



# January 2017

## Parent Newsletter

**For Kids!**

### Children's Circle Preschool of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis



#### Letter from Cara Paul, Director

Dear Parents,  
Sometimes writing a message for this newsletter is tricky. I can get writers block. I can't think of anything inspirational or earth shattering to share so, let me just say thank you.

Thank you for the smiles and warm greetings you give us each morning. Even when it's raining and you had to hustle two kids, two bags and a stroller onto the elevator, while making sure no one pushes the emergency button, you smile and say hello. Drop off and pick up are my favorite parts of the day because I get to see and chat with everyone.

Thank you for sharing your amazing kids with us. We are all learning from them every day. I know each child I come into contact with makes me a better educator. I've been doing this a while, but I have so much more to learn. Every day is a chance to get better!

Thank you for being a part of this community. It is a joy to see relationships being built and friendships being formed here in our hallways. One of my closest friends is a mom I met while our girls were in preschool to-

gether. We have laughed and cried together and watched our kids grow up. Even as our kids took different paths, we have stuck together. There is a bond formed when you go through those experiences together.

Thank you for blessing us every day. We are grateful to call you friends and partners in this great adventure. May 2017 be filled with many blessings for you all!

Blessings,

*Cara*




**What's Up With That?**

Where does snow come from?

You can't see it but there is water in the air! This water is called vapor.

When it gets very cold, the water vapor freezes. It forms little ice crystals that stick together making snowflakes! The snowflakes can be little or big! Maybe you've seen tiny snowflakes dancing in the air! I love the big, thick snowflakes that turn my yard into a winter wonderland! How about you?



Some people say that no two snowflakes are alike! It might take a long time to prove it!

#### Winter Reminders!



- Please remember to bring coats, hats, and gloves labeled with your child's name each day. Our classes go outside if it is dry and the temperature is above 32 degrees.
- We also love to play outside in the snow so be sure to bring boots for your child on snowy days!
- Remember to use the handicap doors downstairs only when you really need them. (Hands full, strollers) We want to keep our receptionist and guests warm and happy!
- For CCP School closings and delay information, see the back of this newsletter.
- For lost and found items, check with Karen A. in the office!

#### Happening this Month!

CCP closed  
**Monday, January 18th**  
in honor of  
**Martin Luther King Day**



#### Private School Applications

If you are considering private school for your child next year, you will most likely need a recommendation form from your child's current teachers. Please get those to our teachers A.S.A.P. so they can give the time and attention necessary for these forms. Thank you!

## Important Calendar Dates

Monday, Jan. 2, 2017	Closed-New Year's (Building closed)
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017	School Resumes
January 16	Closed-Martin Luther King Day
January 17	Closed-Staff Professional Day
February 20	Closed-President's Day
April 3-7	Closed-Spring Break
April 14	Closed-Good Friday
May 15-19	Last Week of School

**January Book Window:**  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear  
*Presented by the Toddlers!*  
**Bible Time Adventure: Joshua**  
The children will hear the story of Joshua this month. They can learn from Joshua's faithfulness and his willingness to follow God's instructions -even when those instructions seemed strange. But perhaps the most important lesson in the story is what it teaches us about God's character. God is truly powerful and amazing.

## 2017-18 School Year

- **Monday, January 9, 2017\***

Registration Forms and 1st payment mail-in date.

*\*Postmark before this date will be returned.*

- **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

Registration open to new families.

- **Monday, February 6, 2017**

2nd payment due



2017-18 will bring changes to Nursery, Toddler's & Two's classes. See new **age range** on your registration form.



## Happening at Second Church

### Worship

Children are always welcome! Shortly into the service, children can join the programs below or continue worshipping with their families.

### Nursery

Nursery care available for infants during all services.

### Preschool and Kindergarten

Young children enjoy church school on Sunday mornings at 9:30. During the 11:00 worship service, children age two and under participate in supervised free play while threes enjoy Children's Chapel.

### Elementary School

At 9:30 on Sunday, elementary school children participate in our innovative Sunday school curriculum. Grades one through three enjoy the Rotation Workshop, which features different activities related to a certain Bible story. Children rotate weekly through workshops including art, mission, games and video.

### 4th & 5th Grade

45 Degrees is a program for fourth and fifth graders at 9:30 on Sunday morning. It involves small group discussion and a more in-depth look at Bible passages.

### Families @ Five

This casual, family-friendly worship experience takes place each Sunday during the school year at 5p.m. in Milner Chapel. It's an action-packed half-hour of joyful worship that you can share with your young children.

### Middle & High School Students

We offer a variety of programs, events and activities for middle and high school students (grades 6-12) each week. We hope that every student will find some way to get involved and will find a place to gather with peers, investigate Scripture, and grow in their faith.

*For more details and other opportunities for worship at Second, visit our website at [www.secondchurch.org](http://www.secondchurch.org)*

## Winter Weather School Closings & Delays!

Check the following for Children's

Circle Preschool's status:

WTHR channel 13

or on the web at [wthr.com](http://wthr.com).

We will also update information on our Facebook page. Teachers will **NOT** call unless closing/delays are unrelated to weather.

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**Second Presbyterian Church is a community of faith that welcomes families of all faith backgrounds!**

# January

## Music & Movement



### This Month's Theme: Snow & Winter

Finger Play: Chubby Snowman and Snow



#### I'm a little Snowman. (*I'm a Little Teapot.*)

I'm a little snowman, short and fat.  
Here is my scarf and here is my hat.  
When the snow is falling, come and play.  
Build a snowman every day.

#### Mitten Song (*Unknown*)

Thumbs in the thumb place,  
Fingers all together.  
This is the song we sing  
In mitten weather.

#### It is Snowing. (*Are You Sleeping?*)

It is snowing. It is snowing  
On my head, on my head.\*  
I need a hat. I need a hat  
On my head, on my head.



#### Make a Snowball (*Are You Sleeping*)

Make a snowball.  
Make a snowball,  
Nice and round,  
Nice and round.  
It is very cold.  
It is very cold.  
Throw it now!  
Throw it now!

\*On my arms, I need a coat.

\*On my ears-I need earmuffs.

\*On my feet-I need boots.

Nursery Rhymes: Jack & Jill

Instruments: shakers, maracas, bells, rhythm sticks, triangles, hand bells & xylophones

