

2022



Park's Edge Preschool

Put a little PEP in your life!

A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

Cedric T.	01/10/2011
Aaron B.	01/11/2013
Oliver N.	01/13/2017
Kennedi T.	01/15/2018
Cara B	01/24/2012
Mason D.	01/22/2015
Lilliana R.	01/29/2017
Luca C.	01/30/2015

Ms. Gina	01/02/????
Ms. Kasey	01/14/????



Happy Anniversary!

Ms. Ruslana 01/29/2016



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

The Christmas spirit has been upon us at PEP, and we have had an opportunity to learn to celebrate Christmas in new ways in keeping families connected and safe during a pandemic. Santa Claus came to PEP 'masked' this year! Thursday, December 9th, was PEP's Annual Family Christmas Party...with a few new added features. 'Masked' Santa (aka Mr. Cody) was a popular event at PEP's Annual family Christmas Party! Families visited with Santa for five minutes, privately, in the Narthex so they could unmask for smiling 2022 family photos with Santa. Families could opt to make-or-take-home Christmas activities such as ornaments and decorations. Cookies (usually served to eat here) were individually wrapped and complete with choice of red or green frosting to frost and eat at home. Santa's schedule supported a comfortable flow for safe distancing throughout the center. Check out PEP's family/staff photos with Santa in PEP's entrance area.

We hope you enjoyed PEP's Christmas celebration-to-go...In keeping with Park's Edge Preschool's Christmas tradition, 'The Birth of our Savior' was acted out by PEP's school-age children and recorded for families to view in the safety of their home with loved ones this Christmas holiday season.

Jesus' Birthday

Celebration has been a 'family favorite' but with COVID-19 we want to continue keeping families safe with the ages we serve. Thus, a link to 'Jesus' Birthday Celebration-To-Go' was sent out to families the week of Christmas, in keeping our commitment to your family's health and safety. The 2021 special Christmas production was recorded on Wednesday, December 15th in Emanuel Church's beautiful sanctuary. The age groups under two-and-a-half years old were recorded separately, in respect to COVID-19, safe distancing. Staff and children over two-and-a-half years old were masked through the entire recording. Merry Christmas from PEP 2021!

Jesus' Birthday Celebration gave us an opportunity to invite Emanuel Church's Interim Pastors to join us during the recording. Reverend Tom Payden opened the program with a prayer. His wife, Reverend Debbie Payden, told the children a Christmas story, 'The Best Gift to Give is Love.' Thank you, Pastor Tom, Pastor Debbie, and Emanuel Church members for the use of your beautiful sanctuary. The children viewed the final program on Wednesday, December 22 and were treated to a piece of 'Jesus' birthday cake. I need to thank Jenele Baldwin for recording the entire program in one morning.

Happy new year and a new attitude in 2022! Park's Edge Preschool recently was approved

for state funding that recognizes quality through the Child Care Counts COVID-19 Stabilization Payment Program. Park's Edge Preschool's eligibility is related to the 5-star high quality status rating through YoungStar. Congratulations Park's Edge Preschool for being essential and quality rated 5-star through YoungStar!

Look who made the news in CHHSM's Diakonie published December 2021. – The Story - <https://www.chhsm.org/news/nollau-to-you-experience-energizes-parks-edge-preschools-staff/> Park's Edge Preschool has been a member of the United Church of Christ's Council for Health and Human Service Ministries since June 1999. Watch for details about CHHSM Sunday, celebrated Sunday, January 30, 2022. CHHSM Sunday recognizes health and human service professions. Please pray for those professionals and the United Church of Christ's Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) and the vulnerable populations they serve especially during a pandemic. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement for Park's Edge Preschool.

Happy New Year & Good Tidings,
Ellen M. Kvalheim, Director



Love Bugs

Time flies when you're having fun! December seemed to go by in the blink of an eye! From working on our parent gifts, to participating in our 'Jesus Birthday to Go' presentation. We also want to Thank everyone who thought of us this holiday season. It was very kind of you and it was appreciated.

We will be sending home a note, you may respond in Procare app, to find out what was the best part of Christmas for you and your family. We look forward to hearing all your responses.

Our class is growing up so fast.

Henry is practicing sitting up with no support, Mathilda has started jar food, Leo is enjoying all the food he eats, Clara has begun to work on using a sippy cup, Lily is smiling at others more, Pierce is working on rolling over, Madison enjoys listening to the books we read, Quinn our Child of the Month is crawling everywhere, likes to watch the toddlers being silly and is starting to pull herself up to a stand. We are so proud of all of them.

Reminder to send updated pictures for cribs they can be emailed to Ms. Kristin.

Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com

We are hoping for snow in January so we can go out and play in it. Please be sure to have a snow suit on hand for this. Stay tuned for pictures of this fun activity this time of year.

The newness of this year inspires us to reflect, and be grateful for all the great things that have begun.

Best wishes to all our P.E.P. families and may this new year be blessed.

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Terri



Beautiful Butterflies

Happy New Year! January's birthstone is Garnet. How beautiful of a stone to start the New Year off right. The new year brings new resolutions, new excitement, and new growth in our lives.

To kick off this great year, we will be working on the sign language words- "more" and "all done", as well as exploring the colder weather outside. We are on the move!

January also brings new fingerplay stories and new songs for us to explore. We are really looking forward to sharing the always favorite

"Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?"

Our babies are growing fast. Jack says hi and bye, Benjamin stacks blocks on top of each other, Zoey is enjoying art more, Finn dances to music, Molly and Kaia like to look at books, Walter plays peek-a-boo, Lucas pops bubbles, Jordan likes music and does the actions to finger plays. Our Child of the Month Naomi loves to go outside, pointing at pictures in books, showing off her baby yoga moves and waving hi. Way to go Butterflies.

In December we explored new

sensory bottles, shook jingle bells nice and loud, and created a lot of art. It was a fun month!

We, hope you enjoyed your Jesus' Birthday Celebration to go. We had a lot of fun filming the show.

We are hoping that each family would share with us new goals you have started as a family. Do you read a favorite bed time story? Or Sing a new song? We would love to hear about it through the Procare app.

We wish you a wonderful New Year and May God Bless You!



Darling Dragonflies

Happy New Year!
We hope everyone had a wonderful fun filled holiday! It was a lot of fun in December. We enjoyed making our stars and performing at Jesus' Birthday Celebration. We really appreciate everyone who watched our performance in the comforts of their home. Our appreciation doesn't end there, we truly felt appreciated and loved this holiday season Thank You!

December also brought a lot of fun with hand painting, and creating Christmas presents. It was a messy and fun month.

For January we will be sending home a card for families to fill out

what they hope to achieve as a family in the upcoming year. We look forward to creating a bulletin board to share with everyone.

In January we will be working on fine tuning our table self help skills. We role model how to use our utensils. If the children need a little extra help we try doing 'hand over hand' so they learn the motion of getting it to their mouth. This room is when we start to transition them to an open cup as well. We only pour a little at a time and always fill it up again once they drink it.

January's child of the month is Zoey. Zoey always has a smile, she has enjoyed playing with the babies in house keeping and catching and

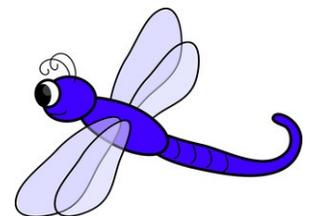
throwing balls outside. Zoey shares a lot of her toys with her friends. We can't wait to see her pictures.

Our Dragonflies have been busy. January is sure to be a fun month full of great experiences! We will be enjoying PJ week and learning about everyone's bed time routine.

We will also learn about the animals of winter and what they do to stay warm.

We are excited to get started.
Happy New Year!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Alaynah





Busy Bees

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a great Christmas, and New Year.

We got to see Santa in December, and worked super hard on our Christmas gifts! We hope everyone enjoyed them. We also worked really hard on our "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" scene for our Christmas Play. We learned how to flip our coats on and got pretty good at it. It was a busy month!

We are excited for our upcoming themes, but especially our Comfy Cozy

week, where we will get to wear PJ's everyday and talk about bedtime routines. Please check cubbies for warm gloves and hats. If possible 2 pairs of gloves will help.

For January our main objective will be to work together as a team in having the children clean up their toys after themselves. Some ways we do this is by putting on music, or making it a game. "Can you put away all the blocks before the song is over?" Or "Can you pick up all the stuffed animals before the timer goes off?" We will

also be working on putting our winter gear on by ourselves.

They really feel joy when they get dressed all by themselves.

Our child of the month will be Mae . Mae enjoys taking care of baby dolls and cooking us all food in the housekeeping area. We look forward to seeing her pictures.

We hope that everyone has a safe and fantastic start to their New Year.

Ms. Emily

Happy New Year! Christmas is over, the decorations have been put away, all the cookies have been eaten and the cold makes your face hurt. Fear not, We are heating things up in the Sunshine room!

One of our best memories from December was our visit from Santa. We got to tell Santa what we wanted for Christmas and really enjoyed his visit. We had fun being animals for our Jesus

Sunshine Room

Birthday play. We really got the hang of rocking a baby.

January is going to be a great month. We will be learning about bears and hibernation.

Comfy and cozy, a sleep adventure, (be sure to wear your pjs and comfy clothes that week). It is going to be 'snow' much fun. Speaking of snow, we will also be learning about snow and how unique it is. We will be sending home a

white piece of paper in hopes that as a family you can create a snowflake that we will hang up around the classroom. We look forward to seeing them.

We have talked about building a snowman a lot and can't wait until we can build one.

We hope you have a beautiful January.

Ms. Mary, & Ms. Julie A.



Fantastic Frogs

Happy New Year!
We are looking forward to a great New Year!

We had a fun time learning about recipes and ingredients this past month. The children participated in some mixing and scooping as we pretended to be cooks. One of the books we read this month was "Bilal Cooks Daal" by Aisha Saeed. This was a multicultural book and came with a great recipe on how to make Daal Soup. Our Jesus program was a blast as the children sang "Joy to the World" and wore their world costumes. They did a wonderful job and looked adorable doing it.

We are looking forward to a great month of winter themes this January and we will learn about all

the different animals that sleep through the winter. We will introduce the word hibernation. We will discuss what it means to hibernate and what animals do. We will get to explore all the great things we can do during the winter season. Hopefully we get some snow to help us with these activities.

The children are doing a great job putting on their winter gear and helping their friends.

Our prayer for this month is to give thanks to God for the winter weather and to keep all the families safe as they travel on those snowy days.

We are excited to welcome some new friends from the sunshine

room and sing our praises of how great they are doing in the Fantastic Frogs classroom. We are excited to have you join us.

Keep in mind that every Friday is "Show and Tell". The children enjoy talking about all their special toys/ items they bring from home. Please have the items labeled.

Check folders daily for some precious art work that can be framed or hung on the fridge, we are proud of how hard our class works on our art and the pride they show when they finish them.

We hope and pray you have a blessed month and stay warm.

Ms. Sandra & Ms. Lexi



Welcome 2022! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday. December was full of excitement and joy. The children loved the themes of 'Smells of Christmas' when we made our own Gingerbread person and Gingerbread houses. We loved playing the drums for the Christmas pageant 'To-Go'. We're hoping to play them more throughout the year. Since December was so busy and math skills take time and a lot of work we will continue to focus on math in January. We will also be adding the concept of years,

Shining Stars

dates and months during our Calendar time. We are excited to get started.

Reminder that toys can be brought in on Fridays for show and tell. This is a great way to help us with our social skills, language skills, and math as we count down until it's Friday. We have not needed our snow gear yet, but we are sure it will come. Please be sure to include an extra pair of gloves for those fun snow days. For the children that go to 4K in the morning's and afternoons it would be helpful to have a reusable bag to

carry snow gear in. A separate bag helps keep backpacks and folders dry after playing in the snow at 4K.

In the classroom we will also be discussing our goals. We will send a sheet with our school goal filled out and space for an at-home goal. Please fill it out and return it so we can talk about it as a class.

Thank You and have a great January.

Ms. Tori
&
The Shining Stars



Reminder:

We would like to take a moment to ask for your help in keeping Park's Edge healthy and clean. As a classroom we are washing our hands constantly and cleaning toys. If you could help us in this endless endeavor by helping your son/daughter wash their hands when they enter classroom, it will truly go a long way in efforts to keep a happy healthy classrooms.

Thank You!

Slithering Snakes

Q: What did the snowman say to the other snowman?

A: (sniff, sniff) Do you smell carrots?

Last month was full of holiday fun! We made a splash around the community as Santa drove the bus to pick up the children. We would also like to thank Santa for stopping by at the beginning of the month, to double check his nice list and hear about some gift ideas! December also brought some very interesting topics to the classroom, as we discussed the reason for the season, and what it means to truly embrace the holiday spirit of giving. We hope you all had the jolliest of holidays and look forward to another brilliant year!

As the year winds down we are ramping up our morning group times by introducing another choose your own adventure book, and this time around we are escaping a spooky night at Stonehenge! Please feel free to ask us about the choices we've been making, and what we are learning about Scotland and its culture!

January will be full of new possibilities, and herald what we hope will be a year of positive growth. We look forward to learning about all things winter and the fun things you can do in it. We will continue to go outside as much as possible so please continue to send weather appropriate clothing. Thank you in advance. Whitnall schools are closed January 17th sign up today for our day of adventures.

We hope you have a great January!

Ms. Jenele & Mr. Cody & Slithering Snakes



Santa's Workshop Fundraiser Update:

We are pleased to announce that Santa's Workshop was success again this year raising \$420.00! The children had a blast shopping for their family members and wrapping the hand picked gifts. The money will be used to help purchase classroom supplies.

Santa's Workshop is an annual 'fun' draiser that has become a fun holiday tradition here at Park's Edge Preschool.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the success of your child's growth and development.



January

2022



Important Dates:

**Friday, December 31st- PEP closed for New Years
2022 Tuition Rates Go Into Effect
* Regular Tuition Charges Apply***

January 3rd-7th- Cozy Week—Wear your favorite pjs or comfy clothes all week long!

Monday, January 17th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day— Wear Red, White & Blue

Monday, January 17th- No School Whitnall— Be sure to sign up

Sunday, January 30th- CHHSM Sunday



A Pastor's Note

God:

God of all things new:

After a second year marked by what could not happen—carefree social gatherings, casual hugs, plans unthreatened by rates of infection—we ask: Can 2022 be a different kind of year? We want to hope for the best, but hope seems like a fragile thing. Part of us doesn't want to hope too much.

But we need hope. So do our children. So remind us, God, that your vision for us is framed not by our limitations, but by love, drenched with grace. You are not merely hopeful; You are confident—and You will walk with us through all that life, work, the weather, our jobs, and even COVID throws our way. That's why hope need not be wishful thinking, but the courage to trust you (and You, God, even provide that courage when we need it).

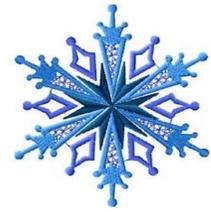
Yes, we need hope, and there is no greater hope than your promise to be with us, on our side, cheering us on, providing strength, wisdom—and courage—all year long.

Thanks, God.

Amen

Pastor Dale Stohre

NAC Nook



2021 certainly has been an eventful year at Park's Edge Preschool. This past November we asked families to complete the NAC Parent Survey to assist us in assessing the quality of our program at Park's Edge Preschool. We take your feedback seriously and review it at our January meeting with PEP staff. The staff review NAC Accreditation criteria to continue in striving for the highest level of quality childcare in maintaining NAC standards. PEP's most important goal for 2022 is to continue offering high quality childcare that reflects and teaches Christian values. Thank you for taking the time in completing the NAC Parent Survey. In addition to reviewing the survey with the staff, the survey criteria are also recorded and tallied for NAC Accreditation validators. Park's Edge Preschool's NAC Accreditation is current through October 27, 2024. We appreciate your continued support and encouragement.

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

**1/3-1/7: Comfy Cozy- A Sleepy Adventure
(Comfy Clothes & PJ Week)**

**Proverbs 6:10: A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest.**

**1/10-1/14: Hibernation and Bears
God created all animals**

**1/17- 1/21: Waddling Through the Artic
God creates us each unique like snowflakes**

**1/24-1/28: Jack Frost Nipping at Your Toes
White snow symbolizes purity
Psalm 51:7, "Wash me and I shall be whiter
than snow.**

 SCHOLASTIC

Happy New Year to Everyone! Our catalogs for January 2022 are in. Please take a moment or two to look at all the great January deals. Remember that every time you place a Scholastic order through Park's Edge Preschool it helps us add more great books to our library. The children cannot wait to get back into the library and look at all our books. Language and literacy are a very important part of our days here at PEP and we take pride in helping your children develop the reading skills for their future success. I hope you all have a blessed new year and thank you to all families that ordered books throughout the school year!

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