅 **Feb. 14th** – Valentine's Day Party (Lions & Giraffes)
- 📅 **Feb. 20th** – NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

Snow Days, Play Days!

Snow Van Gogh

Fill squirt and spray bottles with water dyed with food coloring. Mark off a smooth snowy surface, and let your child go to work. When he's finished, "frame" his creation with branches or pine needles.

Flake Catcher

Store a few sheets of black construction paper in the freezer. When snow is falling, give your child a sheet and send her outside to catch some flakes. After she's filled the paper, bring it inside and study the snowflakes with a magnifying glass. Discuss the different patterns.



Snow Sundae

If you're comfortable with the cleanliness of your snow (the cleanest stuff is found just below the top layer), dish up a frosty snack. Mix two tablespoons of milk, 1/4 cup of sugar, and one teaspoon of vanilla with three cups of clean, fresh snow. Top this "ice cream" with whipped cream, syrup, and shredded coconut for the ultimate sundae.

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Snow Days (cont)

Weather Gauge

When the forecast says snow, tape a ruler to the inside of an empty coffee can or plastic container and set it outside in an open space. Measure the level in the can after each snowfall, and empty it when the snow melts. Create a chart with your child to track total snowfall throughout the season.

Snow Detective

Scout out the tracks in snow outside. Can your child figure out who — or what — made the marks? Who in your family has the biggest feet? The most interesting soles? What kinds of animals live in your backyard?

Arctic Architect

If you've got an abundance of snow, go beyond making a simple snowman. How about a fort or castle? A sculpture? Snow furniture? The key is to use slightly wet snow and pack it into dense shapes. Be sure to create thick bases to support higher levels and to use a shovel to pack shapes or snowballs firmly. Create icy blocks with assorted plastic containers, and use sand toys and kitchen implements as snow-design tools.

From

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/seasonal-activities/snow-days-play-days>

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to those with
January birthdays:

Kylah Leisure

Reminders & Announcements

Tuition

December tuition is due on Friday, January 13th. Pre-K tuition is \$80 and the 3-year-old class tuition is \$60. Please make checks payable to **Presbyterian Church**.

Weather Related School Closings

In the event of bad weather (including cold temperatures), we follow the guidelines of Wabash City Schools. If Wabash City Schools is on a 2 hour delay, **we will meet 10am-noon** (drop off at 9:45am). If it is Thursday, Lunch Bunch will still meet and dismiss at 1:30pm. If City Schools is on a 3 hour delay or closed, Presbyterian Preschool will be CLOSED. We will make every attempt to get this information onto the local radio stations 95.9 FM and The Bash (105.9 FM).

Snow Boots & Mittens

As the weather starts to change, many children will begin wearing snow boots to school. Please send a pair of regular shoes to change into once they get to school. The boots are too hot to wear all morning, and can be dangerous on our play equipment. Also, if your child wears mittens or gloves to school, please practice with them to make sure they are able to put them on.

Change of Clothes

Please be sure your child has a complete change of clothes in his/her backpack including socks and underwear. You never know when an accident of any kind will happen! Also, be sure the change of clothes are weather appropriate.

Valentine's Day

In February, we will have our Valentine's Day Parties. Please have your child bring their valentines in a small lunch sack, baggie, or some other small bag. This will make it easier for them to pass their valentines out. More information to come!

Lunch Bunch

We will be having Lunch Bunch against starting January 12th. Lunch Bunch is a social time provided to develop social skills along with independent thinking. If your child is interested in staying, please send a lunch and a drink. The cost for Lunch Bunch is \$5. Sign-up is in the lobby.