

December 2017



Moms, dads, grandmas and other guests joined the Ducktail class for a Christmas Tea Party. The class and their guests made ornaments and enjoyed a story and treat.

Dance Recital

Friday, December 15 is the date of our Christmas Dance Recital. The kids have been working really hard with Ms Brittany, and are excited to show you what they have learned. Parents, grandparents and other special guests are invited to join us on December 15 at 11am for the show (the show starts at 11, so feel free to come a little early to get your seat), and enjoy cookies in fellowship hall afterwards.

Christmas Shopping Made Easy

We keep hearing about the stress that the Christmas season brings, and while we can't help you with decorating or party planning, we can help you with your gifts. Remember you can purchase gift cards to dozens of retailers (Cub Food, iTunes, Kohls, Walmart, BP gas station, Holiday gas station, dozens of restaurants, Starbucks, Caribou, Barnes and Nobel and more...) from our SCRIP fundraiser. Some benefits of the scrip gift cards are:

- Easy to buy - fill out a form here at TLC, the cards will be given to you here at TLC – no running around having to pick them up from individual stores
- Easy to mail – just put them in a card and mail them out
- One size fits all – even if you don't know a specific restaurant or store, there is always an Amazon card, a Target card or a gas card

- A scrip gift card can be given to all ages – Barnes and Noble to a youngster to pick out their own favorite book (so much of the fun is in the looking), or an AMC card for a teenager to go see movies, or a gas card for someone in college to help pay for gas to come back and visit, or a favorite restaurant for a young couple to go out and have a special dinner (or an older couple for that matter), the possibilities go on and on
- Pick up extra gift cards for those you want to remember to say thank you to: your Pastor, babysitters, your hairdresser, piano teachers, co-workers, and your children's teachers
- You will be supporting the Early Learning Center and putting money into your account that can be used towards field trips or tuition

The order form can be picked up by the parent bulletin board, filled out and turned in by 10am Wednesday mornings. The last day to order gift cards before Christmas will be Monday, December 11 by 10am.

Classroom Christmas Parties

Your child's teacher will let you know the date of their classroom Christmas party. Many classrooms will also have a wish list displayed for classroom items they are in need of. Please feel free to choose an item off of their wish list and donate it to the classroom.

State of the Center

Please mark your calendar for our State of the Center Meeting. This year we will offer two dates, Tuesday, January 16th at 5pm or Thursday, January 18 at 530pm. We ask that at least one parent from each family attend one of these meeting dates. These meetings will go over the past year and goals we have set for the upcoming year. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet in your child's classroom soon.

Closings

TLC ELC will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 to celebrate Christmas and New Year's Day. There are room sign ups in each of the rooms, please indicate what days your child(ren) will be here over the two weeks of Christmas break (December 18th through December 29th). There is a separate sign up in each room, so you need to check each room you have a child in. This is very important to let us know our staffing needs during this time.

Outdoor Play

We feel it is very important that the children play outside. We will be bringing your child outside (unless the temperature is below zero, regular temperature or wind chill) at least once daily. Please be sure that your child has a warm jacket, hat and mittens here each day. Also, when the snow arrives, please be sure to have snow pants and boots at TLC ELC for your child. It also helps to send an extra pair of mittens for when they get wet playing in the snow.

Icy Parking Lot

Please be aware that the parking lot gets icy throughout the winter. We don't want you, or your children, falling while walking to the center. There are times that are worse than others, but please always be aware of the condition of the pavement.