



BCP News & Notes

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“A quality Christian preschool education for the Bally Community and beyond.”

A Note from Mrs. Roma

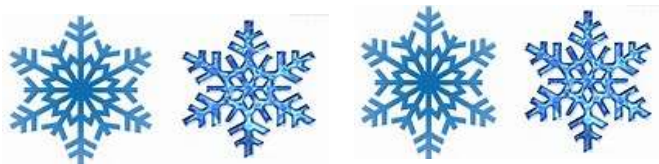
Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are half way through the school year. January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. This month we'll be talking about snow, ice, soup, winter animals and hibernation. Our Author of the Month is Karma Wilson who writes an adorable series of books about Bear and his friends. Kevin Crilley from Montgomery County Park will visit at the end of the month to teach us how animals adapt in winter.

Each week our class is learning a new shape. The students are excited about Shape Show & Tell each Thursday. Thank you for your help with this project - some shapes can be a challenge to find. We are also working on a shape book.

During the month of February, we will be learning about groundhogs, shadows, mailing letters and healthy teeth. We'll exchange valentines and wear our pajamas to school for Pajama Day. Information about exchanging valentines will be coming home soon.

In March we will learn about bears, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and celebrate the first day of spring with a teddy bear picnic.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and support. Mark your calendars for our spring conferences in March. Mrs. LaSalle and I love working with your children!



Open House & 2024-25 Registration

Open House for new students will be held on Wednesday, January 24 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. We will begin accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year on February 1. A spot will be held for current students and their siblings until March 1. Applications are available on the preschool website. We appreciate getting your registrations early. Spread the word!

Redner's Receipts may be turned in at any time. The preschool receives 1% of the total.

Dates to Remember

- ~Monday, January 15 - Preschool Closed
- ~Wednesday, January 24 - Open House
- ~January 25 & 26 - Winter Animal Program
- ~January 25 & 26 Winter Play & Learn Classes Begin
- ~Thursday, February 1 - Preschool Registration Begins
- ~Sunday, February 4 - Cookie Decorating 4:00 - 5:00
- ~Monday, February 19 - Preschool Closed
- ~Saturday, February 17 - 16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser **More Information Below**
- ~Friday, March 1 - Open Registration for the community begins
- ~Week of March 11 - Spring Conferences
- ~March 14 & 15 Winter Play & Learn Classes End
- ~March 28 – April 1 - Easter Vacation



16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, February 17, 4:30 – 7:00 PM

These dinners are a lot of fun and have been a very successful way to support our school. The evening will include a delicious meal (takeout is available), homemade desserts, a slide show of our preschool and time to visit the classrooms. Please plan to attend and invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us. The event is organized by the BCP Board of Directors and Glenn and Sharon Bechtel. We are counting on the help of preschool parents and church members to set up, serve, clean up and bake. We look forward to working with you!

Four-Year-Old Class - Mrs. Gehman

The four-year-old class returned from Thanksgiving vacation excited for Christmas. We made a gingerbread man for letter G and a Christmas countdown chain so we could keep track of how many days until Christmas.

Other December projects were a Christmas stocking, Christmas Counting Book, candy cane, luminary and an angel. We concluded our last day of school before Christmas vacation with balloons and singing Happy Birthday to Jesus. A highlight of the month was the 10 items of Christmas Show and Tell.

In January we began with the letter Y, made New Year's headbands and a months of the year game. Next, we made ice cream cones for letter I week, talked about snowflakes being ice crystals and took a trip to an Italian restaurant. Thank you to Joseph's family for opening up their restaurant to us!

We will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a story, a song and talk about being kind to others. We'll learn about quails for Q week. That same week we will make soup bowls and collect cans of soup for those less

fortunate than us. Next we will make muffins and mice for letter M week. Kevin Crilley will visit and share his expertise about nature with us! For letter D we'll make dinosaurs and Mark Hager will share his awesome dinosaur collection. It always amazes me some of the fossils are from a dinosaur that lived in our area!

In the first full week of February, we will learn about the mail and make valentines for letter V. Then we will talk about love and make an I Love You project for letter L. We will make xylophones for letter X week and complete a very busy February by making buttermilk biscuits and a bear project during letter B week. Jill Haldeman will also visit for Dental Health Month and teach us how to keep our teeth healthy.

The children are very happy to be in school with their friends, making projects, doing activities to enrich their learning, singing and asking great questions. Mrs. LaSalle and I are impressed with the way they are being good friends and care for each other.

Music Class - Mrs. Roma

During the month of December we had fun singing Christmas songs and ringing jingle bells. Currently we're singing songs about winter, snow and soup. The children love to clap, stomp, jump and dance along with some of our favorite movement songs.

Over the next two months we will be exploring different instrument families including percussion, strings, woodwinds, brass and keyboards. It will be fun to see, hear and try out some instruments.



Spanish Class - Mrs. Gehman

In December we completed a unit on formas (shapes). We made a Christmas project using formas and played a shape finding game. We sang songs about Christmas - Niño Lindo, Árbol de la Navidad and Feliz Navidad. We also read The Legend of the Poinsettia (from Mexico) and made a poinsettia.

The new year began with a unit on numeros. The children will learn numeros 1-10. We will sing songs, play games and listen to stories to reinforce learning. We are learning winter songs such as Muñeca de Nieve (snowman) and Cuando Tengas Mucho Frío (When You Are Very Cold). The next unit will be La Cara (the face). What a privilege it is to teach the children Spanish!



Winter Weather

Please note BCP follows Boyertown Area School District in the event of inclement weather. If BASD is closed, preschool will be closed. If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, we will have classes from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Lunch Bunch will be held from 12:00 - 1:00 if there is a two-hour delay on a Wednesday. Please be sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. We try to take the children out for a short time each day. Also make sure your child's change of clothing in their backpack is appropriate for the season.

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