



# Clifton Park Center Baptist Preschool

December 2006

## PRESCHOOL PIPELINE



The end of the year is fast approaching. This is an exciting time with preparation and surprises with northeast weather conditions! The children will help find an evergreen tree to decorate for the season and we will celebrate Christmas Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>. December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the 'snow date', otherwise, no school on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As stated in the November Newsletter, names for the gift exchange will be picked on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please have the gift here by Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**M/W/F Classes:** Our field trip to the Highway Department is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 am. Arrangements for transportation will be posted. The Bluebirds will entertain the seniors at the Clifton Commons on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Diane Payette has agreed to accompany. The Redbirds will entertain the seniors at The Bishop Hubbard Center on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Johnson will accompany them on piano.

The winter season means dressing appropriately. By that we mean labeled hats and mittens, stored in the sleeve of the coat and a large shopping bag with handles for boots and snow pants. We encourage the children to dress themselves for outside; we are ready to assist and offer encouragement. Parent volunteers can help us get dressed for outside play during the winter months. If you are available, please sign up to come back at 11:00 AM.

A sign up will be posted for our Christmas parties. I encourage those who have not had the opportunity to share to be sure to watch for the sign up sheet.

You and your family are invited to attend a Christmas Pageant at the church on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm with Family Fun activities to follow each performance.

**Registration forms for September ('06-'07 school year) will be available upon your return from Christmas break on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007 and Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. At this time a \$35.00 registration fee will insure your enrollment. The siblings of families already enrolled in the preschool will have first preference. The second week, registration will open to the community. We expect the classes to fill very quickly. Please submit your registration form and registration fee as soon as possible. Thank you.**

We have noticed a significant weakness in the children's ability to hold a pencil and crayon. This could be due to the use of the computer. Since there are games to color and games to draw, children may not be spending time grasping pencils and crayons. Right now we are not as concerned about the spelling of their names as we are about the fine motor skills such as holding a pencil or crayon correctly. Please encourage your child to spend time coloring; not to be concerned about staying within the lines but to develop the "grasping" skills: Thumb, pointer, tall man.

***Merry Christmas from Mrs. Robyck and Staff!***

