

CHAMBLEE METHODIST KINDERGARTEN

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Dear Parents,

It is December! Our classrooms will begin to be full with Christmas spirit, stories, art and music that will focus on this wonderful season. We will have fun talking about Rudolph and Santa, but we'll emphasize the true story of God's love for us as shown through the birth of His Son, Jesus. We will also participate in the joy of giving to others during this season by bringing to Chapel a small gift for a needy child. This is done instead of exchanging gifts among students. These special gifts will be given to Cross Cultural Ministries for distribution to children in the Chamblee-Doraville area. More information about this is detailed later in this newsletter. We hope, too, this will be a meaningful and happy experience for the children. Also, during our Chapel service on Thursday, December 12th our Kindergarten students will perform a special program called "This is The Stable."

While this is a very busy season for us all, I pray that each of our Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten families will find time in the hustle and bustle to experience the wonder of Christmas through special times with family and friends. On behalf of the entire staff we wish for the joy and love of the Christmas season to dwell in your hearts now and throughout the coming year!

With Gratitude,

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 4	Chapel 9:15 am, Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate
Thursday, December 5	School closes at NOON for staff Christmas luncheon (NO LUNCH BUNCH, NO Art enrichment, Kindergarten dismissed at noon)
Monday, December 9	Last Playball class for the semester
Tuesday, December 10	Last Cooking class for the semester
Tuesday, December 10	Last Amazing Athletes class for the semester
Wednesday, December 11	Last Game Day and Ballet (Wed class)for the semester
Thursday, December 12	Last Science and Art class for the semester
Thursday, December 12	Chapel 9:15 am, Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate
Saturday, December 14	CFUMC Breakfast with Santa – Fellowship Hall, 8:30 -11:30am
Sunday, December 15	CFUMC Live Nativity, outside on the front lawn, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 17	School closes at NOON - Christmas break(NO LUNCH BUNCH)
Monday, January 6	School re-opens
Monday, January 13	Parent Meeting for more about PreK at CMK; 9:15am
Tuesday, January 14	Parent Meeting for more about Kindergarten at CMK; 9:15 am
Thursday, January 16	Chapel 9:15 AM
Monday, January 20	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Thursday, January 23 - 30	Registration for Church families, current CMK and PMO families
Monday, January 27	David Ginn Magic Show, 10:30am
Tuesday, January 28	Registration open for Alumni CMK families
Wednesday, January 29	Chapel – 9:15 AM
Thursday, January 30	Registration open for all new families

ENRICHMENT CLASSES FOR NEXT SEMESTER

If your child is currently enrolled in an enrichment class but will not be continuing after December, please let the instructor know now so spots can be filled by other students if available. It's also very helpful to let the CMK office know, so please email Mellie at makeefe@chambleeumc.org if your child is not going to continue with enrichment.

Space is available in some enrichment classes: Ballet on Wednesdays (1:00 for 3 – PreK), Amazing Athletes (Tuesdays at noon), Play Ball (Mondays at noon), Cooking (Tuesdays at 1:00) and a few spots for Game Day with Ms. Dee (Wednesdays at 1:00.)

CFUMC FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks for your generous outpouring of food donations at our November Chapel services. With your help, the church congregation made Thanksgiving baskets for people in the community. We try to let the children know that this type of giving demonstrates our love for Jesus: "I assure you, when you did it for one of the least of these, you were doing it for me" (Matt. 25:40).

CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRIES

Our CMK children are invited to bring one or more unwrapped items to Chapel in December for children enrolled in the after-school program of Cross Cultural Ministries (PreK – 5th grade.) Suggested items are:

- games -(CandyLand or Chutes and Ladders)
- toys - baby dolls (12"-18"), doll stroller, cradles for baby dolls, tea sets (plastic or tin for 4), balls (soccer – size 3,4,5), basketball, baseball glove/balls, cars & trucks (6" to 12" size), Legos, Megablocks, stuffed animals, and plastic animals (especially dinosaurs)
- books -("Ready to Read" books (level 1-3)at the School Box Store or early reader books
- arts and crafts - crayons & coloring books, watercolor paint sets, colored pencils, markers, simple craft sets (beads, planes, etc.) for age 5-8
- other - fleece throw or blanket, gloves, scarves

Thank you for helping us make Christmastime special for others. Please know that no one is required to participate in this project; we understand that your family may be choosing to honor the season in another way or could be helping with projects at many different schools and churches.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Breakfast with Santa, December 14

Santa is visiting Chamblee First on Saturday, December 14! Come enjoy a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 am -11:30 am and be sure to tell Santa what you would like for Christmas. Breakfast is free, but donations are welcome. Kristin Boyer will be there to take pictures, but you can also bring your own camera. Be sure to find Mrs. O'Keefe and say Hi!

Live Nativity - We invite you to join us for our Live Nativity on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm on the front lawn of the church. This wonderful Christmas experience features live characters, live animals and beautiful Christmas music. Afterwards come inside to enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies. Be sure to find Mrs. O'Keefe and say Hi. If your child wants to participate in this special program, contact Mellie at mokeefe@bellsouth.net for more info.

REGISTRATION FOR '20-'21 SCHOOL YEAR

A few parents have already asked about registration for next year, so we want to let you know that registration for current families will begin on **Thursday, January 23**. You'll have about a week or so to register before we open registration to the public on **January 30**. ALL currently enrolled PMO students, 2s, and 3s are guaranteed a spot in the program if you register before January 30. If we have more rising kindergarten students than openings, we will assign spots based on several factors like church membership and the length of time the family has been at CMK. More details on registration will be available later; we just want you to have the dates now.

INFORMATION MEETINGS ABOUT PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN AT CMK

We will have two special one-hour meetings in January for all parents (both current and new) who want more information about our PreK classes and our Kindergarten class. The information meeting to learn more about PreK will be on **Monday, January 13** at 9:15 am. The information meeting to learn more about Kindergarten will be on **Tuesday, January 14** at 9:15 am. Please mark your calendars now since these meetings will happen shortly after school re-opens in January. Also, feel free to invite neighbors and friends who may be interested in our private faith-based school for PreK and Kindergarten. Our small class size and low student-teacher ratio are great benefits of our program.

If you do not have a rising pre-k or kindergarten student but wish to attend either of these meetings to get an early idea of what to expect in the future, you are more than welcome! Even if you feel certain of your choices at this point, we strongly encourage you to attend one of these meetings so that you will be completely knowledgeable about what CMK has to offer your student.

MUSIC CLASS with Mrs. Weaver

Tic Toc

Tic Toc Tic Toc Goes the Big Clock
Tic Toc Tic Toc Night and Day
Tic Toc Tic Toc Goes the Big Clock
God Watches Over Us Night And Day

Wiggle Praise

I Wiggle and I Wiggle and I Praise the Lord
I Wiggle and I Wiggle and I Praise the Lord
I Wiggle and I Wiggle and I Praise the Lord
Sing Hallelujah!
(I clap... I jump...I whisper...)



Welcome Song

Welcome, Willkommen, Bienvenidos
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Welcome all our friends to music class.

Shukaru (a Thank You song in Arabic)
Shukaru, Shukaru Jesu (x4)

Leaves Are Falling Down
Leaves are falling do-own
Leaves are falling do-own
Leaves are falling down to the ground
It's fall. (jump) Crunch!



An Advent Prayer

Gracious God.....

Prepare our hearts for your coming. Quiet the stirrings within.

Calm the business without. Renew us with Your Spirit.

We are ready, Lord ----- ready for Christmas.

Ready to hear the cries of a needy neighbor;

Ready to extend our hands to a fallen brother;

Ready to sit with a hurting friend;

Ready to comfort a grieving child;

Ready to reach out to someone who is lonesome;

Ready for You.

With open hearts, we receive the Christ Child into our lives today.

Amen.