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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that January has come to an end and we are already at the beginning of February. The children have had great fun learning about hibernation, bears, penguins and snowmen. In chapel we learned that God is our comforter by reading 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 and by illustrating how to comfort (a band-aid for a boo boo and snuggling a crying baby) and that God made each of us unique and special, just like snowflakes (Isaiah 64:8.) Feel free to continue these themes at home during family time.

As we begin February, the month of celebrating Valentine's Day, I am sure you will begin to hear about love and hearts. We want to encourage you to continue this theme of "February – The Month of Kindness" at home. We will be talking about this in some of our classes too. We will also celebrate Dental Health month and Presidents' Day.

Lastly, we hope you can join us for Open House on February 11. This night is designed to give you an opportunity to see the classroom, meet the parents of classmates and have your child show you special things they like to do in the classroom. We ask that you allow the teachers to float among all the families instead of trying to have an individual conference. We are starting early so that your family can get back home for a family dinner together and nighttime routine. Again, thank you so much for all your support of our teachers and our program. We hope you can join us at Open House.

With Gratitude,

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, February 3	Vision screening for ages 3, 4, 5
Thursday, February 6	Kindergarten class visits the Puppetry Arts Center
Thursday, February 6	Staff Meeting; school closes at Noon for all students except Kindergarten (field trip) and Art Enrichment
Monday, February 10	Dental Health Month; Dr. Bill Jamieson (dentist) will visit
Tuesday, February 11	Evening open house for current families; 5pm – 6:15pm
Wed. and Thurs, Feb. 12-13	Valentine's Day parties
Thursday, February 13	Chapel 9:15
Friday, February 14	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day weekend)
Monday, February 17	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day weekend)
Friday, February 21	Dental Health month; Dr. Remigailo (dentist) will visit
Wednesday, February 26	Chapel 9:15; Ash Wednesday; Ashes available after chapel
Wednesday, March 11	Chapel 9:15
Thursday, March 12	NO SCHOOL for teacher workday (PMO meets as usual)
Friday, March 13	NO SCHOOL (DeKalb schools closed)
Thursday, March 26	Chapel 9:15; K class visits Ga. Aquarium
Saturday, March 28	CFUMC Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am, front lawn
Mon – Fri, April 6 – 10	NO SCHOOL (spring break)
Wednesday, April 15	Chapel 9:15
Thursday, April 16	Staff meeting -- NO LUNCH BUNCH
Friday, April 17	Tuition Deposit DUE – Kindergarten class
Wednesday, April 30	Chapel 9:15

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Last week we held registration and all classes are full as of this writing! We greatly appreciate those of you who have recommended our program to others, since almost all of our new families came for a tour because of a parent recommendation. If you have questions about your child's registration, please let Mellie know. And, of course, if you decide not to return to CMK next year please notify Mellie right away so that we may contact someone on our waiting list.

SUMMER CAMP

Join us for summer camp this summer! Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten will have summer camp for children who will be 3 by 9/1/20 through rising 1st graders. Each week is filled with a variety of fun activities and staffed by CMK teachers. Camp dates are June 15 – 18 and June 22 - 25 from 9:00 – 1:00. Snacks will be provided and each child will bring a lunch from home. Registration will begin in late spring.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School at Chamblee First UMC will be June 8-12 from 9 -12 for children ages kindergarten – 5th grade. More information can be found on the church website in the coming weeks.

OPEN HOUSE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We hope you can join us for Open House during the evening of February 11. All activities will take place in the child's classroom. The schedule will be:

5:00 – 5:30 – 2 and 2 ½ year old classes	5:45 – 6:15 – 3 year old classes
5:30 – 6:00 -- 4 year old PreK classes	5:30 – 6:00 – 5 year old Kindergarten class

PARENT INFORMATION

Taken from <https://simpleplayideas.com/> this is an experiment to be done inside on days that the weather may prohibit outside play time. This is just one idea to explore with the sense of hearing. Check out the website for other indoor activity ideas.

BY: ADMIN

DO YOU HEAR THAT? – EXPERIMENT WITH SOUND

The raindrops on the windows during a recent storm inspired us to experiment with sounds. I got out our play bag of raw beans, and we gathered various containers to see the differences in sound created when the beans hit each material.



Looking around the kitchen for containers was a **fun way to get my 4 year old into the project**. We gathered a metal can, a paper cup, a glass jar, my son's favorite plastic cup, and a ceramic bowl.

SETTING UP THE EXPERIMENT We used raw black beans because I keep a bag of them handy for our activities, but **any small hard object would work** – rice, pasta, split peas, even cereal. Next time we might use different types of objects to see the contrasting noise. Or different colored beans to make it pretty.

OUR SOUND EXPERIMENT I poured the beans into a glass cup measure and my son went to town pouring the beans into each container. He liked the metal can the best (it was the loudest.) Have fun with sound!