

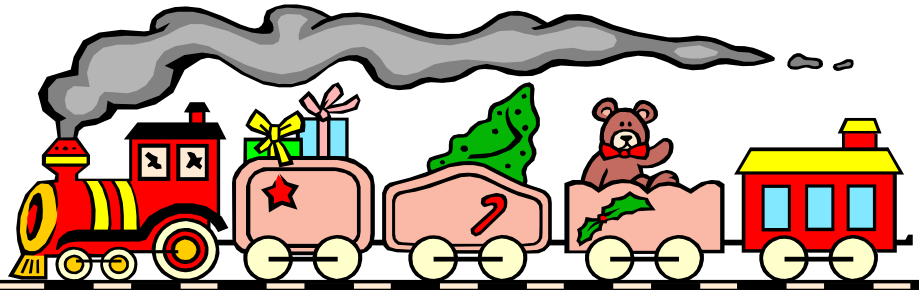


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*Dear Preschool Families,  
As the weather begins to change we want to take a moment to remind you that we always follow the Shawnee Mission School weather closings at Village Preschool. Please listen to your radio or check your television for weather-related school closings! We have several special activities planned in the next two weeks—we would love to have you join us as your schedule permits! Our best wishes to each of you for a very Merry Christmas and a wonder-filled winter break with your family!*

*Peace and Blessings,  
The Village Church Preschool Staff*



# December Calendar

### December 1-2

"CBK" Holiday Art with Debbie Smith

### December 1

Music with Jenny

### December 8-9

Christmas Story in Chapel

#### Three's

Room 103-10:00-10:20

Room 101-10:25-10:45

Room 106 -10:50-11:10

#### PM Fours/Fives

Room 106-12:45-1:15

Room 101-1:15-1:45

#### MWF Fours

Room 103- 9:15-9:45

Room 101- 9:45-10:15

### December 15-16

Holiday Parties in the classrooms

Christmas Sing in the Parlor

### December 16

Last Day of Preschool

### December 19-January 2

Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

### January 3

School Resumes

### ENROLLMENT

#### January 3-6

Village Church members enroll for 2012-2013

#### January 9-11

Current Preschool families enroll for 2012-2013

#### January 12-13

KDO families enroll for 2012-2013

#### January 17-20

Community enrolls for 2012-2013

## Christmas Sing

Please come join in the fun...

another holiday tradition at Village

Preschool is to gather for a

family sing the last 30 minutes of your child's day before the winter break.

We've been learning some new songs that we'll be eager to teach you too!



## Three Year Old Class Time Change

Please note all three-year-old classes begin at **9:00 a.m.** starting January 3rd.

We also begin the "Movement is Fun" class with our three's every

Thursday when we return to school in January. The children take

off their shoes and socks for the optimum tactile

experience, so please keep this in mind as your child

gets dressed on Thursday! The preschoolers will love this class with

Martha Sparks!!



## The Christmas Story

Ruth Davidson,  
Director of  
Children's Ministries  
at Village Church,  
will celebrate with  
our preschoolers in  
the chapel as they  
re-enact the  
Christmas Story.



This is a very special event we enjoy every year. If you can join us, please come to the chapel at your child's designated time on the 8th and 9th of December. Come one, come all!!

## Holiday Art with Debbie Smith

Our 3's painted the beautiful ornaments that are hanging in our hallway. They are sure to bring you Holiday cheer! The following tips about process art come from Debbie Smith our CBK specialist!

Our High/Scope curriculum" believes that an artist lives inside each of us and that age and talent do not matter. For young children art provides an inner sense of competence and control. "We at Village Preschool are excited to create process art...where we place the emphasis upon the learning that takes place! Please feel free to stop by my office to look at books or let me help you with fun projects to do with your children at home!

Process Art Ideas:

- Take the time to create along side with your child. They will stay with an activity longer if you are sharing the experience with them. Also you both will benefit from the calming and relaxing qualities of playing with art materials, especially at this busy season!
- When talking with your child about their art always ask open ended questions such as "I see that you used a lot of red, is red your favorite color?" "Look at the long line that you drew!" "How many circles did you make?" "Show me a geometric shape!"...children do not need a judgment placed on their work. The above comments show your interest in their work and help start conversations!
- Parents can challenge their child in their artist exploration by posing questions..."What would happen if we added yellow to our red?" "What would it look like if we used this shiny paper in the collage?" "Can you feel the texture of the sand paper...what do you think it would be like to color on the sand paper?" Let's try!"
- A good holiday gift for your preschooler would be art supplies and lots of time to create at home!!





Some food for thought ...

This article was forwarded to me by a current Village Preschool family and I think it is worth sharing. I hope you'll agree! Play is a theme central to our High Scope program at Village and also to much of the excitement and anticipation regarding this season of gift-giving, so it seemed like a good time to consider perspectives on the subject. You can access the article at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=19212514>

Button batteries inside mini remote controls, small calculators, singing greeting cards, etc. are proving to be a serious danger to children if swallowed, as they can create severe chemical burns. An awareness campaign begins at <http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-spotlight/battery-safety/>

### Enrollment time is fast approaching!

We begin accepting applications for next fall in January. Several years ago we implemented a four-tiered schedule due to the demand for limited spaces in our program. Thank you for understanding and adhering to this policy.

Village Church Members—Jan. 3-6  
Current Preschool Families—Jan. 9-11  
Kids Day Out Families—Jan. 12-13  
Community Families—Jan. 17-20

Enrollment Applications will be sent home before the holiday break. We ask that they be returned in January with the necessary Registration Fee/s AND one month's tuition. This deposit will be applied to your account for May 2013 and will hold your spot for the upcoming year.

**Questions??**  
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### Tuition rates for 2012-2013 enrollment:

All preschool tuition is based on \$55.00/mo. per unit of time enrolled weekly: one unit is one session of Preschool.

All EPD tuition is based on \$60.00/mo. per unit of time enrolled weekly: one unit is one session of EPD.

T/TH 3's - \$110 per month  
MWF AM 4's & TWTH PM 4's - \$165 per month  
TWTHF PM 5's - \$220 per month

EPD rates - \$60/month per session enrolled, added to preschool tuition

One check for both Preschool and EPD tuition

Registration fee for Preschool - \$100  
Registration fee for EPD - \$100

Deposit: One month's total tuition