



December Chatter 2018

From the Director's Desk...

As we enter this magical, yet busy holiday season, I would like to say thank you to each of our wonderful AGC families for donating so much. Whether it was much needed supplies for Koinonia, time and/or food for our Thanksgiving Feast or supporting our school through our Holiday Vendor Fair-thank you!

Please do not forget-every child should have warm weather gear for outdoor play, as our classes go outside each day (unless it is raining, snowing or the temperature is below 34 degrees).

Speaking of rain and snow, AGC typically follows FCPS in weather related closings, delayed openings and early dismissals. Please check the FCPS website, watch the tv and check the AGC Facebook page for up to date information.

Our BIG event this month is our Christmas Concert and Luncheon on Thursday, December 14th at 11 am. Ms. Karen and your amazing children have been working hard to prepare a wonderful performance. It is a truly touching sight and I encourage all to attend.

Another exciting event that I am excited about is Holiday Yoga with Ms Faith! Holiday Yoga will be available on a first come, first served basis and open to all potty independent AGC students. Please keep an eye out for more info coming soon!

In January, we will begin registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If your child is in the Lambs, Monkeys or Rainbows, you will be receiving a

registration packet. If you have any younger children that you would like a registration packet for, or you have a child in the Fish Pond or Butterflies and are considering another year of preschool, please let me know. In-house registration will begin on Tuesday, January 22nd. We will then have Open Registration beginning on Friday, February 1st. Please be sure to register your child the week of January 24th if you are interested in returning to All God's Children next year. We greatly appreciate you spreading the word to friends and neighbors about our school. Positive word of mouth is our BEST and most INEXPENSIVE form of advertisement. I will have brochures and registration forms available in my office for you to take to neighbors and friends!

Again, thank you for your generosity and support, it is greatly appreciated. I wish you a joyous holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

December Dates to Remember-

- Dec. 1st-FUMC Parent's Night Out
- Dec. 5th-Red Shirt Day
- Dec. 7th-Class Picture Retakes
- Dec. 7th-Mother Goose Storytime
- Dec. 8th-FUMC Night in Bethlehem 5-7pm
- Dec. 14th-Pizza Day/Christmas Shirt Day
- Dec. 19th-CFA Day
- Dec. 20th-Christmas Program @11
- Dec. 21st-Jan. 8th-NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break

The Fish Pond-Ms Bernadette and Ms Faith

“She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth.” Luke 2:7

Merry Christmas Fish Pond families! Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday we were welcoming your little ones into class and now it's already time to celebrate our Savior's birth.

“Christmas and Angels Among Us” are our themes of the month and “red” is our color.



This month we will prepare for Christmas and learn the meaning of this joyous and blessed event. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus by reading stories, making crafts, and engaging in fun activities.

We look forward to hearing the children sing beautiful Christmas songs that reflect the holiday spirit. We pray that in the hustle and bustle of the holidays, you may find special time with your family to enjoy and celebrate the holiness of the season

A Blessed Christmas to your families and enjoy the holiday break!

The Butterfly Class-Ms Michele and Ms Preeti

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The month of December is a magical time for all our little Butterflies. We hope to teach them about the wonderful season of giving with the birth

of Jesus. Our curriculum theme is Christmas and Angels among us and the Bible verse is “She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth” Luke 2:7 We will include candy cane, Rodolph, Christmas trees and more to our fun this month. Even our play dough smells like cinnamon☺. Be emotionally prepared for your child's keepsake gift this year! Our number and letter of the month will be 7 and Gg. We continue to work daily on writing our names, letter recognition,

word building and sounds. Math skills are emerging in counting, working with the abacus, games and patterns. We forge ahead with our small motor skills through coloring, cutting and arts and crafts. And oh boy, aren't we getting better at it?

We will have a book exchange on the 19th!!! You will find the details in our class newsletter that is coming soon.

Before we sing happy birthday to Jesus we will sing an out loud happy birthday to Miss Preeti as she turns 5 this month.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

The Rainbow Class-Ms Sharon and Ms Suzanne

“I am bringing you good news of great joy,” Luke 2:10

What a wonderful season we are entering! The magic and beauty of Christmas is in the air, and none more so than with our little ones. The Rainbows will decorate our bulletin boards showing our preparation for the birth of Jesus. What would we give Baby Jesus for His birthday? Our Rainbows will tell us!

This month we will learn about the letters Kk, Ll, and Mm and Nn and make art with stars and diamonds. We will begin practicing writing our names in our name books



and begin to trace and write our names. We will also make some Christmas surprises and some ornaments that will make tasty treats for our bird friends. Every day we will learn something new about the birth of Jesus when we turn an "ornament" over on our Christmas Story Tree. Baby Jesus is not the only one to celebrate a birthday this month. Miss Suzanne will ring in the new year celebrating her birthday Dec. 31!

The Monkey Class-Ms Heera, Ms Laurence and Ms Elaine

“Glory to God in highest heaven” Luke 2:14

November just flew by, and what a busy month the Monkeys had. The Monkeys are doing great in music class and working hard to learn their Christmas music. Ms. Karen tells me all the time that the Monkeys are doing great. I just love hearing from the kids that they are excited to go to music and story time.

Monkey Christmas!



They also love visiting chapel. Not only do our little Monkeys love our specials each week, they also love playing outside on the playground, in the stage room and in our classroom. They continue to grow each week as they transition from playing around each other, to playing with each other, helping each other and learning to communicate their feelings and emotions and, of course, learning to share.

What a blessing our Thanksgiving lunch was! The Monkeys loved coming into chapel and seeing their parents! The food was great, the room was decorated so beautifully, and I enjoyed seeing all our classes coming together to fellowship with one another. Thank you so much to every one of you for all you did to help make the day so special.

The Lambs-Ms Jessie and Ms Dani

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We had so much fun in November with leaves and Fall. We picked them up outside, we painted some, made trees with leaves falling off, made “stained glass” ones and we talked about what we are thankful for and wrote our thoughts on paper leaves. We are so thankful for our wonderful Lambs and their families and enjoyed our Thanksgiving celebration before our break. Our Lambs also enjoyed making their Native American head bands and Turkeys. We finished last month making our very own books, about Fall changes. Our children are having so much fun sharing their book with their classmates at circle time.



We are now hard at work with our many activities in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. Our classroom door is decorated and bears each Lambs name (most of our children can now recognize each other's names!) There will be many “hush” projects going on in the Lambs class as our children begin to make their very own Christmas gifts for you (these gifts bring joy for many, many years to come for all of us parents). In addition to reading fun books about Christmas, we are reading about the birth of baby Jesus at circle time each day. Our Lambs are working very hard on learning the songs and signs for our Christmas Program which will be held on Thursday, December 20th at 11:00am. We are so proud of them!

Finally, we will begin the month of December with a birthday celebration as Emma turns three on the 4th, happy birthday to our sweet new Lamb!

We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Happy Birthday to our December babies!

Emma on the 4th

Bradley on the 19th



Music Class and Storytime-Ms Karen

I hope you all had a memorable Thanksgiving. In music class, we continue to practice for the All God's Children Christmas Program (Thursday, December 20th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary). For this year's program, Christ The King, all classes are learning "The Savior Of The World" (SonTreasure), "What Child Is This?" (Countdown Kids Christmas), and "Mary's Boy Child" (Countdown Kids Christmas). The lyrics are printed below and you are encouraged to go over them with your child at home, if possible.

In December, we'll turn up our holiday mood by playing drums to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" (Brenda Lee) and playing bells to "Jingle Bell Rock" (Bobby Helms). We'll prance like reindeer to "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" (Gene Autry). We'll dance to "Frosty the Snowman" (The Beach Boys). Then we'll play triangles to "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas" (Burl Ives). Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In December at Storytime, I will read books about Soup and Christmas. I'm glad to be sharing my love of music and books with your children! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at markarenin@gmail.com. —Miss Karen

The Savior Of The World

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Come On Gabriel And Go Tell
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What Child Is This?

What Child Is This, Who Laid To
Rest
On Mary's Lap Is Sleeping?
Whom Angels Greet With
Anthems Sweet
While Shepherds Watch Are
Keeping?
This, This Is Christ The King
Whom Shepherds Guard And
Angels Sing

Haste, Haste, To Bring Him Laud
The Babe, The Son Of Mary

So Bring Him Incense, Gold, And
Myrrh
Come Peasant, King To Own Him
The King Of Kings Salvation Brings
Let Loving Hearts Enthroned Him
Raise, Raise A Song On High
The Virgin Sings Her Lullaby
Joy, Joy For Christ Is Born
The Babe, The Son Of Mary

Mary's Boy Child

VERSE 1
Long Time Ago In Bethlehem
So The Holy Bible Say
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ
Was Born On Christmas Day

CHORUS

Hark, Now Hear The Angels Sing
New King Born Today
And Man Shall Live Forevermore
Because Of Christmas Day

VERSE 2

While Shepherds Watched Their
Flock By Night
They Saw A Bright New Shining
Star

And Then They Heard A Choir
Sing
The Music Seemed To Come From
Afar

CHORUS
Hark, Now Hear The Angels Sing
New King Born Today

And Man Shall Live Forevermore
Because Of Christmas Day

VERSE 1 REPEAT
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Experience
A Night in Bethlehem
Sat., Dec. 8; 5–7 pm



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