



# First Presbyterian Weekday School

## Christmas Fellowship Ritual



Our Christmas Family Fellowship will be Thursday, December 15 and Friday, December 16 at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Under the guidance of Ms. Amy, the children in our Fours' and pre-K classes will lead the program, "Christmas in the Barn." All other children will have a participatory role while sitting in the audience with their families. The schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:** Cat Family (Ms. Susan & Ms. Denise)  
Horse Family (Ms. Sarah & Ms. Viviana)  
Whale Family (Ms. Sherry & Ms. Paulette)  
T/Th Tiger Family (Ms. Kim & Ms. Michelle K.)  
T/Th Duck Family (Ms. Katelyn & Ms. Julia)  
T/Th Bunny Family (Ms. Cindy & Ms. Michelle)

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Squirrel Family (Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Denise)  
Lion Family (Ms. Christina & Ms. Viviana)  
Dog Family (Ms. Anna & Ms. Eleanor)  
MWF Wolf Family (Ms. Kim & Ms. Michelle K.)  
MWF Duck Family (Ms. Katelyn & Ms. Julia)  
MWF Bunny Family (Ms. Cindy & Ms. Michelle)

### Attention Parents of Our Twos' and Threes' Classes:

We ask that you come a little earlier, sign your child out at the classroom, and bring him or her with you to the Fellowship Hall. Following the program, all children will join their family members in the audience—please, save them a seat! Everyone will then be given an opportunity to participate in a school-wide, family Christmas sing-a-long. Afterwards, please consider joining us for more fellowship and connections as we will be offering cookies and punch after the program. (An allergy-friendly table will provide safe alternatives for children with food allergies.)

We look forward to seeing you at this event!  
Ms. Lara and Ms. Carrie

## December 2016

### School Calendar

#### December

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
11:00 am Polar Express  
Movie at the Alamo

Wednesday, December  
7<sup>th</sup>: NOON Dismissal

Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> &  
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:  
12:30 pm Christmas  
Fellowship Program in  
Fellowship Hall

#### December/January

Monday, December  
19<sup>th</sup>–Monday, January  
2<sup>nd</sup>: NO SCHOOL-  
Christmas Break

#### January

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
preschool re-opens

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:  
NOON Dismissal

Mon, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: NO  
SCHOOL



## Speaking of Christmas...

The month of December brings a wealth of opportunities for the exploration of Christmas-related items such as songs and art supplies. While this time of year *can* lend itself to Christmas themes, the staff of the Weekday School will continue to follow our children's lead: This simply means that we will plan experiences that reflect our children's current interests, a child-centered Christmas of sorts.

This approach does not mean that our classrooms will not contain any Christmas decorations, or that we won't be singing Christmas songs. There will be opportunities for children to engage in activities that utilize Christmas related activities; however, this will not be the sole focus of our time together during the month of December.

If you have any questions about developmentally appropriate curriculum during Christmas, please contact the Weekday School office.



The hallways and classrooms of this year's Grandparents' Days were filled with the bustle of happy children, grandparents, and teachers. We thank each and every grandparent who attended this special event. This year we welcomed grandparents and special adults from as far away as Georgia, New York, and even Canada! We appreciate your support as we carry on our school family traditions.

## Mark your calendar....2017-2018 Registration & WATTS

- **Registration for returning Weekday School families is scheduled for Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Open House and Registration for prospective families is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.**
- **First Presbyterian Church will welcome the WATTS-Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter from January 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for ways to help with this outreach ministry, please see Ms. Lara or Ms. Carrie.**

From our hearts to your hearts we are wishing you a.....

