



**Our Redeemer Child Care Center
Toddler Room - Group 2
December 2014**

Weekly Themes

Dec. 1 - 5: Winter Clothing
Dec. 8 - 12: Animals in winter
Dec. 15 - 19: "Goodnight Moon"
Dec. 22 - 24: Merry Christmas
Dec. 29 - 2: Happy New Year!

- **THE GIVING TREE.** Please consider helping a family less fortunate this holiday season. Look for our giving tree in the entryway - if you would like to participate, take a tag off of the tree and return the wrapped item by 12/19.

Thanks for your help!

- **MISS SUE'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT** will be here on Thursday, December 4th and Wednesday, December 17th.

- **PIZZA DAYS:** December 5th, 11th & 19th. Remember, pizza \$ is due on Wednesdays, as pizza is ordered in advance. Don't forget a healthy snack to go with pizza.

- **IT'S GETTING COLD OUT...**we love to go outdoors, especially in the snow! Throughout the winter, please be sure that your child has a warm jacket, hat and mittens (and snow pants and boots as needed) so that we can all enjoy outdoor play together.

**Please note whether your child's mittens or gloves are easy to put on and that they are able to play with them on. Thanks!*

- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

December 24th - closing early at 12:30

December 25th - CLOSED

December 31st - closing early at 4:00

January 1st - CLOSED

We'll be in our pajamas - so that's how you should dress. All aboard headed north on the Polar Express!

Join us for Family Night

Thursday, December 11th. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

6:30 - 7:10 *Holiday Crafts*

7:10 - 7:30 *The Polar Express*

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at ORCCC

December 1st - 5th! Also, you can order your books from Scholastic online! Simply visit

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/ourredeemerchildcarecenter>

Ordering through Scholastic is a great way to build a library for your child - AND they make great gifts for the holidays! Order by 12/13 for Christmas delivery.



Check out the photo on the left - while experimenting with large magnets last month the children discovered that the magnets will stick to the legs of the sensory tables. This made our day because this is what learning is all about - learning through play.

The school year seems to be flying by - and we have been having a blast with your little "discoverers". As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to let us know, if there is no time to talk during drop-off or pick up feel free to call/write/email/schedule a conference etc. You are important to us! Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday!

- "The Amanda's": Amanda M. and Amanda T.

December Songs and Fingerplays

"WINTER CLOTHES POEM"

Put on your coat and zip it up tight, put on your left boot, put on your right.
Put on your scarf, put on your hat, put on your mittens and clap-clap-clap!
Go outside and play and play. Come in again and then we'll say -
Take off your coat that was zipped up tight. Take off your left boot, take off your right.
Take off your scarf, take off your hat. Take off your mittens and then take a nap!
Note: Act out the verses.

"DEER GETS READY FOR WINTER" (tune: Skip to my Lou)

Deer gets ready, what does it do?
Deer gets ready, what does it do?
Deer gets ready, what does it do?
What does it do for the winter? (a deer grows thick fur!)
Add: bear goes to sleep, goose flies away, squirrel gathers food

"THIS IS THE WAY I GO TO BED" (tune: All around the Mulberry Bush)

This is the way I brush my teeth, brush my teeth, brush my teeth,
This is the way I brush my teeth before I go to bed.
Talk with children about their bedtime routine and add/act out verses: take a bath, put on my pajamas, read books, give a hug, etc.

"LET'S ALL DO A LITTLE CLAPPING" (tune: We Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping - and spread (Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, New Year's)
cheer!
Add other actions: jumping, twirling, stomping, stretching, bending, etc. Encourage children to come up with their own movements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! (tune: Happy Birthday To You!)

On the first Christmas day
From the Father above
Came the little lord Jesus
To show us God's love
Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday to you
I love you dear Jesus
Happy Birthday to you!



