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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 almost \$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 44 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



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. 11	9:15	Miss Denet Miss Cherry Miss Laken
Thurs.	Dec. 12	9:15	Miss Denet Miss Cherry Miss Laken
Tues.	Dec. 17	9:15	Miss Adair Miss Lezlie
Wed.	Dec. 18	9:15	Miss Adair Miss Lezlie
Tues.	Dec. 17	11:15	Miss Kristina Miss Chris/ Miss Denet
Wed.	Dec. 18	11:15	Miss Sabrina 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*



Christmas Break
December 23 — January 3
School resumes January 6th



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 EVERY-DAY (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, al-

Winter Gear Checklist:

Snow Boots

Mittens

Caps

Beanies

Warm socks

Snow pants

Winter Jack-
ets or Coats

Closed-toed
shoes

Scarves

Earmuffs

Chap stick
(why not?)

Re-Enrollment '20-21

Let Me Shine will begin accepting applications for re-enrollment on January 6, 2019. Enrollment forms will be sent home before Christmas Break. Priority is given to currently enrolled families and Zion members. Beginning February 3rd, enrollment opens to the public on a first come-first serve basis. Many classes fill up fast so please get your applications in ASAP!



Our Zion friends Tom and Rhonda Joa

Tom is 66 yrs of age and Rhonda is 68 yrs of age. Our fur baby is a yorkie/poodle mix who is 13 yrs of age and his name is Quigley. We moved to Murray from Ogden 4 yrs ago to retire and be closer to our grandchildren. We have 3 grandchildren, a 13 yr old girl and two boys, one is 11 yrs old and the youngest is 5 yrs old. We like to travel in our RV and Yellowstone National Park is one of our favorite places to visit. When we are not traveling, Tom likes to work in his shop. He enjoys woodworking and building things in his shop. He also enjoys jigsaw puzzles, model building and helping Rhonda with her crafts! Rhonda enjoys counted cross stitch and any kind of craft making.

We look forward to hearing from the children and are lifting you all in prayer for a wonderful school year!

God Bless,

Tom and Rhonda

Zion's Annual December Activity Gingerbread Houses & Mac-n-Cheese Potluck

Start planning your decorations & designs for Zion's annual **Gingerbread House Activity** to be held on **Sunday, December 15, 2019 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. Bring your favorite mac-n-cheese dish to share. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the library.

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

Items that are needed: Participants to eat the food and decorate the houses, mac-n-cheese dish or a dessert and at least one decorating item per participant to share see sign sheet for ideas. If anyone is interested in helping to build the houses, please let me know. Please contact **Melissa Butson** at **216-659-5158** with any questions, to help volunteer for this activity, or even to RSVP for the event. We hope to see you there!



Miss Denet's Little Birds

Hi Families-

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. It was sure fun to explore the fall season with both classes during our bus rides and recesses.

I am looking forward to the snow this month. It makes my heart so happy to see all the kiddos wobble around in their snow gear and to be curious about snow. So please remember to pack their snow gear so they stay warm and toasty as we continue to go on bus rides and play outside during recess.

Also, thank you so much for taking the time to attend parent teacher conference in November. I can't wait to see you at the Christmas music performance!

God Bless,

Miss Denet



Miss Adair's Stars

Dear Wonderful Parents,

Now is a beautiful and exciting time of the year when we all feel that light shine stronger than ever before. There is nothing better than celebrating the birth of Jesus. In class we will be learning beautiful Christmas songs. Music is one of the best ways to celebrate this season and we will even have some wonderful parents coming in to sing some Christmas songs with us. My hope is to fill our classroom with sounds and music of Christmas. Bible time has been such a special time for our class. I have really felt the love that God has for each of your children and it's so incredible sitting in our little circle, singing "This Little Light of Mine," and hearing your children talk about Jesus. During December, Bible time will become even more special as each child will be able to act out scenes from the Nativity and talk about the miracle and gift that is the birth of Jesus. I pray you each truly feel the spirit, magic and light of this season that comes so naturally to our little children. How grateful I am to be surrounded by their bright lights each day. Merry Christmas to each of you amazing parents. Thank you for your love and support and for sharing your children with me.



Lots of Love,
Miss Adair

Miss Cherry's Busy Bees

Dear Families,

It was great meeting with all of you last month to talk about your child's progress. In November we learned about dinosaurs, family, friendship and giving thanks. Thanksgiving feast was fun. I love hearing the children tell me what they are thankful for, sing and sharing in the festivities with all of you.

We filled the shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, thanks to your generosity and continued support. December is an exciting month. Our class activities include decorating, learning about giving, and the greatest gift of all, our Savior's birth. Mark your calendar for our Christmas program at 9:15 a.m. on December 11th and December 12th.

Wishing you and your family love, joy and peace in this Christmas season,

Miss Cherry



Miss Chris's Campers

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 are having our Christmas party on Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th. The Christmas program is on the 17th and 18th at 11:15, so please come and hear the children sing. For the past month, we have been working on our letters and writing our numbers. As a review, please continue to spark your child's memory of the letters we learned ("A," "B," "C," "H," "I," "L," "M," "S" and "T") with various holiday themed words starting with these letters. Next month we will continue to write our letters and numbers.

Stop by our classroom anytime.

Continued Blessings,

Miss Chris



Miss Laken's Llamas

Happy Holidays Parents!

I'm looking forward to celebrating this season with your children. In December, we are focusing on Focus and Self Control. It is one of the Seven Essential Life Skills that is recommended for children. This is based on the book "Mind in the Making" by Ellen Galinsky. We will start incorporating these skills in to our classroom over the next few months! Also in December, we will of course be talking about the most important thing of all... Jesus' birth! We will have a Happy Birthday Jesus party in our class. Two things to remember: 1) send me your family photo! We are using it on our journals and to show in our home living center. 2) It's almost time for snow! On snow days, please bring snow boots, snow pants, gloves, hats and a coat! We will still be going outside!

I am praying you enjoy this season with your family!

Miss Laken



Miss Kristina's Ladybugs

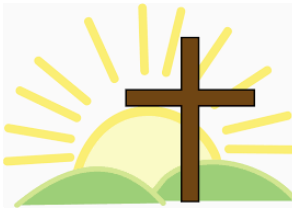
It's my favorite time of the year! I'm so excited to share the joy of the Nativity Story with the children. We are going to have so much fun singing carols and decorating our room. We will also be busy counting down the days to our class Christmas party! In music, we will be working hard to put together a Christmas program to share with you. Thanks to all of you for making our Operation Christmas Child box a success. Our "big sister" will have a wonderful time going through all the thoughtful treasures you picked out for her. It was a great service experience for our class. Another big thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped us out last month. We had so much fun crafting, eating pancakes, and playing games. We just couldn't do all this fun stuff without you! Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities in December and, as always, let me know if you have any questions.

Miss Kristina



Miss Lezlie's Sunshines

Dear Families,



It always surprises me just how fast time flies when you're having fun, and boy have we been having fun! I still cannot believe it's December, that being said I could not be more excited and happier to welcome December and the MOST wonderful time of the year!

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year and my very favorite as we get to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! How blessed are we to be at Let Me Shine where we can openly pray and praise and celebrate our savior's birthday!

In the sunshine classroom we love it all, the twinkling lights, the glitter snow and Christmas trees. We will be turning our classroom into a winter wonderland with the student's art and snowflakes galore! We will be learning more about baby Jesus and his birth as we recreate the manger scene together as a class.

Because of this wonderfully busy month, we will not have any letters of the week, instead I want the students to be concentrating on and thinking about Christmas, Jesus, love and giving. Show'n'tell will still happen on Thursday and Friday however it will be Christmas themed instead of letter of the week focused (Stay tuned)!

We will be making gingerbread men, gingerbread houses, having Christmas parties, singing our songs and show casing our hard work during our Christmas program and other fun activity days! Parents, please keep your eyes posted for volunteering opportunities, there are many this month! We also have a few birthdays to celebrate in December! How exciting! Oh, the parties and celebrating we have ahead of us.

Thank you for the privilege of being your child's teacher. Your children truly are little angels and are such a blessing to me. They spread joy and light to their classmates and me and it's a beautiful thing! Merry Christmas and love to every one of you!! Thank you to all my families for the love and friendship you've shown towards me, and to all our classroom families. You are all the best!!

The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son, who came from the father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Sincerely with love,

Miss Lezlie

Miss Aliq's Music Class

Dear Let Me Shine Family,



The children have been learning John 1:1, 14. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the word was God...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." What a powerful truth that shows not only the depth of who God is, but how much He loves us. One of the songs we will be performing says "You gave up the throne for a manger, traded a crown for a cross, laid down your life for a stranger, for all who are broken and lost." May the message of those words sink deep into your heart this Christmas season and give you true life, hope and peace. We look forward to sharing our songs and celebration with you this month!

"Sing"cerely,

Miss Aliq

For our Let me Shine Students
celebrating their big day this month
of

December

Happy Birthday!

to:

Emma Croft
Gus Denny
Ellie Gilmore
Sabrina Halter
Noelle Hardman
Ryan Khouri
Owen Kimball
Charlotte Meyers
James Morgan
Vivian Nunez
Cooper Pace
Hana Park
Indigo Spencer

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. Our *Happy Birthday Jesus* party is on Friday, December 20. In 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 of the earth. We finished out the month with the letter P." So many fun things with the letter "P" for pigs, pancakes, pudding, pizza, and party. In December we will, of course, be talking about the true meaning of Christmas and Jesus' birth, and 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

