



# December Newsletter



## Christmas Program

December 2011



words will be sent home so you can help your preschooler learn the words at home too.

more of our preschool families have an opportunity to share these premium seats.

Our Christmas Program will be held on **Tuesday evening December 20th at 7:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary.**

The children will be working on learning their songs during the next month. The songs and

The program will be held in the large church sanctuary so there is plenty of room for aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas to attend too. Please do not save more than 5 seats in the first three rows so that

The doors will open at 6:30 PM. The children are asked to arrive at 6:45 to get prepared for the program. The program is very short, so you don't want to be late or you might miss the action!

### Snack Calendar

✓ Inside this newsletter, you will find the December snack calendar for your child's class. Please check for your student's day for snack and /or Birthday Celebration.

### December Book Orders

✓ The December Scholastic Book Order Forms are inside this Newsletter. If you wish to order books you may order them online or turn them into the preschool office by Friday, December 9, 2011.

## Christmas Parties

We will be having our Christmas parties on the last day of school before the Christmas break for each class. The TTH AM and Pre-K Classes will have their parties on Tuesday, December 20. The MWF AM Class will have their party on December 21.

This year's theme will be Gingerbread

Persons. We will be making and decorating Gingerbread cookies. Hopefully we can keep them from running away before we eat them!

There will be a parent sign-up sheet available in early December for those of you who would like to help. As always siblings

are welcome to attend with an accompanying parent. This will be a lot of fun for all!



### December Tuition

✓ Please remember that tuition is due the first full week of the month. After December 9, 2011, late fees are due with any tuition unless prior arrangements have already been made. Thank You!

# December Academics



We will finish November and the start of December with the letter "Hh". Children are invited to bring something that starts with that letter for sharing on the last day of class each week. Please look around

the house with your child and help him or her identify objects that they can bring to share. The rest of the month we will be spending time learning about Christmas and The Birth of Jesus. Our crafts, songs and stories will reflect Christmas themes.

Our color for the month is red and our shape is the star.

We will also be working hard practicing our Christmas program for all of you.

We will return to our Letter of the Week with "Ii", the first full week in January after the Christmas Break.

Christmas  
Vacation is from  
Dec. 22-Jan. 3.  
We return on  
Jan. 4, 2012!

## Winter Weather Reminders

### Dressing Your Student :

On snowy or cold days, please send your child to school with hats, gloves, a warm coat and boots as necessary. We will go outside unless the temperatures drop below the 30's.

### School Closures

Please remember to turn your radio to KONA Radio 610 AM or the KSD Website to check for school closures in case of freezing rain or snow. We will follow the Kennewick School District in regards

to preschool closures and 1 hour delays. The morning classes will be canceled if the school district calls for a 2-hour delay. There will be no changes for the PM Pre-K Class.

## Who Built the Ark? Last Half

One of our favorite songs to sing at Noah's Ark is "Who Built the Ark" Here are the rest of the verses to complete the song from last month. We sing the Chorus twice between verses.

### Chorus:

Who built the Ark?  
Noah, Noah,  
Who built the ark?  
Brother Noah built the ark.

### Verses:

In came the animals six by six,  
The elephant laughed at the  
monkey's tricks.

In came the animals seven by  
seven,  
Giraffes and the camels looking  
up to heaven.

In came the animals eight by  
eight,

Some was on time and the others  
was late.  
In came the animals nine by nine,  
Some was a laughin' and some  
were cryin'.  
In came the animals ten by ten,  
Time for the voyage to begin.  
Noah said, "Go shut the door,  
The rain's started fallin' and we  
can't take more."



## Favorite Children's Author ~Jan Brett

December is the month for reading lots and lots of books by one of the preschool's favorite authors, Jan Brett. Many of her books, including a new one, "Home For Christmas" are available in the December Scholastic Book Orders.

With over thirty seven million books in print, Jan Brett is one of the nation's foremost author/illustrators of children's books. Jan lives in a seacoast town in Massachusetts, close to where

she grew up. During the summer her family moves to a home in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts.

As a child, Jan Brett decided to be an illustrator and spent many hours reading and drawing. She says, "I remember the special quiet of rainy days when I felt that I could enter the pages of my beautiful picture books. Now I try to recreate that feeling of believing that the imaginary place I'm drawing really exists. The detail in

my work helps to convince me, and I hope others as well, that such places might be real."

You can get coloring pages related to her stories and other fun activities at [www.janbrett.com](http://www.janbrett.com).



The Noah's Ark  
Preschool  
Christmas Program  
Tues, December 20,  
7:00 PM.

### Thank You!

The staff at Noah's Ark want to warmly thank all the parents who helped with the last two Celebrations: The Harvest/Halloween Party and the Thanksgiving Feast Celebration.

We are able to let the children do extra holiday

activities, as well as special cooking opportunities because of the extra help. The children also love to be able to show their parents and siblings what their preschool day looks like. Thank you again!

Teachers,  
Kristy, Cheryl & Megan

### Recycle with Noah's Ark

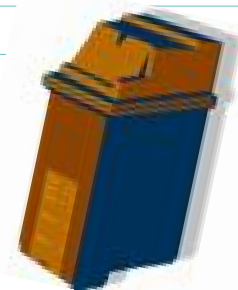
We hope to do some craft projects that will require some "ingredients" from around the house.

- Plastic Lids such as those used for Peanut Butter Containers.
- Plastic Crystal Light Containers.
- Any leftover stickers.

We also collect all used ink cartridges to recycle for credit at Office Product Stores.

These credits are used for things like paper, tape, more ink and glue sticks! Collection baskets are in the church lobby/narthexes.

If you have any of those items hanging around, please be sure to recycle them with us!



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### December Happenings At First Presbyterian Church

As a Noah's Ark family, you are warmly invited to participate in other church activities as well. The following are a few highlights of special interest for young families and parents this month.

**December 11 ~ Family Christmas Celebration: 5:30 PM** Enjoy a Dinner and Children's Program.

**December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Family Service: 5:30 PM** Enjoy a child & parent friendly family service for Christmas.

**December 25 ~ Christmas Service: 10:00 AM**

**January 1 ~ New Year's Service: 10:00 AM**

For more information on any of these or other events call the church office at 582-9537. Or visit the church website at [www.kfpc.org](http://www.kfpc.org)

**Sunday Services are at 8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45AM**

## Taking it Home ~ The Meaning of Christmas & Preschoolers

Christmas can quickly become busy and expensive. It is easy for adults to get confused about the real meaning of Christmas and even more so for young children. Christmas is not about getting what you want, or even about getting what you need. Christmas is about celebrating the birth of a Savior, Jesus Christ, according to the books of Matthew and Luke in the New Testament. We celebrate through giving, just as the Magi gave gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). Below are some ideas for you to do with your preschooler at home to help them understand the true meaning of Christmas.

- Watch the "Charlie Brown Christmas Story" as Linus recites the birth of Jesus in it.
  - Read the Christmas story from a Children's Bible.
  - Have a Happy Birthday Jesus Party.
  - Make cookies or other gifts together to give to your neighbors.
  - Help them select food to donate to a food bank or a toy for other children like Toys for Tots.
  - Role play the Nativity Scene together at home. Simple robes and towels make great costumes.
  - Sing simple carols like "Away in a Manger" or "Silent Night" on a regular basis.
  - Attend a Christmas Eve Worship Service together that is family friendly.
- A few simply and fun activities can help your preschooler to remember that there is much more to Christmas than toys and Santa.

