



LET ME SHINE

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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

\$700.00 in new books and leaning 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 37 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



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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. 12	9:15	Miss Denet Miss Carlee Miss Heather
Thurs.	Dec. 13	9:15	Miss Denet Miss Carlee Miss Heather
Wed.	Dec. 19	9:15	Miss Lezlie and Miss Kristina
Thurs.	Dec. 20	9:15	Miss Lezlie and Miss Kristina
Wed.	Dec. 19	11:15	Miss Sabrina and Miss Chris
Thurs.	Dec. 20	11:15	Miss Anne 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

Story time with
Anderson-Foothill Library
December 17th



Christmas Break

December 24- January 4th
School resumes January 7th

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. - Luke 2:11



Bring it on!

Your Children's Winter Gear that is!



Kids love to EAT Popsicles, not become them!



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!

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.

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 '19-'20

Let Me Shine will begin accepting applications for re-enrollment on January 7, 2019. 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. 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 pre-school 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 9 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 PIZZA. 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.).

We hope to see you there!

All Are Welcome!

*Christmas Worship and Programs
at Zion Lutheran Church*

Sunday, December 23

Morning Worship ~ 10:30 AM
&

**Zion Lutheran Christmas Program
6:00 PM**

Join us for our annual concert telling the Bible story of Christmas. Stay for the cookies and cocoa reception following the program.

Christmas Eve, December 24

Family-Friendly Worship ~ 6:00 PM
Organ Recital by David Chamberlin
9:30 PM

Candlelight Worship with Holy
Communion and Chancel Choir
10:00 PM

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. Our Christmas music programs are scheduled for December 12 and 13 at 9:15. Come and join us for a celebration of Jesus' birth. On December 17 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 20th and 21st, watch for the sign-up sheets outside our door. This past month we have been working on the letters "P," "F," and "J." The children have done a great job 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. Next month we will continue to work on letters, numbers and much more! Stop by our classroom anytime.

Continued Blessings,

Miss Chris



Miss Lezlie's Sunnshines

Dear Families,



It has been a wonderful November here at Let Me Shine! During this great time of year filled with gratitude and love; I'd like you all to know you're at the top of my list of things I'm thankful for. Your children are all such little blessings to our school and I appreciate them all—and you all! This past month we had a wonderful time filled with friendship and gratitude for all of our blessings! Thank you to all of the fabulous parent volunteers who helped out in our classroom, you truly are such a blessing to me and our whole class! Thank you to all of you who came to our Thanksgiving program! How precious are your little angels?! They are fabulous little performers and truly radiate God's light.



It's the most wonderful time of the year, and I couldn't be more thrilled to celebrate Jesus' birthday! During December we will talk a lot about our Savior and his birth. We will have lots of sweet things going on and of course so much Christmas fun! Fittingly, the letter we will be talking about and learning all of December is "J" for Jesus!

Also, please keep an eye out for all of the parent volunteer opportunities throughout December. Signups are generally right on top of the cubbies, we would love for you to come share the day with us! As always, it is an honor to be your child's teacher. If there is anything I can do for you and your families, please let me know! Christmas is the season and Jesus is the reason.

Sincerely,
Miss Lezlie



Miss Anne's Busy Bees

Dear Busy Families,



It's the most beautiful time of the year! Can you believe Christmas is around the corner? I enjoyed meeting with all of you last month to talk about your child's progress. In November, we talked about friendship and giving thanks! There are truly so many things that we are thankful for in Room 6! In giving thanks for all of our blessings, I feel good that we made room this month to brighten the season for children who may be lacking the basic necessities we often take for granted. We filled 4 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. I appreciate your continuous support and generosity.

In December we look forward to many fun activities in anticipation of celebrating our Savior's birth. I especially enjoy rediscovering the Christmas Story with the kids! Please keep in mind that our Christmas Program will be on the 20th at 11:15.

Wishing you and your families joy & peace this season,

Miss Anne



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 box a success! 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, creating funny turkeys, and listening to stories. 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 Denet's Little Birds



Hi Friends!

November was such an exciting month for me and your kiddos. I've grown so much as a pre-school teacher since the beginning of the year and I know each child's personality better, and my love for them continues to grow everyday. As for the kids; they are making friends, expressing empathy when someone is sad or hurt, and I see them enjoy our time together more and more. They are also exploring the use of watercolors, glue, and glitter in their art projects. It is so fun to see them enjoy the process of creativity in art and playing. Looking forward to another great month in December.

God Bless,
Miss Denet



Merry Christmas and blessed New Year to you all!

Miss Alia's Music Class



November has flown by! We were so grateful to have the opportunity to share Praise and Thanksgiving together with you. As we enter into the Holiday season I pray you would allow quiet moments of peace and reflection to invade the busy hustle. One of the songs we will be listening to in music class is called "How Far Love Goes." The words remind us that God - Jesus - came from Heaven to Earth. He gave up the throne for a cross and came for us who are broken and lost. May you feel His deep love for you this season, and allow him to fill the empty places and longing that only He can fill.

Thank you as always for the opportunity to share music with your children.

"Sing"cerely,
Miss Alia

Miss Carlee's Owlets

Hello Parents!! I can't believe it's already December! We had such a great time learning about thankfulness and what it means to be thankful! Its already getting very cold outside so please start sending snow clothes such as gloves hats snow pants and snow boots with your child's name on them!

We are talking about the story of Jesus' birth this month! We have some other exciting things happening this month too—story time with Anderson library and our Christmas programs. Time is flying by! I'm so happy to be teaching these sweet kids!



Gods blessings,
Miss Carlee

Miss Sabrina's Sweeties

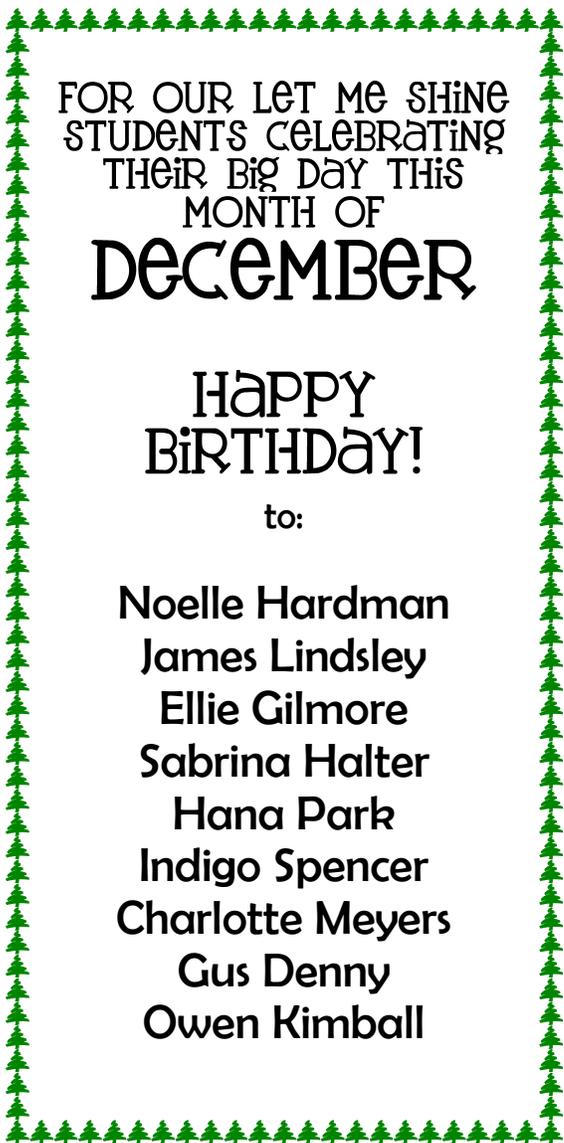
Dear Parents,



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 Thursday, December 20. During the month of November, we worked on the letter "I" for inchworm and talked about how God's love is immeasurable and "L" for ladybug and how we can be helpers. We finished out the month with the letter P. So many fun things with the letter "P" - pigs, pancakes, pudding, pizza, party... In December we will, of course, be talking about the true meaning of Christmas and Jesus's birth and have gingerbread week. Thank you all for 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:

- Noelle Hardman
- James Lindsley
- Ellie Gilmore
- Sabrina Halter
- Hana Park
- Indigo Spencer
- Charlotte Meyers
- Gus Denny
- Owen Kimball