



# OCA HANDPRINTS

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## Mrs. Melanee's Fingerprint

**MUSIC** has always been a wonderful piece of the fabric of my life. I believe I first realized just how important it would be to me when I was a toddler. I remember being lulled to sleep by the sound of my Mom playing the piano at night. One of my most treasured early "feeling" memories of my Dad was seeing him sitting in the rocking chair by the console stereo system, studying for his sermons, and hearing the strains of gospel songs sung by one or another quartet or contralto soloist coming from the stereo. Being raised in a charismatic-type Christian environment meant that my exposure to music in a church setting has been high energy with a broad spectrum of styles and rich in quality. Music lessons of some type were not an option for me, my brother, and my sister. Every Christmas Eve for as long as I can remember, before we open presents our family has joined together in a sing-along of many of the favorite Christmas songs. Most mornings I awake to what I call a "Head Tune," which then usually courses through my head for the rest of the day. Music soothes, encourages, inspires, heals, and comforts me. I consider the gift of **MUSIC** to be one of God's luxury gifts.

I do have a **HEAD** you: "...We wish Christmas and



**TUNE** to share with you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Hoping you all have a blessed, safe, and **MUSICALLY RICH** holiday season!

Joyfully Yours,  
*Melanee*

## OCA KID BITS



"If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old."  
(Lord Chesterfield).

## ... THIS and THAT ...



- \*One of our Lottery Funded Pre-K classes has had a child move, so **WE DO HAVE ONE SPOT** available. The class is free on school days from 8:00 am -2:30 pm. The child must have turned 4 years old by Sept 1, 2011. Can you help us spread the word?
- \***THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our **Toys For Soldiers' Families** project! Several great toys were donated.
- \*All of OCA's **CAR SEATS** have been loaned out and not returned. Often someone needs to borrow a car seat. If you have one of OCA's, **PLEASE** return it as soon as possible.
- \* OCA Christmas Parties are December 16. Santa will be here in the morning and the individual classroom parties will be after nap that afternoon. Each class has sign-up sheets for party items and gift exchanges. Please be sure to check with your child's teacher regarding what is taking place in your child's classroom that day. **FUN TIMES!**
- \* We invite you to leave a **TESTIMONIAL** on our website (OglethorpeChildrensAcademy.com) and to become a fan of our Oglethorpe Children's Academy Facebook page.
- \* Our Parent Advisory Council asked us to remind everyone of the Staff Appreciation Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. ☺



## OCA IS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS

the entire week of Dec. 26 through 30. We will reopen for normal operations on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone will be given an extra **HALF-PRICE WEEK** for those days. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

OCA has **HOLLYDAYS CAMP** available for Pre-K and After-Schoolers the week of December 19 - 23. A fun schedule has been arranged: **MONDAY** is Painting a Canvas with Wild Child Art, **TUESDAY** is Christmas Cookies Decorating Day; **WEDNESDAY** is Gift Wrapping Party Day (each child should bring gifts for siblings, parents, etc., along with a filled out gift tag for each gift. OCA will provide the wrapping paper.), **THURSDAY** is Game Day (bring any hand-held, board, computer, or other games for a fun tournament day), and **FRIDAY** is Polar Express PJs & Hot Chocolate Party Day. Discounts will be offered for any child who is here for all 5 days. Please see Mrs. Kim.



## !! EXCITING NEW REFERRAL REWARD PROGRAM !!



Starting January 1, we will offer a **REFERRAL REWARD** to our enrolled families as follows: When you refer a new family to OCA who contracts to enroll a child a minimum of 2 days per week, your account will be credited with \$25 at EACH of (1) their payment of the registration fee and first week's tuition, (2) when they have been continuously enrolled for three months, (3) at six months of continuous enrollment, (4) at 9 months of continuous enrollment. When your referral family has been continuously enrolled for One Year, we will credit your account with \$50. Your referral credits may only be applied to tuition on your current account, may not be transferred, and have no cash value other than as your family's tuition credit. We are looking forward to giving **YOU** some tuition referral credits!

