

CDLC Gazette December 2024



Letter from the Director

As we begin our journey to Christmas, we thank God for the many blessings of our CDLC families, CDLC staff and Prince of Peace. Jesus is the reason for the season, long ago a little boy was born in a manger who was brought here to save the world. This brings to mind those less fortunate than ourselves and pray that they may find some joy this Advent season. This month we will be encouraging giving and sharing with our students. Mission Outpost will be collecting new to gently used blankets. If you have one you would like to donate, please send it to school with your child. We will bring them all down to Mission Outpost together so the kids can see where their donations are going and the impact they are making. In the month of December, we're excited to share the festivities, learning experiences and all the excitement that brings with all of your kids. This month, our classrooms will be filled with winter wonder, holiday songs, creative crafts, math, history, science and so much more as we celebrate the magic of the season. From all of us at CDLC, we hope your family has a Christmas filled with joy and peace. Kim



Attendance Matters



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If your child will be absent, please message via Brightwheel informing us your child will be gone and the reason why. It is important for us to track any illnesses and symptoms that the children may have in order to be prepared and keep our school healthy.

Upcoming Events

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December 7 & 8: Praise Choir Advent Worship December 13: Great ADVENTure - 6-8pm December 16 & 17: Christmas Concerts December 19-January 1: Christmas Break (NO SCHOOL) Mark your calendars - Registration for 2025-2026 opens January 21! Be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure you get your 1st choice of session.

Preschool Curriculum

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Science: Christmas Motor: Large Balls / Jumping Music: Christmas Music / Legato Staccato Christian: Advent / Angel visits Mary / Stable warm and dry / Shepherds visit Jesus / Birth of Jesus / God is my shepherd



Birthdays of the Month

Who's turning 3?

Amnen Getachew

Who's turning 4?

Mara Howard

Who's turning 5?

Colton Schmoller

Emma King

Who's turning more than 5?



Helping Others

It was so heartwarming seeing all of the food donations we were able to bring to Mission Outpost in November. This month we are collecting donations of new to gently used blankets. Please send them to school with your child. We will bring them all down to Mission Outpost together so the kids can see where their donations are going and the impact they are making. Thank you for helping us help others!



Christmas Concerts

Christmas Concerts will be held on 12/16 & 12/17 from 10:45-11:30am and 2:30-3:15pm. We will be having refreshments and a snack following the performance, so families have time to chat and get to know each other. We are excited to perform for you and show you how hard we've been working!



Praise Choir Advent Worship

Children's Praise Choir Advent Worship Weekend December 7/8 | 5:30 pm & 10:30 am
Worship Services | Sanctuary Come enjoy a worship service led by the children of the church! Join our Grade K-5 Praise Choir and Pastor Paul the weekend of December 7/8 as they lead us in worship to explore the story of Advent according to the book of Luke. Using their musical and theatrical gifts, our children will invite you to ask: have you ever considered the Advent story from the perspective of the shepherds? Join us for Praise Choir Advent Worship at the 5:30 pm (Saturday) and 10:30 am (Sunday) services to explore this heartwarming story through joyful music and drama.



Great ADVENTure

Great ADVENTure Friday, December 13 | 6:00 pm | Community Room Join us for an evening of caroling, activities and the option to stay for a short movie. Let's prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. We invite you to bring a donation of new socks of any size for families in need. Registration is now open. If you would like to join us for this family-friendly event, please click here.



Links and Sign Ups

Register for Soccer Shots <https://bit.ly/cdlc-burnsville> Register for Kidokinetics <https://www.kidokinetics.com/event/venue/child-family-development-center?lat=45.006848&lng=-93.1463168> Reminder that we offer Before and After school care. Please message what days you would like your child to attend and if it's Before or After school.



Recipe of the Month

Mini Bagel Wreaths
Ingredients: ½ mini whole grain bagel Cream cheese Chopped red and green peppers Cheese
Directions: Spread cream cheese on the bagel. Sprinkle with red and green peppers.
Discussion: Discuss what a wreath is and why so many people display them. Throughout history, wreaths have been associated with life, rejuvenation, and renewal.

Drop Off & Pick Up Concerns

Have your child ready to get out of the car, coat on and seat belt off with "Have a great day!" hugs and kisses given. This keeps the line moving smoothly. Also, in cold weather this helps our teachers and volunteers from freezing! Please have your child's car seat situated on the passenger side of the car. This keeps children safer as we do not want children walking between cars. Siblings should not be left in cars while parents walk in to drop off children. At pick up time, please pull ahead out of the pick up line to buckle your child into their car seat. This will help keep the line moving quickly and smoothly. Thank you for helping us keep drop off and pick up times safe and efficient, it is much appreciated!

Playground

We will be going outside every day possible. Be sure to send your child in play clothes, appropriate footwear and warm jackets and accessories when needed!

Label Label Label

Please be sure to label any notes with your child's name, teacher and session that they attend. Clothing, jackets, hats, backpacks, etc., should also be labeled with your child's name as this will help alleviate any confusion.

School Closings

If the weather is not safe for travel, CDLC will close school. Closures will be announced on KSTP Channel 5, via email and the Brightwheel app. Please be sure to allow all notifications on the Brightwheel app.