

# OLGC Preschool December 2023



It's time for hats, gloves, and mittens! The children go out to the playground twice each day, provided the temperature is above freezing. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

Look for an email in mid-December regarding re-registration for the 2024-2025 school year. If your child will attend OLGC preschool or kindergarten next year, you do NOT need to fill out a new application on line.

On Friday, December 15th, we will highlight the "reason for the season" with a birthday party for Baby Jesus. We invite all families to join us that morning at 10:30 in De Sales Hall. An invitation will be sent home in the backpacks on December 8<sup>TH</sup>. Please be sure to read the invitation and RSVP! The children will be singing Christmas songs, followed by birthday cake and other refreshments. Children may dress in their Christmas finest that day. We are asking everyone to bring a birthday gift for Baby Jesus (a small baby item such as bibs, socks, pacifiers, etc.). Please do not wrap the items. They will be donated to HOPE in Northern Virginia, which provides assistance for families in need. Thank you for your generosity!

## Preparing for the Holidays

Keep in mind that your PRESENCE is the most important thing that you can give your child for the holidays. However, when it comes to PRESENTS, it is important to make sure that gifts are age appropriate. TODAY asked developmental experts for a list of the best gifts for children by age, and here are their suggestions:

<https://www.today.com/parents/best-gifts-kids-age-according-our-2018-gift-guides-t142282>

It is important to maintain routines during the holiday season. Knowing what to expect helps children feel secure.

Involve your child in planning, decorating, cooking, wrapping, cleaning, etc. Participating in these activities in age appropriate ways helps build confidence and self-esteem. It helps children feel connected and increases the meaningfulness of the holiday activities.

For more holiday survival tips, click on this link:  
<https://www.care.com/c/holiday-survival-tips-for-parents/>

## Important Dates

Wednesday, 12/6: Dress out day (\$1 donation for We Care Week)

Wednesday, 12/6: St. Nicholas Day

Friday, 12/15: Birthday Party for Baby Jesus, 10:30 (Families invited, please RSVP); 11:15 dismissal

Dec. 20: 11:15 Dismissal, beginning of Christmas Break

School resumes Wednesday, January 3rd!

## A Grace for December

In Christmas prayer, to God above,  
We thank Him for His gift of love.  
Amen.

*All of us at OLGC wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!*

