



## January Special Events

The following special events will take place in January:

- ❖ **Chapel:** Mrs. Colleen Smith, our preschool Assistant Director, will be our speaker for Chapel on Thursday and Friday, January 5 and 6. She will be reviewing the Creation story in Genesis 1 and 2. Please join us!
- ❖ **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Holiday:** There will be no school on Monday, January 16, due to the holiday.
- ❖ **Pajama Day:** On Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20, the children can wear their pajamas to school. We will do lots of night-time activities. We will also have a private concert from "The Jammies," a children's music group based in Fresno. Their music entertains and educates where they "jam." The concert will take place during our regular school hours.



## A Note from the Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! We look forward to what this new year of 2012 has to bring to our school and to the families and children here at Northside. This is such an exciting time because we start seeing such a vast change in the children's growth here at school. We praise God for each and every child's life that we have the privilege of impacting with God's love.



May you experience God's blessings, guidance, and provision throughout this New Year!

**Cindy Kochevar**  
(Preschool Director)

## January Curriculum

In January, the three-year-old classes will learn about pets, the color white, and the shape of a rectangle. They will continue to work on numeral recognition and counting.

The pre-kindergarten classes will be learning about outer space in January. They will continue to work on alphabet, numeral recognition, and counting skills.

## New Kindermusik & Kids in Motion Classes

Our second session of Kindermusik will begin the week of January 23. Teacher Lynn will sign up those who are interested in the Kindermusik classes on Monday and Thursday, January 9 and 12, at 11:30 a.m. in front of the preschool office.

Our Kids in Motion (Creative Movement class) will continue when we come back from the holidays – the week of January 9. This is an ongoing class and you are welcome to join at any time. Information is available in the preschool office for those who would like to sign up. Both the Kindermusik and Kids in Motion classes are taught on Monday or Thursday from 12:15-1:15 (or depending on interest and enrollment).

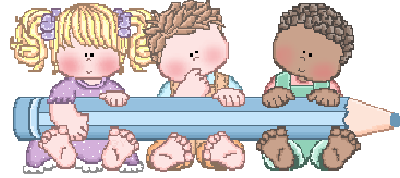
## Looking Ahead to February

The following special events will take place in February:

- ❖ **February Curriculum:** In February, the 3's classes will be learning about community helpers and jobs. If you have a job you would like to share, we would love for you to do so! The 4's classes will be learning about cultures. If you would like to share your family's background and traditions, please let your child's teacher know!
- ❖ **Priority Registration for 2012-2013:** Priority registration will take place from Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Thursday, Feb. 9 for those currently enrolled and church members. More info to come!
- ❖ **Holidays:** There will be no school on Monday, Feb. 13 and 20, due to the Presidents' birthdays.
- ❖ **Valentines' Parties:** Children will share their valentines with classmates at parties scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14 & Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- ❖ **Program Evaluations:** This is a time for parents to evaluate our preschool and let us know how we are doing. They will be sent home on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 16 and 17.
- ❖ **PAC Meeting:** Our next meeting for the Room Parent Advisors will be on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Center, room 109. We will be discussing health & safety issues. All parents are welcome to attend!
- ❖ **Chapel:** February Chapel will take place on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23 and 24 at 9:15 a.m. Pastor Gary Olsby from Northside Christian Church, will be sharing the story of how "Jesus Heals the Paralytic" from Mark 2:1-12. Parents are welcome to attend!
- ❖ **Parent Conferences:** For those of you in the 4's classes who have concerns regarding your child's progress and readiness for Kindergarten, we will be conducting parent conferences at the end of February and beginning of March. Please remember that you are welcome to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher any time during the year if you have questions or concerns.

## Book Orders

The January book orders will be due on Thursday, January 12. Please pay for each individual book order by separate check.



## Lunch Bunch

There will be Lunch Bunch every Tuesday and Wednesday in January, beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## January Tuition Payment

Because the students did not return to school after the Christmas break until Tuesday, January 3, we will extend the tuition payment due date for January's tuition to Friday, January 6. Tuition not postmarked or received in the preschool office by Friday, January 6, will be considered late and a late fee of \$10 will be added to the tuition payment.

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

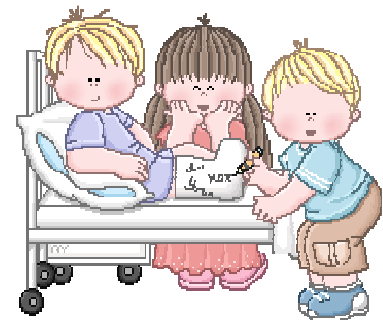
The response to our Christmas Service project this year was overwhelming! Your generosity blessed these families so much! We also collected approximately 120 shoeboxes for the Dakota House children! I would especially like to thank those on our PAC committee for their help and organization for this event. They worked very hard and put in a lot of time and effort to make it run smoothly. Thank you so much for your help and for sharing Christ's love during the holiday season!

## Northside Preschool Health Policy

Thank you for your help in keeping your child home when they are ill. Below is a reminder of Northside's health policy.

Symptoms that should keep a child home include:

- Temperature about 100 degrees
- Vomiting
- Excessive sneezing or coughing
- Difficulty in breathing
- Diarrhea
- Unidentified rash
- Colored discharge from the nose



As a general rule, children may return to school when they have been free of symptoms for **24 hours** or have been on an antibiotic for **24 hours**.

We appreciate your help in regards to keeping our children healthy. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Cindy in the preschool office!



# January 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Happy New Year!	New Year Holiday – No School	Lunch Bunch	Lunch Bunch	Chapel	Chapel	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	Kindermusik and Kids in Motion Sign-Ups	Lunch Bunch	Lunch Bunch Lock-Down Practice	Lock-Down Practice Kindermusik and Kids in Motion Sign-Ups		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	MLK Birthday Holiday – No School	Lunch Bunch	Lunch Bunch	Pajama Day	Pajama Day	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Preschool Board Meeting Kindermusik Kids in Motion	Lunch Bunch	Lunch Bunch	Kindermusik Fire Drill		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
	Kindermusik Kids in Motion	Lunch Bunch				