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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Dec 2	Fri	Parent's Night Out
Dec 12	Mon	Deep Creek Elem. Christmas program at Frederick Mennonite Community 6:30pm
Dec 26	Mon	RHCS Closed Merry Christmas
Dec 27 - 30		Child Care Open
Jan 2	Mon	RHCS Closed Happy New Year!
Jan 3	Tues	School/Child Care Resumes

Great Beginnings for Children

We hope you are enjoying our new building as much as we are. This January we plan on opening our 2nd upstairs classroom for 3's and young 4's. Help us by spreading the word about your experience here and the great program we have to offer. If a family enrolls because of your recommendation, you will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. 😊

Your Feedback Counts

Do you have a word of thanks for your teacher? Positive comments about our program? Let us know and we may feature it on our website.

Email your feedback to:
lstair@redhillschool.com

Website of the Month -
www.netsmartkids.org

Activities for kids of all ages!

"I bring you good news . . . today, in the town of David a Savior has been born unto you." Luke 2:10 & 11.



"WHAT NEXT?"

Getting Ready for Kindergarten
Thursday, January 19th

Three identical sessions —
come to the one convenient for you

9-10 am Red Hill Campus
11-12 pm Cedar Grove Campus
6-7 pm Deep Creek Elementary

A workshop for parents of children who will turn 5 by September 15, 2012. We will answer such questions as:

"What does my child need to know to do well in kindergarten?"
"What do most schools require?"
"What does a typical morning look like?"

Dr. Klein, Mrs. Decker & Mrs. Stair will present information and answer questions to help you with the decisions you will need to make for next fall.

Grandparents Day Update

This year 60 books were sold & donated to our school library on behalf of your children. Thank You!!



Christmas Service Project for The Open Line

Deep Creek Elementary has initiated a collection for The Open Line in Pennsylvania. The Open Line provides a wide range of free services to individuals and families in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, including a food cupboard and clothing distribution for needy families.



We will be collecting:
New hats, scarves,
mittens and gloves

As well as,
Cereal, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, juice and pop-top cans of soup, stew, spaghetti and fruit (family or individual sizes needed).



Look for donation boxes in the main building entry area, and also in the School Age Center. Last day to donate is Thursday, December 15th. The items will be donated to The Open Line on Friday, 12/16.

Elementary Christmas Program

Monday, December 12th
6:30—7:30pm

Support Deep Creek Elementary and go see their Christmas Program at Frederick Mennonite Community.



Winter Weather Watch

In case of hazardous weather conditions, please note:

1. If Upper Perkiomen School District is CLOSED, in most cases, child care will remain OPEN but may begin late.
2. Call our school number, 215-679-6613, and listen for school decision on our voice mail, beginning at 6:00am, or check our website.
3. If a storm begins during the school day, PLEASE allow ample drive time to arrive before 5:30pm so our staff can go home safely.






CHRISTMAS: A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND MEMORIES

Try one or more of these ideas to establish traditions and strong family memories



- Keep the focus on Jesus birth by having a birthday cake for dessert on Christmas day.
- Have several story books about the events of Jesus birth in your home during the Christmas season.
- Read aloud the account of Jesus birth directly from the Bible on Christmas morning. 
- Make Placemats: Using 12"x18" construction paper, help children design and make placemats for the family. Old Christmas cards can be used to cut out pictures and verses to be pasted to the placemat. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper when complete!
- Invite Nativity Dinner Guests: Place a different figure of the nativity in front of each family members place at the table. Ask each person to share what the character might have felt at the birth of Christ. Ask what each character gave out of love for Jesus. Encourage conversation about ways each can show love at Christmas because of Jesus great love for us.
- Make an Advent Wreath: This is a tradition that will help us understand the events & rejoicing surrounding Christ's birth. Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas eve. To make an advent wreath use a base (try styrofoam) that will hold four 8" red candles & one 10" white candle (for the middle). As you light one advent candle each week talk about:



First Sunday - The Prophets rejoiced. I saiah 9:6, Galatians 4:4,5

Second Sunday - John the Baptist rejoiced. Mark 1:1-7, Malachi 3:1

Third Sunday - Mary & Joseph rejoiced. Luke 1:26-35, Matthew 1:18-25, I saiah 7:14

Fourth Sunday- Angels, shepherds and wisemen rejoiced. Luke 2:1-20. Matthew 2:1-11

Christmas Eve- Reflect on the meaning of Christmas. I saiah 9:6, John 3:16, II Cor. 9:15



- Visiting: As shepherds and wisemen visited Jesus and his family, make Christmas a time of visiting friends and family members, especially those not often seen. Involve children in making some small gift or greeting card to bring as you visit.
- Photo Memories: Don't let the Christmas season go by without taking pictures of your family. Each Christmas you should plan to take photos in the same location such as in front of the Christmas tree or sitting around the table ready for Christmas dinner. A yearly set of photos focused on the same events and locations provides many opportunities to build happy memories and recall Christmas celebrations year by year.

Remember...the key is doing some of the same things EVERY year.
This builds family traditions that may last a lifetime...or more!



"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift."

II Corinthians 9:15 NIV

