



Methodist Preschool News

December 1, 2018

From the Director

Reminder: No School December 17 to January 1

December is a special time of year as we get ready for all the different holiday traditions celebrated by our families and the seasonal changes taking place. Each classroom is exploring these topics in unique ways. Be sure to read your classroom newsletter, it is full of information specific to your child's class with special events for you to be aware of.

We at the Preschool like to remember those less fortunate than ourselves especially during this time. Please take the opportunity to donate an item to the **DOVE food collection** bag or a **blanket** for Midnight Run. The children can understand what it means to be hungry or cold, so it is a good opportunity to help them develop a sense of empathy and compassion as they begin looking outward.

Upcoming **New Canaan Cares** talk to put on your calendar; Kindergarten Transition, 9:30, Jan. 10th at East School.

Don't forget the **flu vaccine**. Please send documentation in to the office. It is a state mandated requirement for children who attend preschool under the age of 5 and must be in place **by December 30**.

Registration is underway for the 2019 school year. Forms are available in the office and on the table in the lobby. Current families receive priority placement, but in order to secure your spot, you need to submit a registration application soon.

Winter weather warnings are on the way...we follow the public school closing and delay protocol. The only difference, a delay is always a 10:00 am start for our students; we will always close when the public schools close for safety reasons. This information is posted on our web site; mnskids.org.

Registration forms, Lunch Bunch forms and Early Bird Special forms are now all available to download from our web site.

We wish all of our families PEACE and JOY as we begin December together!

From The Methodist Parent Committee

Hello from the United Methodist Parent Committee! Hopefully you got a chance to check out the book swap last month. Bravo to **JJ Russo** and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it a success. We raised \$240 that will be used to benefit our school and programs! All the teachers were also able to refresh the books in their classrooms, and we donated the extra books to preschools in neighboring towns.

Thank you as well to **Chris Gilbert** for hosting a terrific dad's event at Lock City Brewery this past Sunday. It was a great opportunity for the guys to hang out and watch the Giants game together.

We have some more fun events coming up after the new year including Trivia Night, Movie Morning, and some special discount shopping events. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Finally, we thank all the Methodist families who participated in the Giving Tree this month. All the purchases and donations go directly to the school and classrooms - your kids should start to see them in their classrooms after the break! If you haven't had the chance yet to pick an apple from the tree, there are still a few days left (it's located outside the 3s classroom downstairs). The exciting thing about the Giving Tree this year is that all the kids will benefit this school year from whatever you choose to donate.

Wishing you all a wonderful December and holiday season!



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AT METHODIST

It is our goal as a NAEYC Accredited program to help children explore the similarities and differences among family holiday traditions. "The aim is for children to understand that families are different and each family's way of celebrating works for them." (Anti Bias Education for Children and Ourselves; NAEYC 2010) We love for the children to talk about what they do, and always encourage parents to participate by coming in to read a special story or share a special food that helps them to celebrate this time of year.