



JANUARY 2017

The Bear News

Important Dates

CLOSED

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Monday, January 16

VISION SCREENING

Tuesday, January 17
Wednesday, January 18



Two's

Savannah—January 31

Three's

Lochlan—January 5
Colton—January 10
Havana—January 12

Four's

Jayce—January 12
Ethan—January 31

Tuition Reminders

3RD INSTALLMENT

Due in February

4TH MONTHLY PAYMENT

Past due. Please make payment immediately.

Severe Weather Alert

If the preschool is closed due to severe weather, the notice will be posted by 7:00am on:

www.WFMZ.com

www.preschoolststephens.org



Register for 2017-2018!

Forms available on the website or from a teacher. Pass the word to family & friends—your referrals are always appreciated.

In December the classes had fun learning about giving instead of just receiving. Hopefully your children enjoyed giving you their "secret" gifts as much as we enjoyed watching them create the gift. Thank you to all for the treats and paper products you contributed for the parties. Now that the holidays are over, January will get us all back to the routine of preschool!

SHOW AND TELL has begun in all the classes and will continue throughout the school year! Please note, though, that children should only bring an item when there is a note attached to their school bag.

What we did last month ...

The 2 year old class's themes were cookies and Christmas. They marble painted a tree, worked on special greeting cards and made angel tree toppers and ornaments for their families. Counting and sequencing games were played, and they were introduced to the letters "J" and "E" and the colors red and green. Books read included *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and *Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer*.

The 3 year old class's themes included reindeer, wreaths, and Christmas. Using bows, they decorated their gift bags. They made wreaths out of noodles and talked about the custom of displaying a wreath to wish everyone "good health". A game involving a wreath was played by the child picking a number from 1 to 6 and then placing that many pom poms on the wreath. The M-W-F class also enjoyed a Polar Express theme. Both classes worked on their manners and being extra kind. The shape for the month was rectangle, the color was green and the number was 5. They sang many Christmas songs and recited several rhymes and finger plays. Books read included *The Night Before Christmas*, *Christmas in the Big Woods*, *I've Seen Santa*, and *Careful Santa*.

The 4 year old classes made hand-printed wreaths, peppermint bark, and stenciled fabric to cover a candy jar. The 3 day and 5 day classes participated in a *Polar Express* theme. Each child received a ticket, brought the ticket to school. Upon arrival, a teach blew a whistle, punched their ticket, and welcomed them aboard the "Polar Express". They used their imagination as they rode in a train made of decorated boxes to the "North Pole". While at the "North Pole", the children wrapped gift boxes, made Playdough cookies and a holiday craft. Some of the classes heard the story *Secrets of Winter* and used a flashlight to reveal special pictures in the book.



THE PRESCHOOL CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

JANUARY 25 — 3 DAY CLASSES

JANUARY 26 — 5 DAY CLASSES

Lions and tigers and elephants, O my!

Come see the children perform circus acts that they chose and learned to perform just for you!

