

Dear Parents,

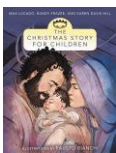
Christmas is a time of year when many families take part in traditions that have been handed down for generations. One of my family's traditions is using an advent wreath. When we are together for an evening meal we read scripture, light a candle on the wreath, and say a special prayer.



Gathering with family and friends for Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to give testimony to the most important relationship of all, our relationship with Jesus. Take opportunities to celebrate with your children this Christmas season and create memories that will last forever. The Season of Christmas is upon us. How will your family prepare? We hope the Advent Calendar on the last page of this newsletter will provide you with ideas.

At the WEE Center, our focus is on the wonderful gift God gave us through the birth of Christ. We celebrate His birth and ways we can give to others. Celebrating the birth of Christ during our **Family Christmas Celebration on December 14th** is one way to teach the children the story behind Christmas. It is an opportunity to bring all the WEE Center families together in celebration of this joyous occasion.

Here are some reading recommendations for Christmas:



The Christmas Star by Paloma Wensell
The Christmas Story for Children By Max Lucado

Your child will also bring home a book telling the story of Jesus' birth as a gift from the WEE Center.



The last page of this newsletter includes an Advent Calendar of activities for your family. Enjoy this time together! The staff and teachers at the WEE Center wish you a Merry Christmas. We pray that you will feel the presence and the love of Jesus and experience the peace that He can bring to each of us.

Peace Be With You,
Ann Lipton

At-A-Glance Calendar



Wednesday, December 4

10:00 – 11:00

Coffee and Conversation Open House

Wednesday, December 13

Last school day before Christmas Vacation

Thursday, December 14

10:00 – 11:30

Family Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 14 –

Monday, January 1,

Christmas Vacation – No School

Saturday, December 23

4:00 – 7:00 PM

Live Nativity

Tuesday, January 2

Classes Resume

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**It's Snowing,
Is The WEE
Center Closed?**



If FCPS is:

Closed

1 Hour Late

2 Hours Late

Early Closing

The WEE Center is:

Closed

Opens at 11 AM

Opens at 12 NOON

Closes at 12 NOON

Just Ahead

Coffee and Conversation

10:00 – 11:00

Parents, grandparents, au pairs, and others are invited to spend some time enjoying a treat and conversation with other caregivers. Your job is hard, and you deserve a bit of respite for yourself!



WEE Center Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 14, 10:00 am
Parkwood Sanctuary

Join us for a Christmas Celebration with your entire family!

We will gather in the Sanctuary to sing songs and listen to the story of the night Jesus was born.

Bring your child to their classroom at 10:00 and then sit in the Sanctuary.

After the sing along, enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and family pictures.

PLEASE NOTE:

***This is not a school day. Students will stay with their families.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." – Luke 2:10

Parkwood Happenings

Christmas Events for All Ages at Parkwood!



Monday, December 4
11:30 am

The Parkwood PrimeTimers (the young at heart, 50+) meet monthly for Christian fellowship (potluck luncheons), various mission activities and lots of fun.

Come to the Manger Live Nativity

Saturday, December 23rd
5:00 – 8:00 PM



Parkwood Baptist Church will host a Live Nativity on December 23. Join us during this Open House for Music, Actors and Animals as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Services

December 24
11:00 am and 6:00 pm








Parkwood.org for more information

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." – Luke 2:7

December 2023

Family Advent Calendar

from Parkwood WEE Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Read about the angel's visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38	27 	28 Share your good news! Surprise someone with a call or letter	29 Think of ten things you can thank God for this season	30 Mary was a servant of the LORD. How can you be a servant & help someone you know?	1 Mary did God's will. Say a prayer asking God for the courage to do His will	2 Find out how your grandparents celebrated Christmas as children
3 Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:1-7	4 How do you think Mary & Joseph felt when there was no room for them in the inn?	5 Start today with a prayer & make room for Jesus in your life	6 Sing songs about the birth of Jesus 	7 Look on a map and find Bethlehem	8 Remember to smile today & say "Merry Christmas!"	9 Make a thank you card for your mail carrier
10 Read about the Angels & Shepherds in Luke 2:8-20	11 Donate food to your local food pantry	12 Pretend you are a shepherd & share the good news about the birth of Jesus	13 	14 Make a Christmas picture & write the words from Luke 2:14 on it	15 Find two twigs & tie them together with a red ribbon. Celebrate Jesus' gift to us	16 Make paper crowns & think about the Wisemen & the gifts they brought to Jesus
17 Read about the visit of the Magi in Matthew 2:1-12	18 Help someone in your family with an act of kindness	19 Tonight, go outside & look up at the stars & Sing "Joy to the World"	20 Take a winter walk and think about Mary & Joseph's trip to Bethlehem	21 	22 Share candy canes with your neighbors	23 "God loved us & sent His Son" 1 John 4:10
24 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" 2 Cor. 9:15	25 	26 Read about God's son in John 3:16-17	27 Have an indoor picnic	28 Thank God for sending us His son	29 "Stop & consider the wondrous works of God" Job 37:14	30 Count the blessings God has sent your way this year!

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love
Merry
Christmas