

Zion Weekly Newsletter

December 5, 2024

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord” Psalm 127:3



December Birthdays:
 12/6—Aspen Prauner
 12/19—Garrett Doerr

Sing in Church...the student’s sing in church this Sunday, December 8th. Meet in Mrs. Masat’s classroom at 7:45am. They will sing at the start of the 8:00am service. Students will return to their parents once they are done singing. We hope to see you all on Sunday!

Manor Christmas Program...the 4-year old Preschoolers and K-3rd graders will perform at the Manor on Wednesday, December 11th at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome to come and watch. Thank you to those who volunteered to drive! **Drivers should be at the school by 9:40am so that we can load at 9:45am.**

Christmas Eve Children’s Service... thank you to all that signed-up to be part of this program! The practice schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, December 7th: 9:00-10:00am
- Wednesday, December 11th: 3:45-4:45pm
- Saturday, December 14th: 9:00-10:00am
- Wednesday, December 18th: 3:45-4:45pm
- Saturday, December 21st: 9:00-10:00am
- Monday, December 23rd: 9:00-10:00am



Christmas Gift Giving

It has been a long standing tradition at Zion that instead of having a gift exchange in the classrooms, we encourage families to participate in a mission project. This year we have chosen to send Christmas gifts to the children of Jeff and Rachel Goetz. As you may remember, Jeff and Rachel moved their family to St. Louis so Jeff can attend Concordia Seminary to become a Pastor! We encourage all Zion students to participate and ask that each grade provide gifts for the following:

- 3-year old Preschool—gifts for Walter (6 weeks old)
- 4-year old Preschool—gifts for Jasper (2 years old)
- Kindergarten—gifts for Eloise (6 years old)
- 1st & 2nd Grade—gifts for Lucy (8 years old)
- 3rd Grade—gifts for Beka (11 years old)

Please send the gifts unwrapped and to school by Thursday, December 19th. The students will help package them so they can be given to the Goetz’s when they are back in Nebraska over Christmas break.



Next Week...

Monday December 9	Tuesday December 10	Wednesday December 11	Thursday December 12	Friday December 13
Hamburger Baked Beans Peaches	Popcorn Chicken Peas Pears	Burrito Peas Applesauce Chapel 9:00am, Manor 10:00am, Christmas Eve Practice 3:45pm	Chicken Taco Spinach Orange Half	Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn, Fruit Cup 1:50 Dismissal



Weather cancellations or postponements...

we use the Plainview Public Schools bus service, so if they close because of inclement weather, we close too. Plainview Public School will announce school closings or late starts through their all-call system and on local television and radio stations. Each Zion student family is included in the all-call system, which is the same system that sends out the Sunday evening updates for the Public School. If you have not been receiving this message on Sunday's, please contact the office (402-582-3312) so we can make sure you get added to the list. Zion always dismisses 10 minutes earlier than the public school, to allow the bus time to get over to the Public School after picking up the Zion students. If there is a late start, there will NOT be Preschool that day.

Scrip Cards...with the holidays quickly approaching, please keep our SCRIP cards in mind. Not only do our cards make great gifts, but using SCRIP cards for your purchases helps our rebates add up all the more. Our inventory includes gift cards for Mary's, Subway, Casey's, Target, Amazon, Starbucks, Dairy Queen, Walmart, Pizza Ranch, Hy-Vee, Menards, Bath & Body Works, Arby's, Bomgaars, Best Buy, Pizza Hut and Great Clips. Every card you purchase earns you money off your tuition bill next school year. Stop by the office to make your purchase!

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PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN NEWS

By: Cindy Meyer

Thank you to everyone that came to watch the 3-year old Preschool class-Kindergarten sing on Thursday. Thank you to those drivers that signed up to take the 4-year old class-3rd graders to the Manor on Wednesday, December 11 at 10:00. You are also invited to come and watch! 12 students have met their Book It goal for November. Way to go! December's calendar is due December 20.

Thank you to Lisa and Paige for providing snack and drinks for December. The Christmas party for the 4-year old class and Kindergarteners is on Friday, December 20, from 10-11am. Lisa Doerr and Melissa Fischer have signed up for the games and crafts, David Schwanebeck for drinks, and Paige Albin for snacks. Thank you! Please wear something red, green or Christmas related that day.

Since there is snow on the ground and the kids enjoy it, students must have a snow bag with snow pants, hat, gloves and boots with a change of shoes to play outside or they will have to play on the sidewalk. This is the plan, since bringing all those items can be a lot: Tuesdays outside recess for 3-year old class and Kindergarten. Wednesdays outside recess for 4-year old's and Kindergarten. Kindergarteners will also be going outside for recess in the afternoon as long as it's not too cold out. Thanks for your cooperation!

We will be working on assessments next week to prepare for the report cards to finish off the semester. They are learning a lot. I'm also encouraging good behavior for the prize box.

Group A show and tell on Friday, December 13. Kindergarten spelling words: like, look, little, me. Kindergarten memory work for December 13: "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given." Isaiah 9:6.

Reminder that there is a 12:50pm dismissal on Friday, December 20. Christmas break is from December 23—January 6. Have a great weekend!

FIRST, SECOND and THIRD GRADE NEWS

By: Krista Masat

Hannah, Finley, Landon, Braxtyn, Aspen, and Elliott all met November's Book It goal. Way to go! We have now started on December's goal. Keep on reading!

If anyone did not make it to the program today, we will be performing again at the manor. It will be at 10:00 on Wednesday. You are invited to join us!

Our class Christmas party is planned for 10:00 on Friday, December 20. Tamra and Jolene already have plans made!

We sing in church on Sunday—I hope to see everyone there!

- **First grade spelling words:** book, look, cook, took, hood, wood, buy, done.