

# January 2025

## Children's Circle Preschool

OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Parent Newsletter



For Kids!

Dear Parents,

The first semester is over and we are about to begin a brand new year with expectations, fears, hopes and joy. I've talked to so many parents over the last six months and although I can't predict change happening, I think what I can promise you for your life with us at CCP, is the continued commitment to put your children first. All decisions made are with the safety, growth and love for our littles in mind. I've been blessed these past months to have an even deeper appreciation for the staff at CCP. I've been able to have conversations about their love for teaching and their hopes to continue doing what they feel is a calling. Though I haven't had a chance to talk with every staff member in depth (yet!), those I have had opportunity to sit down with share their love for teaching and their appreciation for doing it here inside the walls of Second Presbyterian Church. It is a blessing to be here in this place. We live in a broken world and we are all broken people to some measure, but there is joy here as well. We hope that you feel it too!

I especially want to thank you for your kind words of encouragement through the many comments, cards and gifts that covered my desk this past week. That means so much! You inspire me to do the best I can do! I pray for God's peace and blessing for you and your family in 2025!

Peace,  
Ren

P.S. I want to encourage you again to get comfy with our Brightwheel app. If you haven't been accessing it, I recommend you try it. It's a great way to share info with your child's teachers and a great way to share the day through pictures and comments. I get to see them all! If you have questions, I'm here and accessible!



### 2025-2026 CCP School Year Registration

- Details about Registration and how to use the Brightwheel app will be sent via email the week of January 6th.
- **Wednesday, January 15th 12 Noon**  
Online registration opens!  
Watch your email for the link to register!

### Weather Delay/Closures Children's Circle Second Presbyterian

For quick information, check the internet at [Wthr.com](http://Wthr.com). A delay means that school will begin at 11a.m. Teachers will not call unless building is closed for unrelated reasons.



What's up with that?

Is it safe go hiking in the winter?

Of course! If you prepare it can be a beautiful and exhilarating experience!

My grandys and I love to hike all year! The cool thing is that the paths take on a new personality every season. New plants, new colors, and the trees look completely different! But if you go out in the cold there are things to prepare for!

Always be sure to know just how cold it's going to be and make sure you wear the right clothing including coats, hats, gloves, socks and boots! In the winter sometimes paths can be icy! Make sure your boots have traction. Ask mom or dad what that means!

I like to take my hiking sticks in the winter. They help me with balance on high hills and on frozen creeks!

Always take a snack! :)  
One day, my grandys and I broke creek ice with rocks and sticks for almost an hour!

We like to hike at Cool Creek Park, and Fort Harrison State Park. (Side note!) Fort Harrison has the highest sledding hill in town!

I hope you find time to hike this winter! -RA



## Music & Movement

## Godly Play

Now that we have made the journey to Bethlehem and come close to the mystery of Christmas, we will move into stories about Jesus' life and teachings. I hope your kids are bringing even a little piece of these stories home to you. It continues to surprise me how they are responding to the stories. One question we ask each time is "I wonder what part of this story you liked best?" I wonder what responses to that question they might have for you!

- Miss Chloe



### January Spotlight!

### Monthly Theme:



#### Snowflakes Falling (London Bridge)

Snowflakes falling through the air  
On my face, on my hair  
Even on my teddy bear  
It is snowing!  
Wear your jacket and your hat  
You'll be warm, just like that.  
Make a snowman big and fat!  
It is snowing!



#### Happy Little Snowman

A happy little snowman  
had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny,  
and what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny  
was looking for some lunch.  
And ate that snowman's carrot nose.  
Nibble, nibble, CRUNCH!



#### Blast Off (Itsy bitsy spider)

Climb aboard the spaceship  
We're going to the moon.  
Hurry and get ready,  
We're going to take off soon!  
Wiggle on your helmet  
And buckle up real tight.  
'cause here comes the countdown  
So count with all your might!  
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF!!



#### Polar Bear, Polar Bear

Polar bear, polar bear  
White as the snow  
Sat on the ice, near the cold water's flow  
I'm hungry he said  
And made a wish.  
Then stuck in his paw,  
And pulled out a fish.



### Important Dates!

Mon Dec. 23 -Jan. 3  
January 6  
January 20  
January 21  
February 17  
Friday, March 31-April 4

Christmas Break- Closed  
School Resumes  
M.L. King Day- Closed  
Professional Day- Closed  
President's Day- Closed  
Spring Break - Closed

## What's Happening at Second Church?

### Sunday Mornings at Second!

- 9am-9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 10am Worship
- 4 year olds through 8th graders begin in Sanctuary with their families. After "The Word with children, they are invited to head to Children's Choir or are welcome to remain for the entire worship service.
- Sunday Morning Care is offered to our younger children.



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