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NEWSLETTER



Wow! As always our Let Me Shine Community continues to amaze and astound me with its collective generosity. **Thank you** to our volunteers and to those who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. Because of your generosity it was a great success, earning our school over \$800.00 in new books and learning resources.

We also thank everyone who donated to Crossroad Urban Center Food Pantry and participated in the Operation Christmas Child service project. Our school donated many baskets of food and donated 45 shoebox gifts!!! You have truly blessed the lives of so many children and helped our own children understand how blessed we are.

Please join us for your child's Christmas program. Make sure to mark your calendar with the program date and time. It's a delight to see and hear the Christmas story told by preschoolers!

May the good news of our Savior's birth fill your hearts with joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Peace, Barb

Barbara Ballif, Director



Story time with Paul

from the Anderson-Foothill Library

December 4th & 5th



Christmas Break

December 25- January 5th

School resumes January 8th

Parent's Night Out

Wednesday, December 13th

5:30-7:30

Do you need a night out? Last minute Christmas shopping, present wrapping or even a quiet evening out with your spouse.....

Let Me Shine Preschool is here to help!

Let us watch your children.

We will feed them dinner, play games, crafts, story time and fun!

Cost is \$15.00 for the 1st child
\$10.00 for 2nd child **Ages: 2-8**

LMS Dinner Nights

Thank you to all who supported our Let Me Shine family dinner nights! We are grateful to Chick-fil-A, Chipotle and Zupas for their generous donations. We raised a total of \$1024.47! A portion was recently used to purchase four new tricycles for the playground – the kids are loving them. Watch out for more dinner dates in the New Year!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Please join us to celebrate the Christmas season with your child's music class. We will be moving, singing and playing instruments together so please dress comfortably and come and join the fun!

Wed.	Dec. 13	9:15	Miss Kristina S. Miss Carlee Miss Heather
Thurs.	Dec. 14	9:15	Miss Kristina S. Miss Carlee Miss Heather
Tues.	Dec. 19	9:15	Miss April and Miss Kristina O.
Wed.	Dec. 20	9:15	Miss Megan and Miss Kristina O.
Tues.	Dec. 19	11:15	Miss Anne and Miss Chris
Wed.	Dec. 20	11:15	Miss Sabrina and Miss Chris

Thank you for your support of our music program at Let Me Shine. It is a great pleasure for me to work with your children.

Miss Alia

DIRECTOR

Barb Ballif

Asst. Director

Holly Graham

Playschool

Carlee Bell

Heather Gee

Kristina Schwertz

Preschool

Megan Burnett

Kristina Obermark

April Quinn

Pre-K

Sabrina Bell

Christina Farden

Anne Schmid

Music

Alia Gonzales

Aides

Nettie Priet

Janel Trapp

Kelli Schroeter

Gabrielle Khokhar

Ministry Support

Pastor Steve Klemz

Zion Administration

Tracy Hackworth

Resident Managers

Griffin & Haley Gish

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Andrew Benseler

Melissa Butson

Tracy Hackworth

Christy Hillock

Pastor Steve Klemz

Paul Mogren

Lalyssa Stratford

Media

Nicole Caldwell

Bring it on!

Your Children's Winter Gear that is!



Kids love
to EAT
Popsicles,
not
become
them!



As per the Parent Handbook issued at the beginning of the year, Let Me Shine follows Salt Lake City School District regarding decisions for school closures due to severe weather conditions. Please refer to KSL news reports on 1160 AM or 102.7 FM.

Cold weather is on the way and the Let Me Shine Staff wants to remind you that the kids need to bring appropriate clothing everyday for having fun this time of the year. YES, we play outside EVERYDAY (except when it's raining, there is a bad air quality alert or the temperature drops below 20°). Fresh air and exercise are always the best! Tip: Snow Boots are needed only when there's snow – and snow pants are recommended when there is substantial snow. Refer to the list and always, always, LABEL, LABEL, LABEL your children's winter stuff with their name. Thanks so much!

Winter Gear Checklist:

Snow Boots

Mittens

Caps

Beanies

Warm socks

Snow pants

Winter Jackets or Coats

Closed-toed shoes

Scarves

Earmuffs

Chap stick (why not?)

RE-ENROLLMENT '18-19

Let Me Shine will begin accepting applications for re-enrollment on January 8, 2018. Enrollment forms will be sent home before Christmas Break. Priority is given to currently enrolled families and Zion members. Beginning February 1st, enrollment opens to the public on a first come-first serve basis. Many classes fill up fast so please get your applications in ASAP!

TUITION PAYMENT INFORMATION:

(Remember to pay January's tuition before December 10)

Tuition is due the first of each month with a ten day grace period. Tuition received after the tenth of the month will be assessed a late fee of \$20.00. Tuition is paid in nine equal installments, August - April. April's payment is the last tuition payment for the year. If you have any questions about your payments, please see Holly in the preschool office!

Zion's Annual December Activity Gingerbread Houses



Start planning your decorations & designs for Zion's annual **Gingerbread House Activity** to be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 11:45 am** in the Terrace Room. This activity is for the young in age and the young at heart, so everyone is invited to participate in this festive holiday event. It is very important that everyone **SIGN-UP** for both the number of houses needed (if any) and the number of adults & children attending the lunch to ensure we have enough houses/icing and enough food. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the library.

Items that are provided: An opportunity for fellowship, lunch, drinks; pre-made graham cracker houses & royal icing for decorating.

Items that are needed: Participants to eat the food and decorate the houses, a dessert and at least one decorating item per participant to share (e.g. cereal, candy, coconut, ice cream cones, pretzels, fruit roll ups, licorice, etc.).

If anyone is interested in helping to build the houses, please let me know. Please contact **Louise Nelson** at **801-281-4824** or **mlnelson@yahoo.com** with any questions, to help volunteer for this activity, or even to RSVP for the event. We hope to see you there!



Thanks be to God for YOU!



Miss Heather's



Happy Hedgehogs

A big thank you to all the families that made our Thanksgiving feast a success! I loved hearing the children sing and getting to visit with you afterward. In December we will be getting ready for the baby Jesus! We have already been reading the story of Jesus's birth in anticipation of Christmas. We will make Christmas ornaments and have a movie party with Miss Carlee's class. On December 4th and 5th we have a librarian visiting for a special story time. I'm so excited to celebrate this miraculous season with my sweet students!

In His Service,

Miss Heather



P.S. It is getting cold, baby! All children need a hat and gloves. It would be great if you had a cheap set that you could just leave in their cubby. Also, if there is snow on the ground the children need boots and snow pants. It's so fun to play in the snow at recess!

Miss Chris's Critters



Dear Parents,

Thank you, for all your support and participation during our recent Book Fair- I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming book exchange, which coincides perfectly with the winter months and more reading time inside. We will be having our Christmas party Thursday and Friday, December 21st and 22nd, watch for the treats sign-up sheet outside our door. For this past month we have been working on the letters "F," "G," "H" and "I." The children have done well thinking of things that start with these letters. As a review, please continue to spark their memories of these letters at home with various holiday themed words starting with the letters listed above. This next month, we will be working on letters, our numbers and much more. Stop by our classroom anytime.



Continued Blessings,

Miss Chris

Miss Anne's Bees



Dear Families,

We have had a fun-filled and busy November! I enjoyed meeting with each of my families at the beginning of the month during conferences. We enjoyed many fall projects and have journeyed through letters "E," "F," "G," and "H." We have talked about God's enormous love for us and that we are all unique (like Elmer the Elephant). We also continued to talk about the gift of friendships and giving thanks especially for our homes and families. Thank you to all for the generous contributions for Operation Christmas Child. And what a highlight it was to see and hear the children singing during our Thanksgiving Chapel! I'm truly grateful for the love and light that shines through each of these kids.

In December, we will be talking a lot about the Christmas story as we anticipate the birth of our Savior. I love the lights, the music, and smells of gingerbread during this season! We will continue to enjoy creating, playing, and learning together. May we all find peace during this joyous season. As it gets colder remember to label all snow items.

Peace and love,

Miss Anne



All Are Welcome!

*Christmas Worship and Programs
at Zion 2017*

Sunday, December 17

Zion Lutheran

Children's Christmas Program

6:00 PM

Christmas Eve, December 24

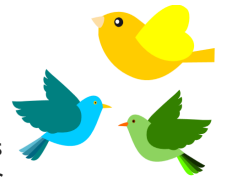
Morning Worship ~ 10:30 AM

Child-Friendly Worship ~ 6:00 PM

Candlelight Worship ~ 10:00 PM

Miss Kristina's

Birds



Dear Parents,

There are so many things to be thankful for....our children and families, the beautiful weather we had last month, great conversations at parent teacher conferences, book donations, our Thanksgiving Feast...the list could go on and on. So let's count our blessings and keep a thankful heart as we move into December and celebrate Advent season and the arrival of our Savior.

Favorites in our class last month were wagon rides, outdoor recess and playing pretend in the play kitchen and dress up area. In December we'll be looking forward to playing with Cinnamon Play dough, hearing the Christmas story and making Christmas crafts/art.

Another Highlight will be our on-site field trip on December 4 & 5, where Paul from the Library will be doing Story time with us.

Blessings,

Miss Kristina



Miss Kristina's Ladybugs



It's my favorite time of year! I'm excited to share the joy of the Nativity Story with the children. We are going to have so much fun singing carols and decorating our room. We will also be busy with pre-writing skills and counting down the days until Christmas. In music we will be working hard putting together a Christmas program to share with our families. Thanks to all of you for making our Operation Christmas Child shoebox a success. Our "big brother" will have a wonderful time going through all the thoughtful treasures you picked out for him. It was a great service experience for our class. Another big thank you to all our parent volunteers in November - we had so much fun baking gingerbread cookies and putting together our centerpieces for the school feast. We just couldn't do all of this fun stuff without you! Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities in December and as always let me know if you would like to share your time or talents with us in another way.



Miss Kristina



Miss Megan's Fox Den

Hello families!

What a joyous November we've had! Watching our

Thanksgiving program warmed my heart and filled me with immense gratitude! We are so blessed to have these children in our lives. They teach me something new each day and I can't thank you enough!

This month we have many fun things planned, we will be learning about shapes, continuing our alphabet study, studying the change of seasons, and most importantly focusing on our Savior's birth. I look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with your children and focusing on what this spectacular holiday is truly about. As always, if you have any questions or concerns I am always available.

God's blessings,
Miss Megan



Miss April's Raccoons

Hey Raccoons! Can you believe it's December already? November was a BLAST! We learned several new letters and what it means to be thankful. We had a great puppet show and Thanksgiving program! I really enjoyed chatting with each of you during our parent-teacher conferences. This month, we will learn the letters "H," "I," and "J." Even more importantly, we get to celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, all month long! We'll be talking about the meaning of Christmas through stories, art projects, music time, dramatic play, and of course, at chapel. Our raccoons have made great friendships so far and I can't wait to see them grow through the holiday season! Don't forget our winter break is from December 23rd- January 7th. I am so thankful for this group of kids!



Miss April

Miss Carlee's Owlets

Hello parents!! I can't believe it's already December! Please start sending snow clothes such as gloves, hats, snow pants and snow boots with your child's name on them! We will be talking about the story of Jesus this month and that He is the best gift of all! We have some exciting things happening this month. Story time with Paul's from the library and a Christmas party and program.

Gods blessings, Miss Carlee



Miss Sabrina's Sweeties



Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for supporting the book fair and the idea of a book exchange. I know it will be a fun treat for all when we have our Christmas party. We are having our Happy Birthday Jesus party on Friday, December 22nd. For the month of November we worked on the letter "F" for flamingo and talked about how God's love can change us from the inside out with his love. "G" is for grasshopper and even though we are small we can do big things with the Lord's help. We talked about how a mother ("H") hen keeps her chicks safe and close, God does the same thing for us! He keeps us under his wing and protection. We learned about Heaven and how Earth is not our real home but our real home is with Jesus in Heaven. The letter "I" we talked about the inchworm and how God's love is immeasurable. We will of course be talking about the true meaning of Christmas and Jesus' birth. Thank you all for attending parent teacher conferences and sharing your children with me. What a wonderful group of kids! Blessings and wishes for a beautiful holiday season.

Merry Christmas,

Miss Sabrina



FOR OUR LET ME SHINE
STUDENTS CELEBRATING
THEIR BIG DAY THIS
MONTH OF
DECEMBER

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

to:

Sion Park
Holland Walters
Indigo Spencer
Charles Denny
Owen Kimball
James Lindsley

Beautiful Blessings Group

This new small group of women will be meeting at 10 am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Honeysuckle Coffee Co (8745 South 700 East, #2, Sandy, UT). Bring your child(ren) because there is a play area for them while you enjoy sharing beautiful blessings with other women. We will begin exploring the book by Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*. A link to the first chapter can be found on our website. Contact Lisa Mensinger at youth@zelc.org.