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A note from the Director.

It is hard to believe that it is nearly December! We have had so much fun learning and growing this fall. Thanks so much to everyone that joined us for Family Literacy Night and our Thanksgiving program. We had so much fun! Thank you for partnering with us.

As we look towards Christmas, our students will be learning about Jesus' birth, practicing for our program, and working on a special gift for you! It will be a fun and exciting month!

Thanks for being on this journey together with us.

Pam French, Director





for PRE-K only (Preschool will join us in January)

We are going to have so much fun at "Snow Much Fun" December Lunch Bunch! Pre-K are encouraged to sign up for this great opportunity to eat a packed lunch with their classmates. The children will be playing games, doing a craft, getting extra playground time, and watching a short educational video.

We look forward to sharing the afternoon with you! Sign up at the link below by noon on December 4th.

Click Here to Sign-Up



Our Christmas parties will be:

<u>Wed. Dec. 20</u> – 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Blue Birds, Green Frogs 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Brown Bears, Orange Tigers 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Yellow Ducks, Black Penguins

<u>Thurs, Dec. 21</u> -9:00 am - 10:00 am - Purple Dinos, Gray Squirrels 10:00 am - 11:00 am -White Bunnies, Orange Fish 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Green Turtles, Red Ladybugs, and Blue Dolphins



For our Christmas parties, we want the children to have the joy of giving a gift to a special person in their class. We talk a lot about how God gave us the gift of Jesus at Christmas and how we can give gifts to be like Him. We also emphasize the manners and etiquette of giftgiving. This will give them a chance to practice gift-giving before your Christmas get-togethers. Please talk to your child about what kind of

gift their friend might like and then take your child to get the gift. (Please do not spend any more than \$5.00 on a gift. Dollar Store gifts are just fine.) We ask that if you have a boy please buy a gift for a boy. If you have a girl, please buy a gift for a girl. When you wrap the gift, please put a tag on the outside of the package with your child's name and "boy" or "girl".

On the day of their party, your child should come at the regular time (8:30 am) and bring the gift they are giving to their friend. Parents are invited to join us for their child's time outlined above for a short Christmas program, our gift exchange, and snack. Your child is also excited to give YOU a special gift they will make in December. This should last one hour. If you cannot make it to the program, you may pick up your child at the regular time.



form, \$50 registration fee <u>as well as</u> September's tuition are received by the office. (See the website for 2024-2025 tuition cost) Completed registration forms and fees should be turned in



by <u>January 31, 2024</u>, in order to reserve your child's space before registration opens to the public on February 1, 2024. Positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis when the registration form and fee have been <u>received</u> in the office.



If you are looking for a way to bless the children at Mountainside, consider purchasing an educational toy from our wishlist. After the holidays, Mrs. French will open the gifts in front of the students and they will get to play with them during the school year. This is a wonderful way to give to the children at Mountainside for years to come.

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CRAYONS BELONG IN CHILDREN'S HANDS, NOT LANDFILLS. DONATE YOUR USED AND UNWANTED CRAYONS TO KIDS IN NEED!

We are proud to partner with The Crayon Initiative, a unique charitable organization that recycles crayons and distributes them to children's hospitals, brightening the lives of young patients while reducing environmental waste. You can support this great cause by having your child bring broken crayons from home to school. I will be introducing this to children at the beginning of November and **We will be collecting used crayons through the end of the year.** In January, our children will then sort them, package them, and send them to the Crayon Initiative so they can make them into new crayons for children in the hospital.



DECEMBER 7th at 6:30 PM

You are invited to join The Meeting House Church Kids for a Christmas Storytime, on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 PM. Come in your pajamas, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and listen to Christmas stories read by TMH Kids volunteers! Register at tmh.church/kids!





SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In case of inclement weather, please listen to your radio or television for announcements about the Northern York County School District. If Northern is closed for inclement weather, Mountainside will **NORMALLY** be closed. However, please check Brightwheel for a message, the Mountainside website, and/or the Facebook page before leaving home. (www.mountainsidepreschool.com) **If Mountainside has a 2-hour delay, ALL classes will begin at 10:30 am and end at 12:30 pm for both Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten.** Classes that are canceled due to bad weather or holidays are not deducted from monthly tuition rates.



If you have been hearing your child sing some songs that we have learned in preschool but they aren't sure of all the words, you might want to check out our Spotify playlist. This playlist includes many of the songs we have learned so far this year as well as some other fun preschool songs.

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December 6 & 7 - Lunch Bunch

December 12 & 13 - Yellow Day

December 20 & 21 - Christmas Parties

December 22 - January 1 - Christmas break

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