



Unit Letter
“Day and Night”
January, 2012

Dear Families,

Our present unit centers around, the concepts of day and night and will read a story using a flashlight and large quilt for effect. We will be talking about our solar system and our place in it. You may have fun watching a paper rocket sail off of a straw once we send them home. In keeping with this unit’s theme we will be celebrating “**Pajama Day**” on January 12. Send your child in his/her pajamas for the fun of it all. (Teachers are cooperating nicely). We will be making and eating apple turnovers for our snack on the 12th. Christine Person and Mike Chall have willingly accepted the invitation to help us make the turnovers and enjoy our day together.

During our **Jesus Time**, we will be telling the stories: “Anna and Simeon ” and “Boy Jesus visits the Temple”. I love to share these stories and then have the children recall what they can. They have wonderful recall and often tell the stories with clarity and truth that makes the story fresh and new for us...the adults... “and a little child shall lead them”... “this is most certainly true”.

We are starting to like to practice writing and cutting. Name cards are now available during **Free Time** for the children to recognize and copy. We use plastic cover sheets and erasable pens to enable multi-use experiences. We will also be doing drawing, writing and thinking pages in our journals on a regular schedule.

You have made my Christmas celebration a wonderful experience. Thank you so very much for the wonderful encouragements you have given me and the leadership at Family of Christ Preschool. Your expressions of love and care in the form of generous gifts and kind compliments are received with gratitude and delight. **Your children are the best gift of all.** Thank you for allowing us to grow, learn and enjoy each other every day.

These **FREE CHOICE** opportunities will be available for your child’s exploration during this unit:

Art: Bed Collage and Earth Shapes with Sand

Easel: Teddy Bears with Wiggly Eyes; Rocket Ships with Markers

Science: Flashlights with Globes; Color and Light Exploration

Sensory Table: Astronauts with Moon Sand; Play-dough with Aliens; Packing Peanut Sculptures

Sensory Tub: Snow with Moon Rocks; Clay with Dinosaurs; Soap and Water (Blow Bubbles)

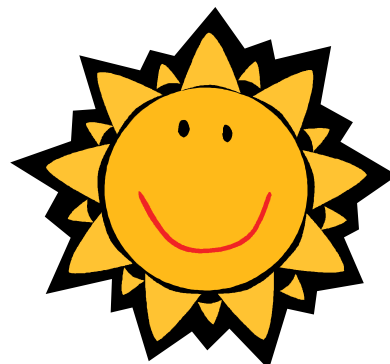
Cooking: Apple Turnovers

Dramatic Play: Space Ship

Letter of the Week: L, l; M, m

Number of the Week: 1

Shape of the Week: Sun and Cloud



Stories and Finger Plays

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

Twinkle, Twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.

O BE CAREFUL

O be careful little eyes what you see,
O be careful little eyes what you see,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
O be careful little eyes what you see...
O be careful little ears what you hear...
O be careful little hands what your do...
O be careful little mouth what you say...
O be careful little feet where you go...



OH, MR. SUN

Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Won't you please shine down on me.
Oh, Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Hiding behind a tree.
Please come out so I can play with you.
Oh, Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Won't you please shine down on me!

I'M GOING TO DRIVE MY CAR

I'm going to drive my car...
And the wheels turn fast...
And the world goes past...
I'm going to drive my car...
And I step on the gas...
And the engine blasts...
I'm going to drive my car...

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pajama Day: January 12

Martin Luther King Day-NO SCHOOL: January 16

In-service Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL: January 17

Registration for 2012-2013 School Year for Members and Current Families : January 30 @ 7 PM

