



Sprouts

from the tree

Happy New Year!



A news letter from The Learning Tree @ First Baptist Fairhope



“The best gifts in the world are not in material objects one can buy, but in the memories we make with the people we love.” We hope the time with your family over break was filled with joyous memories! Preschool would love to hear about your family’s winter break experiences. Any pictures or stories you have to share are welcome. Bringing these memories into class where children can see and share them builds a great home/school connection. You may send a photo or write down a fun experience to be read in class. November & December was filled with lots of holiday fun. Thank you for attending our Christmas program. We are so thankful for Ms. Dee and extremely proud of our kiddos! We hope you enjoyed the celebration of the birth of our Savior. The video link for the website is: <https://fbcfairhope.smugmug.com/The-Learning-Tree/2016-Christmas-Program>

For mobile phones: <https://fbcfairhope-smugmug.com/The-Learning-Tree/2016-Christmas-Program?mobile=true>

January will bring much more excitement as we learn about cold weather and other interesting themes. Please post your monthly calendar where you can refer to it often so you are aware of special days, upcoming events and school closings.

Some important reminders:

- We clean and sanitize our rooms daily to help keep the flu away from school. Please help us by staying home with your child if you suspect they are sick. We must strictly enforce our sick policy in an effort to keep our children and staff healthy. Thank you for your support and understanding.
- Make sure your child’s extra clothes are complete and age appropriate for cold weather. Please send them back to school in his/her backpack and make sure your child’s back pack is big enough for outdoor clothing. They must have a jacket for cold days. We do go outside on cold days, children need the fresh air. Please mark all clothing.
- Please check your child’s folder daily and occasional emails from us. If you are not receiving emails or remind text messages from us, we need to know.
- Please be prompt in paying your tuition by the 10th of the month. A \$10.00 late fee is charged after the 10th of the month. TLT has expenses that must be paid. As noted in your parent handbook, tuition is yearly with 10 monthly payments.
- TLT will close on 1/16 for MLK holiday.

We will have a fire drill this month, please talk to your child about fire safety. Please help us in car line by pulling **all the way up** under the portico. **Children must be accompanied by TLT staff** when exiting the vehicle.

Thank you for helping us make special preschool memories! May God bless your family in 2017.

Lynn & Laurie



HOLIDAYS



TIDBITS

It is tough to find just one highlight for the month of December however, the strongest focus was remembering the true meaning behind Christmas—Baby Jesus! Yes, Santa and Rudolph and all the other celebrations around the world make this time of year special, too. But Jesus brought that special and wonderful gift of light into the world for us to enjoy and share every day! Keep celebrating!! Merry Christmas and love from Ms. Rexene

Our class has had such a fun December! We studied letter Kk and number 10. Then we had two weeks talking about Christmas! We enjoyed learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We read stories, sang songs and played with all the characters acting out the story of baby Jesus. I wish you all the best in the New Year! Thanks for sharing your children with me. Ms. Melia

The Older Two's amaze me every day! These precious little ones are learning and growing so fast. We had a lot of fun preparing for our Christmas program. I am so proud of each and every one of them for how well they did in the program. Ms. Lauren



We had such a great time making peppermint play dough and reindeer food with all the three years olds! More fun is underway for the month of January, stay tuned! Holly & April

December was filled with excitement in Ms. Susan's class. On the first of the month a special visitor arrived named Randall The Reindeer! Randall had a big time watching over the kiddo's & making a big mess with green glitter! We had tons of fun on Pancake and PJ Day! We also had a special visitor that day....Santa! Hoping you all had a Blessed Christmas and are ready to start a New Year full of learning and fun! Ms. Susan & Kim



Poppy making cookies with 4s



The one's had so much fun learning and celebrating Jesus's birth last month! We did crafts, read books and most importantly we sang a lot, which the kids love! We cannot wait to begin 2017 with new sign language and hands on learning! Ms. Stacie & Ms. Jill



Puppets sing about Jesus

In our class we talked about the importance of our flag and the freedoms we have in the USA. During December, Logan and Madelyn Wade had the opportunity to volunteer in the laying of Christmas wreaths at Barrancus National Cemetery. These two learned first hand that it is a privilege to give back to our veterans who have fallen and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Deborah & Kim



December was a busy month for us. We enjoyed making handprint animals while we talked about all the animals present during Jesus birth We also played fun Christmas games, candy cane fishing was everyone's favorite. Ms. Denise

Our class enjoyed celebrating the holidays together. We had fun making turkey hats for our Thanksgiving Feast and lots of ornaments for Christmas. We ended the year singing Happy Birthday to Jesus. And Matthew became a big brother!! The Older Two's amaze me every day. These precious little ones are learning and growing so fast. We had a lot of fun preparing for our Christmas program. I am so proud of each and every one of them for how well they did in the program. Ms. Michelle

