



ADVENT

Dear Children's Circle Families,

I usually title my December newsletter "Merry Christmas". When I did that this year it made me cringe! I realized that it is not even December yet! I am rushing the season, doing the very same thing that the merchants are doing at the mall. The thing that drives me crazy, my pet peeve!

So, this year the title is more appropriately "Advent." Advent is the season of preparation and expectation! It is a time of "expectant waiting." Waiting is hard for us. It is REALLY hard for children. But the real gift is in the waiting. Of course, Advent is about spiritual preparation and expectations. We celebrate this at preschool by singing Christmas Carols together in Jubilee Hall, playing with and making nativity sets and reading the Christmas story.

I think the lesson in Advent is that each part of the journey, even the waiting, is very important. If you rush any part of any journey, you miss something. We try to live by that philosophy at The Children's Circle all year long.

We have made a concerted effort to slow down. We want to give children time to explore and discover. We want them to really have time to engage. Often our schedules are so hurried and filled with transitions that children never get settled enough to have rich, sustained periods of cognitive engagement. We strive to make that different because it is important to brain development. All of those fancy words really mean children have more time to play and it makes their brains grow!

This year maybe we can all take a step back and enjoy the peace that the season of Advent is meant to bring to us. I know that I am trying! Peace, love and joy to you all, Susan Wade, Director

December						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				Creative Movement		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Chick Fil A					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Christmas Chapel			
			Sedgefield Christmas Blitz			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	No Afternoon Carpool		Christmas Holiday -No School----			
26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>SEE YOU ON TUESDAY JAN. 4, 2011!</b>
	----- Christmas Holiday- No School-----					

SAVE THE DATE



PARENT ART NIGHT

Get at sitter and plan to join us for a night of fun, ART dessert, coffee and fellowship  
Tuesday, January 25



NO AFTERNOON CARPOOL

*In order to provide parking for parents attending class Christmas parties, we will NOT have afternoon carpool on Monday, Dec. 20 or Tuesday, Dec. 21*

Parent Council Corner

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**ENROLLMENT DATES FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

*Open Houses for New Families*

Thursday January 27 and Tuesday, February 8 at 10:00 Room 108

Registration Deadlines

Returning Families - Friday, February 11 by 1:00  
New Families - Friday, February 18 by 1:00



*"I bring to you good news of great joy that will be for all people.... a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ!"*

Luke 2:10-11