

Friends Early Learning Center

December 2018



A Message from the Board of Directors:

The Friends ELC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Tabitha Hiltner will be the next Director of Friends ELC. She, and her son who will be joining the two year old class, will start on December 10th. They, along with her husband David, have been invited to attend the Christmas Program on December 4th. Tabitha brings experience as a previous Administrator of a daycare. She has a Master's in Children's and Family Ministry as well as a Bachelor's in Communication/Social Work and an Associate degree in Speech. As a Board, we were very impressed not only with Tabitha's experience and education but her warm personality and Christian values. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Kellee Flatt who is currently acting in this role and who will remain on as the Assistant Director of Friends ELC. Likewise, to Chrissy Powers who came alongside Kellee to provide assistance in ensuring Friends ELC ran smoothly during this transition. We, as the Friends ELC Board, give thanks to the Lord for an unexpectedly swift answer to our prayer for a strong and gifted Director to fill this position.

Important Dates:

December 4th

6:45 PM Be In Classroom

7:00 PM Christmas Program

December 24th & 25th

Closed for Christmas

January 1st

Closed for New Year's Day

Pre-K

We have spent a lot of time preparing for our Christmas program, which we are so excited for you to see! As we enter into December, we will be talking about Christmas and why we celebrate it.

We will be having our class Christmas party on Friday, December 21st at 9:00am. We will be doing a Christmas book exchange. Every child will be going home with a new Christmas book. A party sign up sheet will be on the counter by the end of next week for you to look over.

Ms. Nicole and Ms. Abby

Preschool

The kids are super excited for our Christmas program next week. We have been busy practicing the last few weeks. Feel free to invite grandparents! It will be on Tuesday, December 4th at 7pm. There will be cookies to enjoy after the show.

The next few weeks we will be learning about the season of winter. After our focus will be on holiday things! There is no need to leave coats upstairs at morning drop off anymore.

Ms. Chrissy and Ms. Caitlyn

Toddler Twos

This past month our class has had so much fun. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We focused on being thankful and kind to friends. Our themes have consisted of reading books by Lois Ellhert. The book that our class has really enjoyed is called *Ralph*.

These past few weeks we have been practicing for our Christmas concert. The next few weeks our class theme will focus on winter.

Please remember to clean out your child's mailbox at the end of each week. They have beautiful artwork waiting for you. Also, remember to label all your child's nap items. Thank you!

Ms. Emerald and Ms. Katie

Toddler Ones

We had a busy November. We have been singing and dancing with scarves and leaves. We love bubbles from the bubble machine. We read the following books: *Feet are not for kicking, Teeth are not for biting, Hands are not for hitting*. We have painted with corn stalks on a turkey as a craft. We made food collages. We painted pictures of Jesus with the story of the boy who shared his lunch. It's the easy version of the feeding of 5,000. We also painted "Give Thanks" to the Lord.

We know our hand signal for God loves you and God loves me. If your child is pointing to himself/herself they are telling you that God loves them. This is the age where they love pointing to themselves and saying "Me, Me, Me!" We are eating with a spoon, not dumping our plates. We will be working on drinking from a regular cup.

We are practicing for our Christmas program. We are doing great! We love to dance!

Ms. Michele and Ms. Karen

Toddler Nursery

What a great month! We started by making a tree and then a squirrel to go in it for the winter, The kids made acorns for his food. We took a walk and found lots of acorns. Next we made our bear cave and put our bears in it to sleep for the winter. We spent a week on box play. What a great time they had going in and out, stacking and pushing them. We had heavy boxes filled with phone books that they pushed around like a bull dozer. This was their favorite! Then we made lots of turkeys. Our wall turkey was great. They love to paint, We gobbled like turkeys and did the turkey trot. To finish our month we are making hats, boots, mittens, scarves, and paper bag coats. We will put them on and off and talk about the cold/winter. Get ready for Christmas, it's coming!!

Ms. Diane and Ms. Martha

Infant Nursery

Here we are in the midst of the holiday season already! December 4th is our Christmas concert. Even though our babies don't participate, we hope you can join us. Our family picture frame is ready to go up on the wall so please remember to send in those prints. Thank you to those of you who already did. Also, it is time for the annual update of enrollment forms. Please look out for these over the coming days in your child's tray. Please sign if all info is still correct. Complete a new one if necessary. Thanks!

Just an FYI that I, Ms. Seph, will be out of the country from Dec. 15 till Jan. 9th. I'll miss these little munchkins, but they will be in good hands. One of our floaters, Ms. Marilyn, will be in the nursery with Ms. Ashley & Ms. Audrey. Stay Warm! Thank you!

Ms. Seph and Ms. Ashley