



January 2019

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to Preschool!

Happy New Year

With each new year comes change and 2019 is bringing changes to our preschool. We are sad to tell you that Ms. Billie Bowes will be leaving us in mid-January to take a full time clerical position at Normal Park School. Billie has been with STEPS for 6 years and she will certainly be missed by all of us! We wish Billie the very best in her new job!

We are thankful to have Ms. Lori Grim taking over as the classroom teacher in Billie's place. The children already know and love her! Lori has been at STEPS for 5 years – working with the Threes and also with the Pre-K classroom.

We appreciate the adaptability of our amazing staff. We want the best for our children and our program and we are blessed to continually have that at St. Timothy's. We also appreciate our wonderful STEPS families. We thank you for your support and encouragement as we teach, guide, and love your precious children.

Christmas Program

We appreciated the great attendance for our Christmas program. The children were so proud to show off their songs and poems and you were a terrific audience. Special "thanks" to Mr. Seth Hulmon and Pruett's for providing all of the food for our Christmas reception.

Thank You

To our wonderful, generous parents – from all of the STEPS staff: Thank you so much for the monetary gift you gave to us for Christmas. What a wonderful surprise! All of our parents are the BEST!

Preschool Assessment

The yearly licensing assessment for our preschool will be **Tuesday, January 15th**. There will be a few extra people around to observe our classrooms for the day. We want this to be as normal a day as possible; though it tends to be quite stressful for us as a staff (having someone watching your every move all day!) We try to be the very best preschool possible – not just for the assessment day, but every day for your children!

Butterfly Brunch

Remember that our 9th annual Butterfly Brunch will be **Saturday, April 27th**. This is our only preschool fundraiser and we need everyone to be involved. Thank you for your participation in this important event in the life of our preschool. We couldn't do this without our wonderful parents and grandparents and friends!

Continue to make contacts for donations and turn in items, certificates, etc. as soon as possible. Our deadline is **March 1st**, but earlier is even better! Be on the lookout for the date of our next meeting.

*If you received Christmas gifts that were not quite your style or if you are cleaning out closets for your New Year's resolution, consider re-gifting items to our Butterfly Brunch. Remember that one person's "trash" is another's "treasure!"

Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin this month. Children who are currently enrolled, siblings of current and former students and parishioners of St. Timothy's will be given an opportunity to register before enrollment is open to the community. Children entering classes for each age group must be that age by August 15, 2019. Exceptions to place a child in a younger or older age group are made on an individual basis at the discretion of the director.

Delays/School Closings

Remember that in the event of school closings and delays, we will follow the Hamilton County/Signal Mountain public school schedule. Should the schools delay opening, the preschool will delay the same number of hours. (A two hour delay means that STEPS will begin at 11:00.) Should they dismiss early, we will close at 12 noon or just as soon as you hear the news! Refer to page 9 in your preschool handbook for more information.

Flu/Cold Season

With the cold and flu season upon us, we want to remind you not to send your child to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours (without medication.) We have consulted with local medical professionals and will continue with our policy that yellow or green noses can indicate infection and are also an issue with spreading germs. Please be considerate when deciding if your child should come to school. We don't mean to nag; we just want everyone to stay healthy.

Board Meeting

Our next preschool board meeting will be **Monday, January 14th**, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet upstairs in the Urban Room. A nursery will be provided. Please feel free to join us even if you have not previously attended a meeting.

Outdoor Play

If the temperature is above freezing, we take our children out to the playground. Please dress your child appropriately in coats, gloves, hats, etc. (well marked with names.) Layers work best.

January Birthdays

Adam Campbell	15 th
Alaina Reynolds	18 th

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all you ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

