

# January 2024

## Children's Circle Preschool OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Parent Newsletter



For Kids!

Dear Parents,

As we end one year and begin another, I realize that parenting can be a series of firsts and lasts. We just enjoyed our Christmas pageants before break. For many it was their child's first performance. For others it was the last pageant they will have at CCP as their youngest will "graduate" this spring.

When you have your little one, it seems like you have so much time ahead of you, that it will last forever. (Especially in those early days when you are sleep deprived, haven't had a decent shower for months, and you feel like you are losing your mind!) I remember thinking I would be a full-time, heavily-invested mom forever. In reality, that phase of parenthood only lasts for about 18 years. Suddenly all the firsts- first tooth, first word, first steps, and first day of preschool are just memories. The famous phrase, "The days are long, but the years are short," is really accurate.

It is amazing how quickly it can all go by. Firsts then become lasts- last day of school, last soccer game, and last college tuition payment (not going to lie, that was a nice one!) We are saddened by these lasts, but they do open the door to new firsts. I remember thinking that every stage of childhood with my girls was the best one- the next one could not be as good, but then I was always surprised to see how much there was to enjoy in each stage (even middle school). All those firsts, lasts, stages, and phases were what made my girls the awesome adults they are now.

There will be new and exciting firsts still. I can't wait to see them buy their first houses and cars. One day there might be a first grandchild for Mr. Paul and me (no pressure girls!). Parenthood does not end just because they move out. I love this stage just as much as all the others.

So, celebrate firsts and lasts. Without them, your kiddos (and you) couldn't be the amazing people they are meant to be. May 2024 bring your family many awesome first and memorable lasts.

*Cara*



### 2024-2025 CCP School Year Registration

- **Monday, January 8th**  
Details on how to use your Brightwheel app to register will be sent via email this week.
- **Monday, January 15th**  
Online registration opens @ **6am** for current families.

### Weather Delay/Closures Children's Circle Second Presbyterian

For quick information, check the internet at [Wthr.com](http://Wthr.com).  
A delay means that school will begin at 11a.m.  
Teachers will not call unless building is closed for unrelated reasons.



What's up with that?  
Happy New Year!  
Traditions are something that people do to mark something important and it's passed on from year to year. Every year, on January 1st, the whole world celebrates the New Year!

One New Year tradition is watching the Sparkly ball drop in Times Square, New York City. Lots of people go to see it in person but many more watch it on television.

This tradition started in the year 1908. That's 116 years ago!

Maybe you and your parents can create your own ball to drop on New Year's eve.

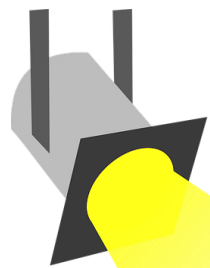
My grandies and I are doing that for the first time! We are hoping to make it a tradition!-Ren

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BB5CJLU0LJ8>

Side note for parents: This New Year's tradition can be celebrated just before the regular bedtime! Wink! Wink!



Happy New Year!



## Music & Movement

# January Spotlight!

## January Bible Time Adventure Jesus Grows Up

Children love to imagine what Jesus was like as a child. They may wonder if Jesus really understands their feelings. Did he ever skin his knee? Was he afraid at night? Although we may not be able to answer these questions, we can assure children that Jesus was a child and that he experienced the same things most children experience—runny noses, teasing, and anxious parents. Yet he always chose to do what was right. The stories this month will help children to see that they can choose to do the right things too.



### Weekly Themes:

Weeks 1 & 2 Snowy Day

Weeks 3 & 4 Winter Animals



Nursery Rhyme: 10 in the Bed!

January (to the tune of Good King Wenceslas)

J-A-N-U-A-R-Y

I love January!

Sledding, skiing, ice skating

Hot chocolate when you're ready!

J-A-N-U-A-R-Y

The first month of the year!

Colder days and snowy fun,

A new year has begun!



### Silly Penguins

I'm a silly penguin

Black and white.

Short and fluffy,

What a sight.

I can't fly, but I love to swim.

So I'll waddle to the water

And dive right in!



### Polar Bear, Polar Bear

Polar bear, polar bear

White as the snow

Sat on the ice, near the cold water's flow

I'm hungry he said

And made a wish.

Then stuck in his paw,

And pulled out a fish.



### Snowflakes Falling (Head & Shoulders)

Snowflakes falling through the air

On my face, on my hair

Even on my teddy bear

It is snowing!

Wear your jacket and your hat

You'll be warm, just like that.

Make a snowman big and fat!

It is snowing!

### Happy Little Snowman

A happy little snowman  
had a carrot nose.

Along came a bunny,  
and what do you suppose?

That hungry little bunny  
was looking for some lunch.

And ate that snowman's carrot nose.

Nibble, nibble, CRUNCH!



### Important Dates!

Fri. Dec. 22 -Jan. 5

January 8

January 15

February 19

Friday, March 29-April 5

Monday-Friday, May 13-17

Christmas Break- Closed

School Resumes

M.L. King Day- Closed

President's Day- Closed

Spring Break - Closed

Last Week of School

## What's Happening at Second Church?

### Sunday Mornings at Second!

- 9am-9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 10am Worship

\*4 year olds through 8th graders begin in Sanctuary with their families. After "The Word with children, they are invited to head to Children's Choir or are welcome to remain for the entire worship service.

- Sunday Morning Care is offered to our younger children.



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