

What's Been Going on?

During the month of January, CCDC had a canned soup drive for our local charity, Love Chapel! Each classroom had a box placed in their room to have students donate. The reward for the classroom that collected the most cans was a pizza party! The center collected over 300 cans! The students were very excited about the competition between the classes and were very eager to find out who won! Each class kept track of their cans as more and more came through the door. PreK 1 and 2 kept track of their cans by counting them in groups of 10! The students loved counting and also got in an easy Math lesson! Early Preschool worked on pointing to each can as they counted their cans. The canned soup drive was a BIG success and CCDC would like to thank all the families who donated to this great cause!



Boxes of cans in PreK 1 classroom

New to the Classrooms

Welcome to all of our new **Infant, Toddler, and Early Preschool students.**

Infant 1

Megan Galbreth
Timothy Huang

Infant 2

Jocelyn Drehobl
Avni Tayal

Infant 3

Sharanya Soni
Hudson Lane

Infant 4

Anlong Liu

Toddler 2

Xavier Zhang

Toddler 4

Manasvi Phatak

Early Preschool 2

Abigail Lodhi
PreKindergarten 1
Alexandra Sawin
PreKindergarten 2
Sophia Pimi

Congratulations to all of those students that are graduating to the next level.

Infants to Toddlers

Emma Drehobl
Gabriella Morris
Morgan Trobaugh
Emily McIntier
Toddlers to Early Preschool
Kai Cala
Ayaan Rallapalli
Jacob Jing
Catherine Yang

Spotlight on New Staff

Our spotlight on staff this month features Miss Ashley Nickel. She is the new Early Preschool 1 teacher along with Ms. Ashley Tarr. Miss Ashley is from West Terre Haute, Indiana. She has an older brother and also enjoys spending time with her very cute niece and nephew! Miss Ashley also has 2 labs named Hershey and Twizzler.

Miss Ashley attended Hanover College and then finished her degree at Indiana State University. She studied history and has been working with children in the summer camp industry for the past 9 years.

She loves sports! Especially playing volleyball, basketball and watching football...GO COLTS! She also loves to read and watch movies. She is looking forward to teaching and working with kids. She is also going back to school to further her education! Welcome to CCDC Miss Ashley!



Ms. Ashley posing with her Early Preschool 1 class

Infants Inch by Inch



Infant 1 students getting ready to experiment with jello

In the month of January, Infant 1 had many activities going on! They have been experimenting with new foods, helping their babies prepare for toddlers, and getting used to table food and eating with their fingers! Infant 1 will send Logan Barringer

and Brynn Wendel to toddlers before March. Miss Cassie said that they both did well with the preparations! This month there were two activities that let the babies explore with food. For letter "Ii" they let them taste and feel ice cream. For letter "Jj" they explored green jello! The babies of course loved the sticky, sweet treats! Exploring the food hopefully helped Collin Swartzbaugh with eating table food and using his fingers. Infant 1 is also on the move! Carsen



Sims and Lily Tuell are learning to sit up on their own and explore the room by crawling! And last but not least Infant 1 would like to welcome Megan Galbreth to CCDC!

Infant 1 student experimenting with green jello

Toddling Tots



Toddler 2 student learning to sort by color

In January Toddler 2 worked on letters "Ii" and "Jj". The students painted ice cream cones with shaving cream and also experimented with ice! They also got to taste ice cream! All of them loved the sweet treat! For letter "Jj" they made jungle animal prints with stamps. Ms. Robin and Ms. Brandi also discovered that their

students love learning about the letters with AlphaTales! Toddler 2 has also been focusing a lot on individual child assessments. The students are working on sorting and identifying colors, shapes, numbers, and letters! They are using counting bears that are different colors to sort. Toddler 2 students are also working on tracing their letters and numbers to get a feel on how to hold a writing utensil and also the general shape of the letters and numbers! The students are doing a very good

job and their teachers are very proud of them. Keep up the good work Toddlers!



Toddler 2 student learning to trace his letters

Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

Early Preschool 2 is adjusting to a new year with their new teachers, Ms. Cindy and Ms. Jeni. They also have a new friend in their room, Abigail. They have introduced the letter "Ii" in shaving cream, making their own island and igloos! In addition they talked about insects and played with insects in the sensory table with grass. Letter "Jj" was also introduced with some fun activities like singing "Jack and



Jill" and coloring pages to go along with the rhyme. For snack they even enjoyed biscuits with jello. They also laced letter "Jj"'s and played with jets in the sensory table. The children also made penguin babies out of pinecones.

Early Preschool 2 practicing their letters in shaving cream



Early Preschool 2's penguin babies that are displayed in the center

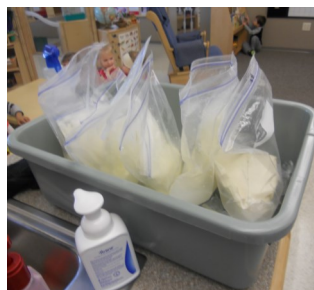
Staff Birthdays

February 8: Brandon Boas

February 12: Julie Rennemeier

What's New in Preschool?

This month in Preschool 2 they've been doing a lot of neat things! They took advantage of the cold weather to make ice globes! To make the globes they filled balloons up with water and food coloring and left them outside overnight to freeze. They then peeled off the balloons and had ice globes! For "Ii" week they learned about the inside of our bodies by tracing each other and drawing in a skeleton, organs and veins! They also made an igloo, which was hung on their wall for everyone to see! To finish up "I" week, they made homemade ice cream! To make their ice cream, they added the ingredients, pressed and pushed the bag to make the consistency of ice cream and we ate it!



Ice Cream that Preschool 2 made for letter "Ii"



Preschool 2 checking on their ice globes through the window

Busy Pre-Kindergartners

January has been a busy month for PreKindergarten 1! They have been studying the letters "Ii" and "Jj". For letter "Ii" the students made their own igloos with toothpicks and marshmallows. The students loved the activity and of course loved eating the marshmallows! Like their other friends in CCDC, PreK 1 also made ice cream and enjoyed their sweet treat at the end of the day. For letter "Jj" the students made a Jack-in-the-Box with shapes



Prekindergarten student playing in snow in the sensory table



Prekindergarten 1 student making a jack-in-the-box

and they also had a "Jellybean Jar" that they used to learn about estimating! Ms. Alisha hung the jar up on the display board and the students had to estimate how many jellybeans were in the jar...parents and other CCDC teachers were also asked to participate! PreK 1 also learned a Jellybean Chant and shared the special poem with their parents, and friends and teachers at CCDC! The students are

also getting the chance to use the computers every Tuesday and Thursday with PreK 2 and Kindergarten!

The Kindergarten World Of

Kindergartners have been very busy during the past month. They are working on first grade level addition and subtraction in math. By rolling a pair of dice they can put together their own math problems, remembering to place the highest number first in our number sentences. To reinforce the concepts of addition and subtraction, they are also drawing pictures to check their math.

In science they discovered how to make ice cream in a bag. All of their liquid ingredients went into a bowl and then they froze and mixed it by placing it in bags of ice and salt and throwing it back and forth to each other. As they ate it for afternoon snack, they discussed what happened to make it a solid. Along with that, they talked about the three phases of matter; solids, liquids, and gases. They made a list of the items they could think of that fit into each category.

For language arts they made a book describing step by step how they made their ice cream in a bag. This is a book that they placed in their classroom library. Kindergarten is also up to almost 150 sight words that they can recognize and read!

A special visitor also visited their classroom for letter "Jj", Mr. David Moenssen. He shared his special talent of playing the saxophone for some jazzy entertainment! He also showed them how to put together and disassemble the sax! The students loved listening to the new music!



Mr. David Moenssen sharing his saxophone music

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 1: Pizza Party for classroom with the most canned soup donations

February 1: Bright Horizons "Awards of Excellence" nominations begin at www.brighthorizons.com/awards

February 8: Deadline for PreK and Kindergarten students to sign up for this session of Tae Kwon Do.

February 13: Tae Kwon Do session begins (Wednesdays and Fridays until March 22nd)

February 21: Bookmobile

February 22: Dawn Gale returns to CCDC (9:15-11:00) for a Dental Health presentation for the older children

February 25: Last day for Bright Horizons "Awards of Excellence" Nominations

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