

# Parma Kids Newsletter

## December 2020



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### December Units

All of the classes will learn about giving to others, reading Christmas stories and learning about how other countries and cultures celebrate the season. Classes will be practicing songs for the Christmas program, making family gifts, and writing cards for Christmas.

### Christmas Programs

Come join us for our Christmas program, how our program will be shown is still to be determined, but we will either be class programming in the evenings like we've done earlier this year, or we have a video premier of the program online for you to view.. Either way we want December to be a celebration and the children have been working very hard at their songs and look forward to sharing them with you. Our preschool classes will be singing songs and telling the story of Jesus's birth.

### Find us on Facebook!

Follow us on our Facebook page, @ParmaKids for regular updates.

### Snack Sign-up

Please be sure to sign up for a healthy snack for your child's classroom. There are some healthy snack ideas posted near the snack sign up in the lobby. Please remember snacks cannot be homemade and must be tree nut and peanut free.

### Holiday Break Hours

Our Preschool classes will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>. Day Care will remain open during this break. Parma Kids will be closing at 3pm on Dec.24<sup>th</sup> and will be close Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> for the holiday. We will also close at 3pm on December 31<sup>st</sup> and be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Regular Preschool classes will resume January 4<sup>th</sup>. We cannot wait to see you in the New Year!

### Speech Concerns

"How do I know if my child needs speech?" If you have concerns about your child's speech, you can start by talking to his or her teacher. As a general rule for 3 year olds, you should be able to understand about 80% of speech, they should be able to follow 2 step directions, can take turns (with encouragement). As a general rule for 4 year olds, you should be able to understand 95% of speech, they should be able to sing familiar songs, and engage in play with others. We strongly encourage you to have your child tested if you are concerned about their speech. Speech concerns addressed early are corrected faster and have less long-term effects on learning and frustration in social situations. Screenings are free and can be arranged through Hilton School District for children three and four years old. Children under three are evaluated by Monroe County Early Intervention.



## **Amazon Smile**

Don't forget to sign in through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when you do your online holiday shopping. Amazon donates a portion of the sale to Parma Kids. All you do is shop starting through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) using your normal Amazon account and select Parma Christian Fellowship Church as the designated non-profit, best part is that it doesn't cost you anything extra. Happy Shopping!

## **Christmas Baskets**

We will be serving 5 families in our community this Christmas by making them beautiful Christmas Baskets full of food and gifts. This would not be possible without the generosity of our school and church families. A sign up sheet is posted outside of the office window. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Parma Kids Merchandise Sale**

T-shirts & sweatshirts with your child's handprint in the shape of a Christmas tree, wreath, or butterfly are available to purchase. These make a great gift for Grandparents. We also have Parma Kids bags available for order. Order forms will be sent home and extra order forms are available in the office.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

If you don't already have a place to celebrate Christmas Eve this year, Parma Christian Fellowship Church would be happy to have you join them for an evening of music and a message the whole family will enjoy. While they are having in person church services currently, they know that things can change at any time. To stay up to date on the latest way this Christmas Eve service will take place please feel free to visit the website, <https://pcfministries.com/> or follow them on the @Parma Christian Fellowship Church Facebook page for the latest news.

**Merry Christmas to you and your family!**