

# Willowbrook

## WEE

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### From the Director

#### Choosing a Class for your Child Next Year

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin in February. Now is the time, however, for you to begin thinking about which class you might want for your child. What you see at home and what we see at school are sometimes two different things, due to the fact that children behave differently in a group setting than when they are one-on-one with a parent. For this reason, we recommend contacting your child's current teacher to get extra information to assist you in your decision. She may have insight into academic, social and/or behavioral issues affecting your child that will enable you to make an informed decision.

WEE does allow for the parent to make a teacher and or a friend request on the registration form. Please note that I do my best to fulfill all requests but requests are not guaranteed.

At WEE we continually strive to provide a loving, nurturing Christian preschool environment for all our students. Teaching and showing God's love is the most important thing we do here at WEE, followed by preparing all our students for future success in school. Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing all of our WEE families back for another great year.

Many Blessings,  
Ashley Scott  
WEE Director

#### WEE 2021-2022 Registration

Registration opens in February. Forms will be sent home in tote bags.

#### Book Orders

Scholastic book order are placed monthly. You can order online at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com). Use classroom code RRHQZ.

### Monthly Reminders

#### Dates to Remember

- 1/8: Tuition due. Late fee after the 15th. Tuition can be paid online at [mypro-care.com](http://mypro-care.com).
- 1/18: MLK Day, school closed

#### Verse of the Month

God created the heavens and the earth.  
Genesis 1:1.

#### Carline News & Reminders

- Please wear a mask in carline when you have any interactions with the staff.
- Please let your authorized pick up people know that they should wear a mask in carline during all staff interactions.
- Please turn your heat down or off when you enter carline. This will help us get a more accurate temperature reading.

#### Procure Sign In/Out

Thank you for downloading and using the app. Please complete all steps and wait for the sign in/out confirmation screen before closing the app. If you have not yet signed up, please email us at [wee@willowbrook.org](mailto:wee@willowbrook.org) and we will resend the link.

#### Seasonal Reminders

- As it gets colder, please send in a warmer change of clothes for us to keep in the classroom for your child.
- Please remember to send labeled jackets or sweatshirts on cold days.
- We play outside 42 degrees and above.
- Please turn your heat down or off when you enter carline. This will help us get a more accurate temperature reading.

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## Kindergarten

### Mrs. Cates

It's just amazing how quickly the last 3 weeks have moved! Our classroom has been buzzing with activity from the start to the finish of every day. We set up our own "Advent Calendar" of sorts, with each day holding a surprise craft for us. The children have looked forward to revealing what the surprise for each day will be.

In a way, this practice of the Advent surprise points us to the Christmas story. The world waited with anticipation until God's Greatest Gift was announced--The promised Messiah was born. And as Christians, we get to live every day with the reality of the surprise of Christmas. God with us—Immanuel. May we never get over it!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break! When our class reconnects on January 4, we will dive right into a unit on Winter. Along with continuing lessons on phonics will be guided writing experiences that will give the children confidence in their personal writing. We will also explore place value and skip counting in math and experiment with different kinds of lines in art.

It is truly a blessing to serve your children through teaching.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6*



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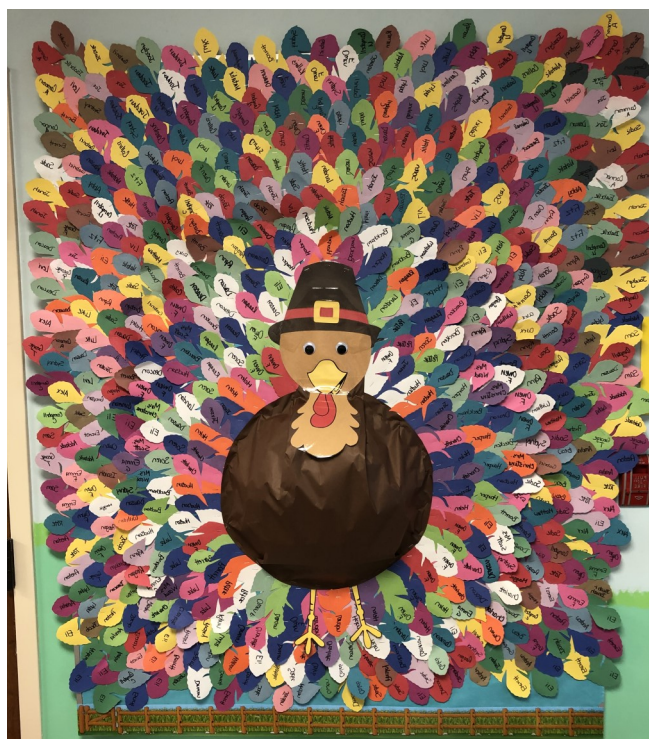
### Mrs. Williamson

Welcome to our second semester! We have such a fun month of learning ahead! Winter is here and the cold weather is just wonderful. I personally love boots, scarves, and a nice cozy fire. January is a great time to make resolutions for the new year. We will talk about what a resolution is, and the effort you have to put in to reach your goals.

I am excited to continue learning letters, sight words, and reading strategies. This month we will be focusing on sight words-identifying them within three seconds, using them in sentences, and spelling them correctly. We will also continue our reading curriculum and learn more about how to visualize, ask questions as you read, and reread for understanding.

In math, we will be working on addition within 5. We will use manipulatives, such as connecting cubes, play dough, and plastic bears as we learn.

I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break!



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## 4's Classes

### Mrs. Gibbons

Happy New Year! (Or at least I hope it will be! Surely it has to be better than the old one, right?) I hope you and your sweet children had a wonderful, blessed Christmas, enjoyed lots of family time, and made many special memories together! Hopefully the children had plenty of time to play and have fun, and are ready to get back to school to see their friends and get back into a routine.

In January, we will continue to review letters we've learned so far as well as adding new ones to our list (H,U,B, and N). We will move forward with numbers and counting, and matching numerals to sets. And, of course, we will continue to work on name writing. We will also be learning all about winter! Our month will be filled with stories, experiments, centers, and discussions that center around cold weather, warm clothing, snow, ice, snowmen, hot chocolate, and animals who live where it is "winter" (or at least feels like it) all year long! So bundle up your kiddos and let's get started!



## 4's Classes

### Mrs. Geiselhart

It's January- a new month and a new year, full of hope and promise! While I'm sure Christmas was either a little - or a lot- different this year, I hope it was still a special time for your family. Now that we are back from our break, it's exciting to think about what lies ahead.

For our students, there will be new letters H, U, B, and N. We will cover numbers 5 and 6. My students are doing a great job recognizing their letters and knowing the sounds they make. We will continue to work on properly forming each one and also writing our name. Winter will be our theme, with plenty of talk about snow! We have already decorated our door with snowflakes the students embellished, all unique- just like each of them. "No two are alike" which makes our classroom simply amazing.

### Mrs. Keel

Happy 2021! Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas holiday and that you are all rested and rejuvenated for a brand new year. We are going to hit the ground running this month and have so many new things to learn and explore.

January brings us the letters Hh, Uu, Bb, and Nn . We will also be reviewing all of the letters that we have learned so far. We will be emphasizing name writing, letter recognition and proper letter formation. We have a lot of special days planned to help bring fun to letter learning.

Our unit is Winter!! We will discuss snow and cold, what we wear, things to do, what animals enjoy the snow and which ones hibernate.

Our Star Student of the week will also begin during January. More detailed information will come home in your child's folder.



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## 3's Classes

### Mrs. Brinkley

Let it snow, let it snow. We hope to see snow! January is the time to bundle up for wintertime. We will talk about all things wintery—from animals to outdoor activities. Winter time can be a fun time. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us. We are having so much fun

### Mrs. Gillis

Welcome back, WEE families! We hope you had a beautiful, wonderful Christmas with your families. Thank you for the lovely goodies! We are excited to be back in school with your sweet kiddos. This month, we will be learning about winter and bears and all that God created. Our Bible verse this month comes from Genesis 1:1, which says, "God created the heavens and the earth". We look forward to teaching your children about our amazing God and His goodness toward us!

### Mrs. Utley

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our sweet friends and families!! We hope your Christmas break was so special! This month we will be talking all about winter! We'll learn about what animals do in the cold weather, and we'll hope really hard for some SNOW!! We're so grateful to share our days with your sweet little ones!



## 2's Classes

### Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Rebekah

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to be back at school.

January is full of cold weather activities and we will be exploring "snow" whether we get any or not. Snowmen, snowflakes and even sweet wintery treats are on our list. We will also talk about bears and hibernation. It is sure to be a "beary" fun month.

We are happy to be back with you at school! We love your children!

### Mrs. Sarah and Mrs. Kim

Happy New Year to all our family and friends! We are so glad to be back at school with our friends after such a long break!

This month we will begin exploring the cold of winter, and whether we get any real snow or not, we will be making "snowy" crafts that won't melt. We'll talk about bears and how they hibernate, and we'll even have a sweet winter treat or two. Yum!

We are really looking forward to finding out more about colors and shapes; as we practice our "school" skills!

We have so much fun together! Don't you wish you were this young again?! Happy Winter!

### Mrs. Michelle and Mrs. Melissa

Welcome back! We missed our sweet little friends and we hope that you all had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year with your families. Thank you again for all your nice gifts and kind words. We appreciate them so much!

As we all get back to school, we are going to explore winter, snowmen, snowflakes and all kinds of COLD stuff. We can't wait to make our snowmen! What fun!

We can't thank you enough for sharing your children with us. We love them so much!

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## Ducks and Lambs Classes

### Ducks: Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Alison

Welcome back to all our little Ducks! We hope you had a blessed Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year!

Brrr...winter has arrived! This month we will learn about winter, snowmen and snowflakes. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

The Ducks continue to love music and motor skills. We enjoy the riding bike toys, jumpy horses and playing with our friends!

We are looking forward to a bright New Year filled with lots of new adventures and plenty of fun in our Duck class!

### Lambs: Mrs. Tina and Mrs. Martina

Happy New Year! We hope your family had a very blessed Christmas. A new year is starting and we are so excited to see our little lambs grow. This month will be filled with snowmen and snowflakes. You might even see some snowflakes in the classroom!

These little lambs bring joy to us each day. Thank you for letting us spend time with your sweet angels.

