

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESCHOOL

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JANUARY IS...

I AM SPECIAL!

This month we will learn how God made each one of us very special and we are getting big enough to do wonderful things for ourselves. We will learn that we are alike in many ways, yet we are also different because God gave us special characteristics and talents. We will find that our size, shape, and color vary in each of us. It is important for parents and teachers to remember that all children learn and grow at their own rate. Everyone is special because each of us is a child of God.



PAJAMA PARTY

We will end this month with a pajama party. We are asking all the children to put on their favorite pajamas and slippers or shoes, to wear that day. For a warm and cozy treat, we will serve hot cocoa and have bagels for snack. To prevent our slippers and Pajamas from getting dirty we are planning to stay indoors all day. If you stay for Cherubs or extended care these days please pack socks and tennis shoes for the afternoon.



The dates for the parties are:

M-W-F	Monday	Jan. 30
T-Th	Tuesday	Jan. 31

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Shepherd of the Hills Preschool and the Extended Care Program will be closed on **January 16, 2012** in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We are now accepting scholarship applications during the month of January. The scholarship will be applied towards your child's tuition during the months of **February through May 2012**, if approved. If you are currently receiving a scholarship, **you will need to re-apply** for consideration for the remainder of the school year. Please pick up an application form from Ms. Kathy or Ms. Tami if you are interested in applying/re-applying. The application will need to be turned in by **January 20th** so that the committee has time to review them before February Tuition is due.

EVALUATIONS

4's	Jan. 17- Jan.20 (Kathy & Jillian)
4's	Jan 23-Jan 26 (Patti, Tiffani, & Justina)
3's	Feb. 10, 15, 21 & 23(Stacey/Karen)
3's	Feb 15,17,23 & 28 (Tami)

CONFERENCES

4's	Feb. 1-3 & Feb 7 (Kathy & Jillian)
4's	Feb 6,8,9,&16 (Patti, Tiffani & Justina)
3's	March 1-2 (Stacey)
3's	March 5-6 (Tami)

If for some reason these conference dates above do not fit into your schedule just **let your child's teacher know and we can set up a time that is good for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board prior to the conference dates.**

CHILD OF THE WEEK

We will begin our "Child of the Week" Program this month. A different child will be highlighted each week. At the end of the week, a stuffed bear will go home with your child in a backpack to spend the



weekend with his or her family. A booklet will also go home for you to write in, about the adventure that your child and the bear shared. It is important to return the backpack, the bear, and the booklet on the following Monday/Tuesday so that it can be available for the next child to bring home. We will then read the Child of the Week form and the booklet in class before sending it back home for parents to keep. Please keep in mind that it will take until the end of the school year before every child has had a chance to be child of the week.

SPECIAL VISITOR

This month we are excited about having Katie Mackay from the **Northern California Elks Vision Program** come and do a vision screening on your child.



We do need your permission to screen your child so each teacher will be given a sign-up sheet for you to sign. We will also send home a pamphlet and reminder note prior to the date. The dates for the screening are:

T-Th	Tuesday	Jan 17
M-W-F	Wednesday	Jan 18

CLASSROOM NEWS

Ms Tami, & Miss Stacey/Karen

3 / 4 Year Olds



We will begin learning our numbers this month. We will learn numbers 1-10, learning one number a week.

We will create a number book that will teach us to count and at the same time, allow us to practice writing our numbers.

Ms Kathy, Ms Jillian, Ms Patti, Ms Tiffani & Ms Justina

4/5 Year Olds

We are continuing to learn the alphabet. The letters for January are C, J & F. After these letters there will be a review week with the letters L, R, C, J, and F. These letters are also listed on the monthly calendar for easy reference.



CHERUBS

This month we will talk about Zachaeus, the 12 Disciples and Jesus' life. We do offer extended care on Fridays if you are in need of a few extra hours to get some work or shopping done. The children bring their lunch and enjoy some playtime with friends.

LOOKING AHEAD



Valentines Day Party

M-W-F	Monday	Feb. 13
T-Th	Tuesday	Feb. 14

CLOSED

Presidents Day	Mon	Feb. 20
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Registration for Fall 2012-2013 begins on Monday February 27th

