



Newsletter: Dec 08 - 13, 2025



The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a wonderful time of year! It is a time of warm gatherings, beautiful lights and decorations, familiar Christmas music, sharing, and giving. And while we prepare for this wonderful time amidst our regular hectic schedules, we can forget that the holidays are about people and relationships. Let's focus on relationships this Christmas.

- Take your family to a Christmas worship.
- Prepare a Christmas basket/gift for a neighbor or someone you know who has gone through a loss.
- Play some Christmas songs and decorate the Christmas tree as a family.
- Watch a Christmas movie as a family.
- Host a Christmas party for some old/new friends.
- Handmake Christmas cards with your children and give them out to grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, friends. Here is a [link](#) with 12 DIY card ideas from easy ones for the younger ones and more interesting ones for older children.

One of my all time favorite Christmas carols is the *Little Drummer Boy*. Like the little drummer boy I often ponder, "what gift can I bring to the King of kings and Lord of lords." Enjoy this rendition of the [Little Drummer Boy](#). Merry Christmas!



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1. Theme of the Week

Practice Christmas Program. NO show and tell.

2. Christmas Program

Christmas Program will be on 12/13/2025 (Sat). 4s & 5s @3:30pm; 2s & 3s @5:00pm.

4s & 5s: Please bring your child to his/her classroom at 3pm.

2s & 3s: Please bring your child to his/her classroom at 4:30pm.

Tickets: Each family will have 4 tickets. If you don't need all 4, please give it back to the teacher in case other families need more than 4. Infants not needing a seat don't need a ticket. Thank you.

Dress code: White top and dark color bottom. No print/writing on the white top. Clothing does not need to be new, but it needs to be clean and neat.

Drama Team:

If your child is part of the drama team and will need to attend both shows. Please drop them off at the church council room at 3pm and pick them up from the same location at 6pm. We will provide snacks for the drama team.

Parking:

Our main lot will get filled very quickly. Overflow parking is available at our lower lot at 25 San Fernando Way. There will be many children and families, please drive slowly and with extra care in the parking lots.

3. Christmas Gift Exchange

Our students have a gift exchange on Wednesday, 12/17/2025. Please prepare a \$10-15 gift for your child to exchange with his/her friend. Your child will get a red paper with a specific name to purchase the gift for. Please wrap the gift, label it and bring it in by Monday, 12/15/2025.

4. Lost and Found (please contact school office if one of these belongs to you)





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5. Mark Your Calendars

2025-2026 School Year (You can view the calendar on our [website](#))

We will notify you ASAP when change is necessary. (updated: 8/29/2025)

12/13/2025 (Sat)	Christmas Program: 4s & 5s @3:30pm; 2s & 3s @5:00pm
12/24/2025 (Wed)	Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm
12/25/2025– 1/2/2026 (Th-F)	Christmas/New Year Break (school closed)
1/5/2026 (Mon)	Staff Work Day (school closed)
1/6/2026 (Tue)	School Resumes
1/12 - 2/20/2026 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference
	1/12 (M), 13 (T), 14 (W): Ducklings
	1/15 (Th), 16 (F), 20 (T): Bunnies
	1/21 (W), 22 (Th), 23 (F): Dolphins
	1/26 (M), 27 (T), 28 (W): Colts
	1/29 (Th), 30 (F), 2/2 (M): Owls
	2/3 (T), 4 (W), 5 (Th): Alligators
	2/9 (M), 10 (T), 11 (W): Bears
	2/12 (Th), 13 (F), 17 (T): Penguins
	2/18 (W), 19 (Th), 20 (F): Lemurs
1/19/2026 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (school closed)
1/23/2026 (Fri)	Snow Day
1/25/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
2/6/2026 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
2/8/2026 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Bunnies & Alligators)
2/11/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm	Workshop 3: 2/11/2026 (W) Beyond the Screen: Finding Letters & Numbers All Around Us by Duane and Amy
2/16/2026 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (school closed)
3/5/2026 (Thurs) 5-6pm	Workshop 4: Meals without screens By Carrie & Kristina
3/7/2026 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
3/11/2026 (Wed)	Spring Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts & Dolphins
3/12/2026 (Thu)	Spring Picture for Ducklings, Alligators & Owls
3/13/2026 (Fri)	Spring Picture for Bears, Lemurs & Penguins ***Cap & gown pictures for kindergarten bound children
3/22/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Owls, Bears, Penguins, Alligators, Lemurs)
3/26 - 27/2026 (Th & F)	Staff Development and In-Service (school closed)
4/2/2026 (Thu)	Easter Egg Hunt on Campus
4/3/2026 (Fri)	Good Friday (school closed)
4/12/2026 (Sun) 9:00am	Church Singing @ English Worship (Bears & Lemurs)
4/15/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm	Workshop 5: Do You Spend More Screen Time or Green Time with Your Child? By Daniel & Winnie X.
4/24/2026 (Fri)	Field Trip (Happy Hollow)
5/3/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)



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5/8/2026 (Fri)	Mother's Day Activity 3:30 - 5:00pm
5/11-15/2026 (Mon-Fri)	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/15/2026 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
5/18 - 6/26/2026 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference (Class specific dates to be determined)
5/25/2026 (Mon)	Memorial Day (school closed)
5/30/2026 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
6/12/2026 (Fri)	Father's Day Activity 3:30 – 5:00pm
6/14/2026 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Colts & Dolphins)
6/19/2026 (Fri)	Juneteenth (school closed)
6/28/2026 (Sun)	Family Day for Incoming New Families 1:00 - 3:00pm
7/3/2026 (Fri)	Independence Day Substitute (school closed)
7/21-24/2026 (Tue-Fri)	Preschool Promotion Program 10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday 7/21 Owls Wednesday 7/22 Penguins Thursday 7/23 Bears Friday 7/24 Lemurs
8/12 – 14/2026 (Wed-Fri)	School Cleaning Days/Staff Work Days (school closed)