Happy New Year!!!

2020 – just like the TV show but hopefully we have a better format than most shows do these days. 😊 It is our heart to provide a warm, loving, and safe place for your precious children. We hope to always shine with the love of Jesus as we love them, direct them and teach them in the ways of our heavenly father. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to another wonderful year in 2020.

Have a very Happy New Year!

REMINDERS

In case of bad weather, we will follow the same guidelines as Briarwood school. If it is announced that they are closed because of inclement weather, then be advised that MDO will also be closed. Listen to 88.5, WLJR, the Briarwood station, Fox 6, or call 205-776-5602 for details about school closings. Also, follow us on Facebook - we will post “happenings” there as they occur.

With the colder temperatures, make sure you send sweaters or jackets for your children. We will be taking them outside to run and play when the weather permits, even if for just a few minutes. Also, as a reminder, make sure you send extra clothing each day.

To avoid any confusion, please be reminded that our MDO program does not give a priority status for entering kindergarten at Briarwood. As a ministry of the church, we are separate from the school. For information regarding the school contact Kelly Henderson in the registrar’s office of the school - 205.776.5812, or email her at: khenderson@bcsk12.org

FALL 2020 REGISTRATION

- We will not be handing out registration forms for Fall 2020. You will receive an email containing the information you need for the fall, including the form.

First come first serve, so if you have a particular day you want, you need to get the forms in ASAP. No spot will be held without the necessary registration fee.

Registration is $80.00 per child.

Your child will be placed on the day(s) you requested. Unless you hear from us you can assume you have your first choice. Please make a notation of the day(s) you marked so you will have it for your records when planning your schedules.

Children will be placed in each class according to their birthdays.

If your child is not quite ready for kindergarten, join us for another year. We love those *4 year olds!

*Note the age restriction mentioned in the re-enrollment email

Holiday Reminder

There will be no MDO on Mon., Jan. 20th for Martin Luther King Day.
**The Eagles & The Lions**

Peggy Joseph & Sally Davis - M/Th & T/F

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year to all! We are planning for a wonderful New Year. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. It will be good to be back with your children. Look for fun winter crafts. We will also have our annual Pancake Day.

**Verse:** Ps. 23:4a, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me.”

**Color & Shape:** white/diamond

**Birthdays:**
- Sofia Grace M January 14
- Parker R January 26

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**Barby Crandall & Shannon Clark – M/Th**

**Barby Crandall & Allison Bentley - T/F**

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year – looking forward to being back! We trust you and your family had a blessed holiday season. This month we will be learning about "cold weather" and have lots of fun activities planned. Be sure to bring a coat - weather permitting, we will take a run on the playground. At the end of the month we will have a black and white pajama party (Thurs., Jan. 30 and Fri., Jan. 31). Be thinking ahead of "black and white" foods you can send for lunch. NO MDO ON Mon., Jan 20th FOR MLK DAY.

**Verse:** Ps. 74:17, “God made the summer and the winter.”

**Color & Shape:** black & white/square

**Birthdays:**
- Mrs. Shannon January 26

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**Barby Crandall & Shannon Clark – Wed**

**Monthly Activities:** We hope you all had a great, relaxing Christmas break enjoying your sweet families! We are excited to get back to school and to see your children! Our letters this month are L - O. We will also be talking about winter and the cold weather. We look forward to a wonderful 2020 with your sweet children!

**Verse:** Matthew 5:22, 23, "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

**Letters:** L - O

**Color & Shape:** black/white/snowflake

**Birthdays:**
- Mrs. Shannon January 26

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**Jana Brower & Sims Holt – Wed**

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year! So thankful for the fresh new start Jesus gives us! We will learn about the winter season, continue on with the ABC study and Jesus’ love for us! Remember to bring jackets (labeled), however if it is too cold we will play indoors!

**Verse:** John 17:7, “God’s word is true.”

**Color & Shape:** green/rectangle

**Birthdays:**
- Emma Posey S January 22

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**Tiger Cubs & The Colts**

Jana Brower & Beth Moore – M/Th

Kaki Jenkins & Allison Shaw – T/F

Kaki Jenkins & Taylor Callaway - W

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year! We are thrilled to begin this new year with your sweet kids! We hope you had a blessed Christmas. This month we will be doing some fun crafts with snowflakes as we learn how God covers our sins. At the end of the month, we will have a blue and white party. Please look for information about this fun day!

**Verse:** Is. 1:18, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.”

**Color & Shape:** white/snowflake

**Birthdays:**
- Andrew C January 5
- Cartwright H January 22
- Olivia H January 24

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Taylor Callaway & Amy Underwood - M/Th

Kelly Forester & Lee Atherton – T/F

Shelley Roden & Lauren Ballard - W

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year and welcome back. We missed our precious little ones and hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Please send a coat with your child so we can enjoy outside time. We are looking forward to having a fun and exciting January.

**Verse:** Is. 1:18, “Our sins will be made as white as snow.”

**Color & Shape:** blue/square

**Birthdays:**
- Max C January 8

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**Bear Cubs & Baby Chicks**

Leslie Allsworth, Sherry Cordell & Jenny Allen – M/Th

**Monthly Activities:** Welcome Back!! We hope each of you and your families enjoyed the holidays and stayed well. We miss our sweet Bear Cubs and can’t wait to see them again! This month we will be teaching your children about winter through songs, stories, and crafts. Our Bible focus will be on Abraham. Please send a coat every day, because we will go outside for fresh air whenever possible.

**Verse:** Ps. 74:17, “God made the summer and the winter.”

**Color & Shape:** black & white/square

**Birthdays:**
- Sophia Grace M January 14
- Clark T January 23
**Melissa Irwin & Chelsea Payne – T/F**

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year!! We can’t believe 2020 is already here! The school year is going too fast! This month we look forward to doing all kinds of winter crafts and other fun activities! We will also be learning about how John 17:7 tells us, “God’s Word is true!” Our Bible story will be about Abraham. Your sweet little ones will also be learning about rectangles and the color yellow. Please let us know if you need anything!!

**Verse:** John 17:7, “God’s word is true.”

**Color & Shape:** yellow/rectangle

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**Jaclyn Pate & Melissa Smith – W**

**Monthly Activities:** Welcome back, sweet Bear Cubs! We have missed our babies and hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. We have some super cute winter Pat Pats coming home this month 😊 Don’t forget to send a jacket each day so we can continue to play outside as weather allows!

**Verse:** Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord”

**Color & Shape:** green/rectangle

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**Karen Duffey & Melissa Irwin – M/Th**

**Kelly Cooke & Annika Prince – T/F**

**Kathy Mandy & Patrice Bonner – W**

**Monthly Activities:** Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful time with your loved ones but we are so glad to be back with your babies.

You never know what the weather will be like in Birmingham, so please remember appropriate outerwear so we can go outside when possible. In case of bad weather please keep your phones close by. We will alert you in case we need to dismiss early. We will be out of school on Monday, January, 20 for MLK Day.

**Verse:** Genesis 5:13, “Help one another.”

**Color & Shape:** white/snowflake

We are so thankful for our special gifts and treats that you gave us. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated. We love serving you and loving your babies!!!

Betsy, Ann & Debbie