

Programs: Our Winter Music Programs will be held Dec. 19 & 20. All are invited to listen to the children sing, see their snowman art projects and stay for a social following the programs. The programs will be held in the church so there is plenty of seating for everyone. After the social, children are free to leave with their parents.

Class A (T/Th Morning Jr. Preschool with Shaun) — Thursday, December 19th at 9:30 a.m.

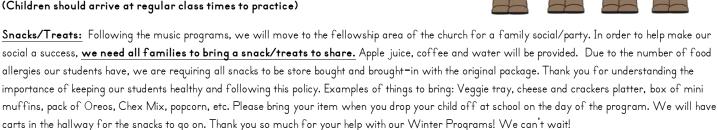
Class B (T/Th Afternoon Jr. Preschool with Shaun) — Thursday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Class C (MWF Morning Preschool with Shaun) — Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Class D (TWTh Afternoon Preschool with Sara) — Thursday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Class E (MWF Afternoon Preschool with Shaun) — Friday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Class F (MTWThF Morning Preschool with Sara) — Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



Weather: As the winter weather moves in, please be careful in the parking lot and on the sidewalk as it can get quite icy in the winter months. Also, please have your child stomp his/her snowy feet on the floor in the entry way before coming in. Sending an extra set of shoes is helpful for those who have muddy or wet boots. Thanks!

Back packs full of stuff: — If your child needs items for daycare such as blankets, stuffed animals, snowpants, boots, etc, please send an additional bag for school. Parents, please check backpacks each day after school and empty out the day's papers. Thanks!

School Closed: Last days of classes will be December 19th and 20th. Classes will resume after the new year on January 6th and 7th. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Registration: We will continue to take names for our 2020-2021 mailing list through January. Currently enrolled families will automatically receive updated registration information when it is available. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Gifts: Many families graciously give us gifts around the holidays, which is so thoughtful and always appreciated. However, we are asking that instead of giving us a gift, please find a way to do something kind for someone else. Spread some love and holiday cheer. Thank you!

Kindness Cubbies: The Kindness Cubbies program was developed as part of our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. Research shows that teaching empathy in early childhood years can have incredible, long-lasting effects. Our goal is to introduce the concepts of empathy and compassion to our students while encouraging family engagement. During in-class discussions we talk about kindness and how our actions impact those around us. We encourage our students to discover their unique abilities and help them learn how to share their gifts with others. Through Kindness Cubbies, we hope to help our students and their families create connections with others in our community and offer a place for families to introduce the idea of charitable giving to their young children. Most importantly, we hope to share the idea that everyone has something to give. If we work together spreading kindness and connecting with each other, we can help create a more empathetic world.

For the month of December, we'll be collecting gifts for the Giving Tree at the Minot Community Christmas Day Meal. Attendants young and old will be able to choose a gift from the Giving Tree to take with them after they enjoy the free Christmas Day buffet meal. This is a wonderful event held each year in our community. All families are invited to celebrate at the community meal. Volunteer opportunities are also available for Christmas Day. While the Giving Tree will mostly be for children attending the event, there will be many adults who would also like to take home a gift. Ideas for items to donate (any used items must be in very good condition) — toys, trinkets/figurines, jewelry boxes & jewelry, blankets, craft supplies, markers/crayons, books for all ages, puzzles of all types, stuffed animals, DVDs, lotion, games, etc. We hope to provide a nice assortment of gifts for all to en joy. If you'd like more information regarding the Minot Community Christmas Day Meal, visit www.minotcommunitymeal.org. Donated items can be placed in and around the Kindness Cubbies in the hallway. THANK YOU!!!