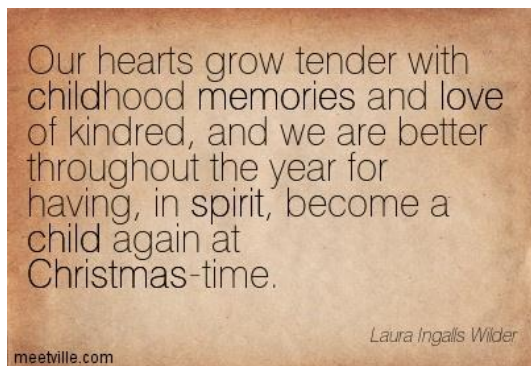




**Our Redeemer Child Care Center
Toddler Room - Group 2
December 2016**

CLASS NOTES:

- **MISS SUE'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT** will be here December 8th & 21st.
- **PIZZA DAYS:** December 1, 9, 15, 23, 29. Remember, pizza \$ is due by Wednesdays, as pizza is ordered in advance. Don't forget a healthy snack to go with pizza ☺
- **SPARKY'S PUPPETS** will be performing here on Dec. 13th at 10:00 - all are welcome!
- **WEATHER EMERGENCIES.** ORCCC will close if a state of emergency or snow emergency exists - or if the governor has requested businesses to close and non-essential state employees to stay home. Safety is our top priority. Our center's voicemail and Facebook page will keep you informed of any closings.
- **WE LOVE THE OUTDOORS** Throughout the winter, your child will need a warm jacket, hat, and mittens (and snow pants and boots as needed) so that we can all enjoy outdoor play together. **Please check whether your child's mittens or gloves are easy to put on and that they can play with them on. Thanks!*
- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**
December 26th - CLOSED
January 2nd - CLOSED

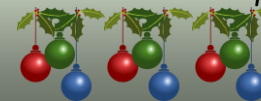


Weekly Themes

- Nov. 28 - Dec. 2: Winter Clothing
- Dec. 5 - 9: Animals in Winter
- Dec. 12 - 16: Happy Holidays
- Dec. 19 - 23: Merry Christmas
- Dec. 27 - 30: Happy New Year



**Please join us for ORCCC's
"Holiday Family Fun Night"**
Create holiday crafts, stroll through a Christmas village, and visit with Santa!
Thursday, December 15th
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Children can wear their pajamas!



Fun for Home:

- Pretend presents! Grab an extra shoebox and attach a gift bow on the lid. Your toddler may enjoy putting objects inside and surprising you with gifts.
- Merry Mail! After the holidays, try taking some of the cards you received and putting them in a large shoebox or photobox along with some crayons, envelopes, stickers (stamps) etc. Your toddler can practice "writing out" the cards and pretending to mail them off.

The school year seems to be flying by - as always, if you 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 family a wonderful holiday! Enjoy your time together...
- Amanda M. & 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

"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, Hanukkah, 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!



"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.

