

Director's Note

We hope that all of our Asbury families had a joyous and blessed Christmas and New Years! We welcome everyone back from their break and look forward to starting the second half of our school year! In December our children had so much fun learning all about Christmas and Jesus! We also held our first Asbury Preschool Christmas Program. It was a big hit and our children did such a wonderful job! Thank you to all the teachers who helped to make this happen, and the children for all their hard work. They were wonderful.

As January comes to us, we shift our focus to winter and all of the wonderful things that come with it. We have a lot happening this month, so please be sure to read our calendar.

We will host another Preschool Sunday at Asbury Church on January 13th. We will participate in both services, Contemporary Worship at 9:30 and Traditional Worship at 11:00. We hope you will join us, and for our preschool playdate on the playground following the 9:30 service!

Our Pajama Days are fast approaching on January 23rd and 24th! Come to school dressed in your comfy pajamas and join us for our Duck Donuts Fundraiser as well. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Registration for next school year is coming! We will be offering registration for **CURRENT** families January 23rd-25th. Applications for next year will be sent home with your child next week. Please fill out the completed, notarized form during preschool hours between January 23rd to 25th. Registration is first come, first serve so please be sure to fill out your first, second and third choice of schedules. All current families who enroll during this time are guaranteed a place at Asbury next year. Families may still enroll for next year after the 25th, however, registration will open to the general public thereafter that will also affect availability in classrooms. Please see the attached information sheets for fees and tuition for next year.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 3rd- Classes Resume

January 8th- Transitional Kindergarten Information Session from 8:15-9:15am (for parents of children who are considering our TK program for next year, or in the future)

January 13th- Preschool Sunday at Asbury Church

January 18th- No School, WCPSS Teacher Workday

January 20th- No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23rd-Pajama Day and Donut Fundraiser

January 24th-Pajama Day and Donut Fundraiser

January 23rd-25th Registration for Current Families for Next School Year

A complete list of dates is available online at asburyraleigh.org/preschool/important-dates/

Reminder:

Our Preschool policy regarding closed dates is as follows; the preschool is able to close due to weather emergencies for two days during the school year without requiring any "make up days".

The two days we closed in December will not be made up at this time. Any other days we may need to close going forward will result in a make up day. Scheduled make up dates will be determined at that time. Thank you for your understanding.



Classroom Notes

Ms. Sue and Ms. Mika's Toddlers:

We are looking forward to jumping back into action with our toddlers! We will be celebrating the New Year with our own NYE party and make pictures of fireworks. Then throughout January we will be enjoying winter with activities about snow and reading the book The Mitten (stuffed animals included). Our science experiments will involve turning water to snow and then watching the solid return to a liquid form inside! All exciting stuff! Two birthdays-Audrey turned two at the end of December and Jackson G turns two this month- Happy Birthday friends! We have a new student starting, Gracen Lee-welcome to the crew. Can't wait to see everyone on Friday!

Ms. Chris and Ms. Courtney's Twos:

This month, with the holidays behind us, we'll celebrate all things related to winter! We'll have the chance to explore color changing on some real snow that we will bring in the classroom. We will enjoy slippery ice, by painting with it. We'll read about winter animals and test how they walk in their icy environments, with our polar bears and penguins. With all these cold explorations we will warm our hands with fun mitten matching games. We'll get an opportunity to strengthen our chilly fingers by hanging warm mittens, gloves and socks on our classroom clothesline. Happy 2019 to all of our wonderful families and Asbury friends, we are happy to have you and your children in our lives!



Ms. Suzanne and Ms. Maxine's Twos:

Happy New Year! We are excited to hear the children tell us about their new toys and all that they did over the holiday break. This month we will learn about winter and snow and about how bears hibernate. Wait till you see our big bear cave! Another January highlight is our annual Pajama Day where we play in our pjs and drink hot chocolate! Though we may have had our fill of snow outside, it will be pretty *cool* to make snow in our classroom. We resolve to continue having a great time at preschool in 2019!

Love,
Suzanne and Maxine

Ms. Alison and Ms. Marty's Threes:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope you have had a Christmas that was merry and bright and filled with the blessings of love and family. January finds us hoping for just a little more snow to supplement our winter units (not as much as we got in December though :-)

Our units this month will cover snow and snowmen, penguins and polar bears. Painting with ice, shaving cream and maybe some fresh snow are just a few of the fun activities planned. We are glad to have you back and are excited for the beginning of a new year

See you in the classroom,
Ms. Alison and Ms. Marty

Ms. Erin and Ms. Katie's Threes:

Snow flakes falling everywhere, but where will our furry Arctic buddies go to warm their hair? January will see our little ones learning about Arctic Animals - Where they like to sleep during the winter and which of these Arctic animals actually like snow. While we may not have a winter filled with snow, we will be enjoying snowy activities such as creating a snow storm in a jar, painting a snow man, and decorating the snow man with cotton balls. Our class will have a Bring a Bear Day where each child can bring their favorite Teddy Bear or Stuffed Arctic Animal to school. We will continue working on skills such as cutting in straight lines and putting our coats on all by ourselves. Love, Ms. Erin and Ms. Katie

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Ms. Corene and Ms. Renee's Fours:

Happy New Year and welcome 2019! January is here and we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! We welcome Ms. Georjeanne to our Monday class. The children know her and we are excited for her to join us. The Fours will begin with celebrating News Years and explore Winter with some exciting activities. Other themes for the month will include Martin Luther King and Polar Animals. We will continue learning the Alphabet and tracing our letters in "snow"! The children will celebrate Pajama Day toward the end of the month! We have such great classes and great parents! Thanks for letting us be a part of their lives!

Ms. Jill and Ms. Emily's Fours:

Blessings for the New Year and welcome back! We will kick off the new Year with many new learning experiences. We will ease back into our daily routine and give the children the opportunity to share their holiday experiences and adventures with their friends. They will also find out what Mouse was doing over break and he will continue his adventures with our children. We will learn about the season of winter and explore animals that live in the cold weather. Hopefully we will see some snowflakes, but if not, we will create some flurries in our classroom with some winter fun. We will round out the month with pirates and hear the legend of Mr. Groundhog. Will there be more winter weather? Does Mr. Groundhog see his shadow?

Love, Ms. Jill and Ms. Emily

Ms. Monica and Ms. Mary Ann's Fours:

We hope you all enjoyed the holidays! We are ready to see the kids! This is a bitter-sweet time for our Frogs as we say good-bye to Ms. Sherri and hello to Ms. Mary Ann. Ms. Sherri will be back frequently for visits and to sub. This month we will learn about all things winter, even though it feels like spring as I type this! We will cover winter in general, explore "The Mitten" book in depth, and talk about polar bears and penguins. We will read as many of the "Tacky the Penguin" books as possible during that week. We will even have a "Tacky Day" where we dress tacky like the penguin in the books. These are fun units with a lot of engaging books and science discovery! It will be a fun month!

Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Christi's Transitional Kindergarten:

Welcome back from the Christmas Holidays. It is hard to believe 2019 is already here! We hope everyone had a restful holiday break and are ready for some fun and learning in the New Year! This month our class will focus on winter, hibernation, Martin Luther King, Jr., and literature from Jan Brett. We will end the month with Pajama Day. We can't wait to see what winter has in store for us. *Love, Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Christi*

Music with Ms. Sue

Music fun for the month of January will involve lots of movement. It is important to move our bodies daily and sometimes hard to do during the winter months when we can't get outside as much. We will be incorporating art with music as we listen to Peter and the Wolf. Our main theme is winter and we will be learning fun songs to celebrate this wonderful time of year.

