

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

St. Timothy's Episcopal CDC Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy, Happy New Year!

I pray that you had a wonderful Christmas, sharing time with family and friends. We had a record turnout for our Christmas Program and Lunch with Santa. A special thanks to our cook, Ms. Gaither, for a fantastic meal and to the teachers for a great program.

A special thank you goes out to the Men of St. Timothy's (MOST) for their generosity. They blessed five of our CDC families with Christmas gifts for the entire family.

Parent Meeting/Training will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and make every

effort to attend. Training subject to be announced at a later time.

Transitioning will begin this month. You will be consulted if your child is going to be moved. You are a part of this decision making so we need your input.

Our Behavioral Health Consultant, Cora Smayda, will be leaving us. She is returning to her hometown of Seattle, Washington. We will truly miss her and wish her well. I am sure we will be assigned a new consultant soon.

First Assessment for this school year ended December 15th. Your child's teacher should be contacting you to schedule a conference. All children should receive an assessment and parents contacted for conferences by

January 12th. Please be sure to make written comments, and sign and date the assessment document.

OSSE/DEL requires us to screen all children enrolled between the ages of 0-5 year olds. We use Early Stages ASQ screening tool to perform the assessments. If you have any questions, please feel free contact me. Your child's classroom teacher will discuss the ASQ screening with you upon completion.

Enrollment is still low in our pre-k 3 and 4 classes. Please pass the word of our vacancies. Share our website and Facebook pages with family, friends and co-workers who may be looking for a high-quality program with small group sizes. Our teachers



are well trained and meet the educational requirements for teaching positions as required by licensing and OSSE/ Division of Early Learning. We also use the Creative Curriculum for Preschoolers.

Teacher Position: We are currently interviewing to fill an infant/toddler position. Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years of experience as an infant/toddler lead teacher, a CDA with Infant/Toddler endorsement, and enrolled in a college/university pursuing at least an AA Degree or currently enrolled in a college or university pursuing an AA or Bachelor Degree with a minimum of 15 credits in Early Childhood Development, Human Development, Special Education or related field. A Physical w/TB, FBI Criminal Background Check, DC Police Clearance, Child Protective Registry check and drug testing are required prior to first day of work. Interested persons can email resumé and supporting documents to sttimothyscdc@verizon.net.

Annual Physical and Oral Examinations are required for all children enrolled. Notices are sent out 3 months prior to due date or expiration date. Children ages 3 years old and older must have an annual oral exam and dental form completed. Please check completed forms before leaving the doctor's office for dates, signature and stamp with doctor's contact information. Please submit as soon as possible. The District of Columbia requires that their Universal Health form be used for all physicals.

Until Next Month...

Yvonne A. Robison



T.G.I.F. SLEEPOVER

Parents Night Out!
Children's Night In!

Sleepover will be on
Friday, January 26th, 6:15 p.m. thru
Saturday, January 27th, 10:00 a.m.!

All that's needed is a sleeping bag or two large blankets and a pillow. Please label all items and place in a large trash bag. Sleepovers are designed for parents who want to take advantage of time without the little ones. It is important that sleepover payment be made during the week of the sleepover. Thank you.

Sleepover Staff



INFANTS & TODDLERS

We wish each family much love, joy, peace, hope, and health in the new year! We hope your family enjoyed the Christmas program and break.

Beginning this year, we will continue to use self-help skills to teach the children how to use their spoons, feed themselves, and walk independently. We will engage them in activities such as scribbling, finger painting, music, movement, and walking with push toys.

Please keep in mind that children always need lots of love, patience, nurturing, and boundaries. You are their first teacher and the most important person in their lives.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Parents, please make sure your child has a full supply of diapers within the classroom.
- ◆ Label all clothing, hats, bibs, and cups.
- ◆ Please re-stock clothing in your child's cubby.
- ◆ Bring a clean sheet and blanket every week.
- ◆ Clip your child's fingernails.
- ◆ Remember to sign your child in and out every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call between 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Miss Coley and

Miss Houston



YOUNGER

TWO'S NEWS

Happy New Year! We would like to welcome our two's back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

We would like to thank our parents for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the Christmas program. The children did a wonderful job. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our parents for the wonderful cards and gifts.

This month we will still be focusing on letters, numbers, shapes, and colors, and we will continue to teach self-help skills such as potty-training and feeding.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Check your child's cubby weekly to ensure they have at least two changes of clothing and Pull-ups.
- ◆ Bring a clean sheet and blanket on Mondays.
- ◆ Label all belongings.

*Miss Wiggins and
Miss Green*



OLDER TWO'S NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a joyful and wonderful Christmas. We would like to take this time to thank you for the wonderful gifts and cards that we received.

Now that our winter break is over, it's time to get back to work. Our next study will be on buildings. A lesson plan will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the classroom. Also, check Kaymbu to find out what else is going on at the Center. If you have not received anything from Kaymbu, please check with us to make sure we have your correct email address.

Parent / teacher conferences will take place soon so be on the lookout for those dates and times.

When forms go out that need to be completed, please return them in a timely fashion.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Label all clothes / bedding (blankets/sheets).
- ◆ Replenish Pull-ups (daily, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly

– whatever is easiest for you to do). Please be mindful to check your child's cubby. Do not solely rely on teachers to tell you when your child is out of milk, Pull-ups, or changes of clothing, etc.

- ◆ Check your child's cubby for wet clothes.
- ◆ Make sure clothes fit the weather.
- ◆ Also, there may be information placed in the mailbox from the office.

Miss Young & Miss Ashjame



TERRIFIC THREE'S

Happy New Year to everyone and we hope you all had a safe and happy time. We must not forget to thank the Lord for letting us see another year. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and we would like to thank the parents and children who gave their teachers a gift.

Now that we are back in school we will start reviewing what we learned before the break. The class will be more focused on our curriculum. We hope everyone is ready to learn new things and looking forward to more exciting projects.

Parents, we still need you to work with your child on things that we do at the Center. We are asking all parents to talk to your child about what we do each day. For those parents who still have children who are not potty-trained, it takes all of us working together to get the job done. We hope that while the Center was closed, you helped your child in this process.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Bring clean sheets and blankets every Monday.
- ◆ Sign your child in and out daily.
- ◆ No outside food allowed in the Center.
- ◆ No toys allowed except on Fridays for show 'n tell.
- ◆ Check your child's cubby for a complete change of clothing.
- ◆ Check your child's mail slot daily.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us between 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Mrs. Mitchell &
Miss Wright*



FANTASTIC FOUR'S

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the best to come in the new year! Thank you so much for all of those useful gifts.

Our teaching staff would like to thank all of the parents who were in attendance at the Christmas program / lunch and visit with Santa. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Bagby for lending your musical talents by playing the piano.

Let's start the new year off with a bang! Beginning on Monday, January 8th, the children will be getting homework. Homework assignments are classwork that has already been introduced and should be done by your child. Homework

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packages will be given out every Monday and should be returned the following Monday. Parents, your assignment is to read the instructions to your child BUT let them do the work. Please do not do your child's homework!

Parent teacher conferences will be held from Monday, January 8th through Friday, January 12th. I will meet with parents to discuss your child's progress. You can make an appointment that is convenient for you.

Show and Tell: 9th and 23rd
Children may bring in one toy to share.

Library Visits: 16th and 30th
(weather permitting)
All children must wear their red school t-shirt for library activities.

The best time to reach me is at nap-time (1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.). Let's start the new year off by working as a team in 2018!

Mrs. Shorter



SCHOOLAGERS

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. We also hope that 2018 will be a blessed and prosperous one for each of you!

We would like to thank you for those useful gifts and cards. Our Christmas was wonderful! The children were excited to learn who their "secret pals" were. We had fun! Also, thank you for supporting us in the Christmas program.

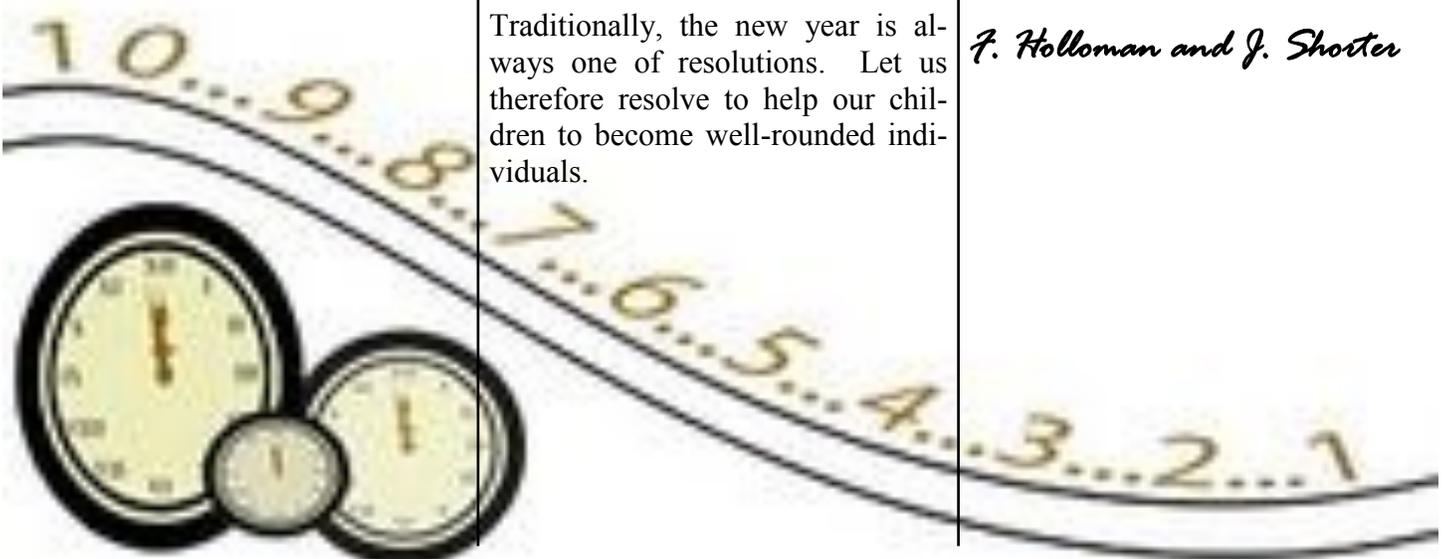
Traditionally, the new year is always one of resolutions. Let us therefore resolve to help our children to become well-rounded individuals.

We are extending the children's thinking and handwriting skills by having simple contests. Each month, the children will be given a theme to write about. This month they will be writing about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be three winners by grade level (K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th). The lucky winners will earn themselves a free sleepover. Parents, you will be informed if your child is a winner but keep in mind if your child can't respect and follow the directions of the adult staff in the classroom then they will not be permitted to redeem their prize. This is our resolution.

Please remember to call the Center if your children are not coming to the Center.

We hope this year will be better than last year! Wishing you joy and peace in the new year!

F. Holloman and J. Shorter



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 DCPS & CENTER CLOSED 	2 11:00 am Church Service	3	4	5 Show 'n tell (3s)	6
7	8 Homework (4s)	9 11:00 am Church Service Show 'n tell (4s)	10	11	12 Show 'n tell (3s)	13
parent teacher conference week						
14	15 DCPS & CENTER CLOSED 	16 11:00 am Church Service Library (4s) t-shirt req'd	17 6:00 pm Parent meeting / training	18	19 DCPS CLOSED Show 'n tell (3s)	20
21	22 Homework (4s)	23 11:00 am Church Service Show 'n tell (4s)	24	25	26 Show 'n tell (3s) 6:15 pm TGIF Sleepover	27 10:00 am Sleepover pick up
28	29 Homework (4s)	30 11:00 am Church Service Library (4s) t-shirt req'd 7:00 pm CDC Advisory Board Mtg.	31			