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# Good Shepherd Day School Newsletter

## Director's Corner

*Happy Holidays! Mark your calendar for all the special events that will take place this month!*

### Thanksgiving Baskets

A special thanks for your contributions to our Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to bless two families with a Thanksgiving gift!

### Holiday Happenings

Our "Tree for Warmth" will be up December 1-22. We would like for each child to bring socks, hats, scarves, mittens, or gloves to hang on the tree. The items should be sized for children ages 0-5. Your donation will help keep a child warm this winter.

The Day School Christmas tree will be lit during breakfast on December 10th. Each child will hang ornaments on the tree. If you would like to be part of the decorating fun, please talk with your child's teacher.

Our annual Christmas program will be held at

10:00 a.m. on December 18th. The program will be held in the church this year, and you and your family are invited to share this special time with us.

The Day School Christmas party will be held on December 19th. Sign up sheets for goodies will be posted outside each classroom door. The party will be held during afternoon snack time.

### Holiday Planning

As the holiday season approaches, please let us know your child care needs for the week of Christmas. A sign up sheet will be posted outside each classroom door. This information will help us plan and provide proper staffing during the holidays.

### Updated Immunizations

Please remember that we are required to have up-to-date immuniza-

tion records on file. Ask your child's doctor for an updated printout after each round of immunizations.

### Annual Activity Fee

Please remember that the yearly activity fee will be drafted along with your January payment. The fee is \$75 for one child and \$125 for two children.

### Volunteer Thank You

Special thanks to the parents who came out on Saturday, November 29th to help with our Parent Volunteer Day. We couldn't do it without your help!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped type the newsletter this year! If you would like to help with the newsletter in 2009, be on the lookout for a new sign-up sheet outside the office door.

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### Holiday Blessings

I would like to thank each of you for helping make 2008 a great year! I wish your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza and/or Happy Holiday Celebration. Have a safe and enjoyable season!



# Classroom Happenings

## Caterpillars

We can hardly believe that it is December! We are looking forward to this month. We enjoyed the snow last month, but we hope to see more – especially on Christmas Day! We have some exciting events going on this month. Our annual Christmas program is set for Thursday, December 18th, at 10:00 am. Our babies will wear angel costumes and will sing – with a little help, of course!

The Caterpillars would like to welcome Mylee Pulley. Mylee is the daughter of Erin Street and Kellie Pulley. Mylee's brother, Kaiden, is a Butterfly in Ms. Vanessa's room.

The Caterpillars are working hard on all their developmental skills everyday. Ward and Avery are learning to use their large muscles by sitting up and moving on their stomachs. Frenchy Lee is officially walking now, and Mylee is swatting at hanging objects. We are reading and enjoying our books each day.

Please remember to send warm clothes and a hat to wear when we go outside. I wish all my babies and their families a very Merry Christmas!

*Ms. Ann*

## Butterflies

December has dashed into the air again. Our theme for the month is "Christmas around the world." We will discuss how different cultures celebrate Christmas. The Butterflies will continue to work on motor skills each day. There will be lots of coloring, painting, and gluing. We will also read books, sing songs, and listen to music related to this month's theme.

Good Shepherd has a lot of activities during December. We will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for children ages 0-5 (on tree outside office). We will light the Christmas tree downstairs on December 10th, and each child will get to hang two ornaments. Our annual Christmas program will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18th. Our class will be dressed in costumes and will sing two songs. We will round out the month's fun with a Christmas Party in our classroom on Friday, December 19th. Please schedule time to join us on whichever occasion fits your schedule.

Please remember to dress your child according to the weather since outside play is one of our daily activities.

Thanks so very much to all of my parents for attending the Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, thank you for all of your love and support here at Good Shepherd. If there are any suggestions or ideas for the classroom, feel free to share them. Lastly, please help me give a great big welcome to Kaiden Pulley. Kaiden is the son of Erin Street and Kellie Pulley. Welcome, Kaiden!

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!

*Ms. Vanessa*



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# Classroom Happenings—Continued

## Fireflies

Our theme for the month of December is Children Around the World. We will talk about how children in other countries live. We will be showing pictures of children in other countries around the world. We will also use our “Tree for Warmth” to talk about how children can help other children who do not have much by sharing. Our tree will be available for sharing from December 1 through December 22. Items such as socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens can be hung on the tree located outside the office.

Our tree lighting will be December 10th, and each child will hang two ornaments that they make during art time. Our Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the church. I will let you know what the children need to wear and what they will be singing. Our Christmas Party will be Friday, December 19th at 3:00 p.m. in our classroom.

We want to welcome Christopher Bardowell to our classroom. Christopher is the son of Melody and Danny Bardowell. We also have to say goodbye to Lachlan Vester. Lachlan recently joined Ms. Yvonne and the Grasshoppers. He will be missed very much, but we know he will be happy to rejoin his other friends.

*Ms. Sandra*

## Grasshoppers

Wow! Christmas is almost here, and we are looking forward to all the fun activities and goodies that take place in the month of December. This month we will focus on Children Around the World, Holiday Traditions, Holiday Wishes, and Giving and Sharing. Our projects will include Christmas tree handprints, making a gingerbread house, and Christmas cards.

The Christmas program will be Thursday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the church. We will be lighting our Christmas tree during breakfast on December 10th. Our classroom Christmas party will be Friday, December 19th, at 3:00 p.m.

With this season comes cold weather. Please do not forget to bring a hat, gloves/mittens, and a warm coat for outside play.

Merry Christmas!

*Ms. Yvonne*

## Bumblebees

This year has really zoomed by! For the month of December, we will talk about Children Around the World. Each week we will talk about the different ways Christmas is celebrated in other countries. Please share any books or ideas you may have to enhance our learning experience this month.

There are so many things going on in the month of December. Our “Tree for Warmth” will be up from December 1 through December 22 outside the Day School office. We are asking each child to bring socks, hats, scarves, or gloves/mittens for children ages 0-5.



Dreaming of  
holiday goodies . . .

# Classroom Happenings—Continued

## Bumblebees—Continued

Our annual Christmas program will be Thursday, December 18th, at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Our classroom Christmas party will be Friday, December 19th, at 3:00 pm. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

Thanks so much to all my parents who helped make our Thanksgiving lunch a success. Have a Merry Christmas!

*Ms. Angela*

## Blue Jays/Red Robins

December is full of fun things for our classroom. Our topic is “Children Around the World.” We will discuss some customs and traditions of different lands.

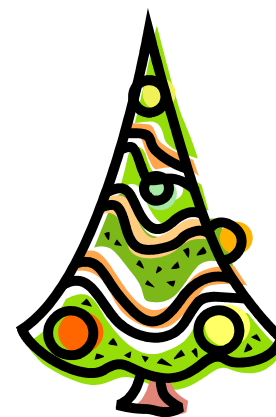
Thank you for attending our Thanksgiving lunch.

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Thank you for your support! Merry Christmas!

*Ms. Mary*



## DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tree for Warmth Begins	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Tree Lighting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Christmas Program 10:00	19 Christmas Party 3:00	20
21	22 Tree for Warmth Ends	23	24 Day School Closed	25 Day School Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 Day School Closed	2	3