



TALL TALE TIMES

January 2012

Important Dates

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!! WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT 2012

Jan. 3 rd & 4 th	School begins	First days back after the holidays
Jan. 5 th & 6 th	Kid's Club	Forms for February are sent home today
Jan. 6 th	Atlanta Gymnastics	Atlanta Gymnastics will begin on Fri., Jan. 6 th . These classes are for the four year olds and Kindergarten. Gymnastics is every Friday. ALL CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR PANTS ON THAT DAY!! NO TIGHTS, PLEASE!!
Jan. 10 th & 11 th	Bible stories	Mrs. Hauserman will tell bible stories these days.
Jan. 12 th	Storytelling	Christy Foelsch will be telling stories in the music room-9:20, 2 1/2's and 3's; 9:45-Kindergarten and 10:25, 4's.
Jan. 12 th	Kindergarten information	There will be an information session for the parents of four year olds about the Kindergarten program on Thurs., Jan. 12 th at 7:00pm in the Kindergarten room. We invite all parents of rising Kindergarten students to attend whether or not you plan to send your child to Decatur First Kindergarten. Teachers will be present to answer your questions.
Jan. 12 th & 13 th	Parent workdays	Parent workdays are here again! Join us from 9:00-12:00 on the third floor.
Jan. 13 th	Kid's Club	Kid's Club forms are due today!!
Jan. 16 th	Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan. 16th is a school holiday. There are no classes!!
Jan. 17 th	Registration	Registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year go home today.
Jan. 18 th	Music program	Scott Douglas will perform a music program today at the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am.
Jan. 19 th	Open House	Open house today-9:15 until 10:30
Jan. 24 th	Conferences	Conferences for 4 year olds today. The children <u>WILL</u> attend class today.
Jan. 30 th	Open house	Open house today from 9:15-10:30

LOOKING AHEAD:

Preschool registration:

Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year is just around the corner. Registration cards for in-house will be coming home Jan. 17th. In-house registration cards may be sent back on backpacks and are due Jan. 27th. Parents of children who will be 3, 4 or Kindergarten classes next year are welcome to come and observe and ask questions. Please call and let us know when you would like to visit. A letter about registration will be sent home with your card. Open House is also Jan. 19th and 30th. CMO will receive registration forms at CMO. Call or e-mail if you need a registration card for a sibling. CMO and siblings may register with in-house this year. Please send in by Jan. 27th.

A reminder: morning carpool is 8:50-9:10. All staff members working carpool have other commitments in the classroom. Please be prepared to walk your child into the building after 9:10!!

Father's Night schedule: (mark your calendar)

Mon.: Feb. 6th-all 3 year classes and Kindergarten

Thur.:Feb. 9th-all 2 1/2 T/Th classes and 4 year classes

Father's Night will start promptly at 7:00 pm and last for one hour. It is an informal, fun time for fathers and their children to experience school together.

Feb. 7th is Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night from 5:30 until 7:00pm. at the Decatur Chick-Fil-A. Please come by and enjoy seeing your friends and classmates and help support our school!!



Class News:

During the month of January the **2 ½'s** will be "thinking snow"! We'll learn about winter weather and clothing. Feeding the birds and making a bird feeder will be January activities as well. Our nursery rhyme is "Hey, Diddle, Diddle" and our color this month is blue.

In January the **3 year olds** talk about winter weather and transportation. We will have special fun-filled days-including toy day, Teddy Bear picnic, Little Red Hen day and Nursery Rhyme week.

The **4's** are doing snow projects and studying animals in winter. We are about to start our transportation unit and are looking forward to our "around the world trip". In Science we are talking about three forms of water and soon we'll talk about surface tension and what floats. Also, watch for a meeting of rising Kindergarten students, which will be Jan. 12th. Parent/Teacher conferences are Tuesday, Jan. 24th. **The children DO attend school this day.**

The **Kindergarten** will be learning about animals and their habitats. We will read stories, write stories and make animal habitats. We will also be studying winter and doing science experiments.

THANK YOU:

We would like to thank you for all the many remembrances that we have received. We feel so blessed to be able to share a part of each day with your adorable, loving children.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your address or phone number has changed since the handbook was printed, please, please contact Joanne with any new information.

**Attention: if you need our tax number for the Preschool and Kindergarten it is:
58-0667007**

During these next few months, winter storms could possibly close our school. New this year-watch WAGA Fox 5 news Atlanta for our school to be listed as closed.

2012 calendars are available. Just send in your check for \$15 each and we'll send your calendar home.

IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THE TEACHERS HAVE GONE FOR MORNING CARPOOL, YOU MUST WALK YOUR CHILD IN THE DOOR!!