



December 2025



As the year comes to a close I would like to thank all of our staff and families for another fabulous year at Meriday. We appreciate all of the many ways you have contributed to the events we have had during this past year: the annual Easter Egg Hunt, showing your support to our amazing teachers during Staff Appreciation Week, hallway Trick or Treating, and most important our give back to the community with the annual Birthday Party for Jesus. We are also grateful for the 2nd annual fundraiser for the St James Episcopal Church collecting pet items for our “furry friends”! It was another successful year helping to provide for those in need to feed pets and shelter animals in our community. Economic times are tough right now and we are truly grateful that you generously support Meriday with the “little extras” that mean so much to our programming.



Are you in the market for a new Christmas tree this year? Consider donating your old tree to a Meriday classroom!



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December 11th.... Birthday Party for Jesus @10:00. Don't forget your wrapped gift!
December 14th ...Hanukkah begins
December 18th ...Preschool Christmas Program @5:45 / Bring a sweet treat dessert to share.
December 19th ...Class Parties. Check classroom sign-up sheets.
December 21st ...First day of winter
December 24th ...Merry Christmas
December 26th ...Kwanzaa Begins



December 11th @ 10:00 is our annual birthday party for Jesus. This celebration will include awesome birthday cupcakes, presents, party favors and a special story celebrating the birth of Jesus. We are asking for each child to bring a small baby gift item, the gift must be wrapped. The children open the gifts and place them by the manger. All donations will be donated to a Pregnancy Resource Center. If you need any ideas stop by the office or check out the info posters hanging around the building.



Sign up for Reach Alert to be informed about Meriday closings and delayed schedules. We will also report closings /delays on WDRB News and WAVE News.



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IMPORTANT HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Wednesday December 24th & Thursday December 25th
Wednesday December 31st & Thursday January 1st

Please remember families that elect part time enrollment are not permitted to switch days around to avoid the closing schedule. Our apologies if your part time days happen to be on the days that we are closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

FEE REMINDERS

- Pay monthly? Remember to include the months that have 5 billing Mondays.
- Annual registration fee will be due in January. The fee due is \$125.00 per child enrolled.

SAVE THE DATE



December 18th Preschool Program @ 5:45 pm 2's – 4's

Reception afterwards please bring a dessert to share cookies, brownies, cake, pies or cupcakes!



Infants, Crawlers and Toddlers moving in January more info coming soon!

Plan ahead for our January 19th closing for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This is a Meriday staff in-service training day.



Linda



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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Meriday is so excited to let you know about a stipend we received to benefit our infant and toddler programs.

When we think of curriculum we often think preschoolers and neglect to think about our infants and toddlers. Our goal is to create a high-quality program for infants and toddlers with emphasis on defining areas in the room for separate areas for sleeping, playing, eating, and changing diapers.

Our goal for this room will be to create more space to enhance the health and safety for additional crawling space and to create multiple spaces in the room to include stimulating sensory areas to include textured wall and surfaces, mirrors, tactile play stations and fun lighting and sounds. We plan to have a designated “tummy time” space, a “cozy corner” with soft books, soft baby dolls and stuffed puppets and more. Overall we envision an atmosphere of real play-based learning with our infant program which will include intentional sensory play, interactive games, music and movement, hands on learning and a language-rich environment.

So if that all sounds like a big undertaking you would be correct and we hope to accomplish it with as little interruption as possible!

Beginning after hours on December 4th we will be taking down the wall between the current infant room and the empty room next door. The majority of the scope of work will be done over the weekend of December 6th and 7th. Some work will be done on Friday the 5th. During this process we will relocate the infants to our toddler room area room #E101-C. We anticipate that this will only be for one day.

It is our goal to provide as little interruption to our daily programing as possible while maintaining the safety and integrity of our services to you and your family. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office and we will do our best to answers any questions you may have.