



Child Development Center Connections

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Thanks, we need your help, and around the center

Hello parents I want to start out thanking each one of you for taking the time to keep our center safe on a daily basis. Each family coming in the doors one at a time is helping to keep our children safe!

Another way that each of you are keeping our children safe is by not bringing in any kind of homemade foods or foods with nuts or nut products into the center. With of course the exception being infants because each child has an individual feeding plan. Food allergies can be a scary thing if not taken seriously.

As the weather is changing rapidly and we go outside, please think about our playground policies. We will be going outside as long as it is above 32 degrees with the wind chill factor added to that. Please dress your child in layers in case it is warmer in the afternoon than in the morning.

Also please don't forget to bring clothes in to keep in your child's cubby as a backup in case he or she might need them. Like previously stated with the weather changing please bring in weather appropriate clothes for your child.

The Prekindergarten and Kindergarten teachers have been working to get all of their students on the computers on Tuesdays and Thursday. The student's love getting out of their rooms and having fun while learning on the computers.

The center wide canned food drive was a huge success during the month of January. We donated over 800 cans. Love Chapel Food Pantry was overjoyed with the amount of cans collected for them. They told us they were in great need of food.

The center has purchased a SMART Board for classrooms and is waiting for it to arrive so they can hang it in the commons area for each classroom to use. They will also be using the proceeds from the upcoming Scholastic book fair to buy upgrades for teacher to use with the SMART Board.

Spotlight on New Staff

Our spotlight on

staff this month features Erika Hurt. She was born and raised in Columbus, Indiana. She lives with her mother and father. She does have one brother who lives in Nashville, Indiana. She graduated from Columbus East High School, and attended Ivy Tech Community College afterwards.



Ms Erika posing while reading a book with her class

She has a lot of experience with children due to the fact that she has many young cousins. She has such a big family and has a ton of fun playing with them and taking them to do fun activities. Her main hobby is art. She loves drawing, but wouldn't call herself good. She also enjoys playing the Wii and going shopping. She is looking forward to being a part of CCDC and all of the children's lives. She is excited about teaching them and watching them learn, grow and have fun!

New to the Classrooms

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

Infant 1

Jessica Kou

Infant 2

Jocelyn Drehobl

Ahlong Lui

Infant 3

Hudson Lane

Infant 4

Meredith Mikrut



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

Infants to Toddlers

Brynn Wendel (T2)

Emily McIntier (T4)

Toddlers to Early Preschool

Valeria Cortes (EPS2)

Maitreyi Gajkeshwar (EPS2)

Early preschool to pre-school

Amy Xu (PS2)

Carter Kareus (PS2)

Sahanna Reka (PS2)

Infants Inch by Inch



Infant 2 students creation for

have been very busy this month working on their sign language and learning to say words (Ex. Cat, book, duck, etc.).

Emma Drehoobl from infant two turned one year old on February 13th. They grow up so fast! Infant two was looking forward to Valentine's Day, and had a blast making mice to place in their hearts for their moms and dads. They did a great job with this using their feet to create the body of the mice with gray paint. The infants love getting dirty and making things for mom and dads.



The infants have been working on their alphabet sign language with their teachers lately.

Infant 2 student admiring her leprechaun

Infant 2 would like to start by welcoming two new babies, Ryan Miller and Aadhya Cegireddy. Sadly they have to say goodbye to two special little friends Gabriella Morris and Emma Drehoobl. They are going to move to toddlers the first of March. They

Toddling Tots



Toddler 3 student dropping her candy heart into the baking soda and vinegar solution.

In February Toddler 3 did an experiment about dancing hearts for Valentines Day. The students dropped a candy heart into a solution of baking soda and vinegar so that the bubbles would make the heart dance around in

the bowl. The students were using their fine motor skills to do this as well. This experiment taught the children about what takes place when you mix together baking soda and vinegar. The children also learned that the candy heart would dissolve and color the solution. Each student got to use their sense of smell by smelling the vinegar. The students had some strange looks on their faces after smelling the vinegar. The students watched as the heart was dropped into the water and saw how it changed shape. The children were able to use their math skills to count the number of hearts that were used. Their teachers used the hearts to help the students recognize letters. They had a lot of fun in February in Toddler 3!

Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

moving up to Preschool and they welcomed some new friends from Toddlers. The children celebrated Valentine's Day by making special pictures for their parents. They talked about being kind to each other and practiced that kindness by giving out Valentines and other special treats. They examined a kiwi and tasted it in the fruit salad they made for their Valentines party. During L week they talked about leaves and did leaf rubbing.



They practiced recognizing their names and they even made love bugs using the letters in their names. The learned about luaus and then had a class luau. They made leis, wore grass skirts and danced to hula music, and tasted some tropical fruit. They finished up with the letter L by doing

Early Preschool 3 student making a valentine

Early Preschool 3 was very busy during the month of February. They said good bye to one friend



Early Preschool 3 students final product for their parents

some science experiments and making predictions about what would happen, then seeing if they were correct.

Staff Birthdays

March 5th: Brandi Lewis
March 17th: Megan Shepard
March 26th: Cheryl Parnavitana

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What's New in Preschool?

Preschool one has spent the month reinforcing the letter J and studying the letter k. The class studied jazz instruments and had Mr. David Moenssen come in and play his saxophone. He talked to the class and explained to the students what a saxophone was and how it was played. The class had the chance to play and observe instruments like the violin, guitar, and piano. They even had a jazz instrument parade by walking around the center and showing other classes their instruments.



Students practicing for their jazz parade around the center

While studying the letter k the class had k prints on koala bears, and heart shaped hand prints with keys collages. Valentines Day fell during the month so the class had a party to celebrate the fun day.

Mrs. Jessica Liu took the time to come in and visit the classroom to discuss the Chinese New Year during group time. The class had a blast learning about other cultures and traditions.

While studying math the class used an abacus to count up to fifty and learned about new shapes like a crescent, semi circle, octagon.

Busy Pre-Kindergartners

Prekindergarten 2 has had a very busy February. They had to say goodbye to a good friend moving to Texas. They have been working on their math skills to get ready for Kindergarten. To celebrate the letter I week, students molded graham crackers with icing into the letter I. They enjoyed eating the letter after they were finished. With the weather being so up and down over the last few weeks they have been taking advantage and getting out as much as they can.



Prekindergarten students making the letter I from icing and graham crackers



Prekindergarten 2 students bobbing for donuts

They had two guest speakers during the month; one being a lawyer and the other being a dental hygienist. The students enjoy seeing new faces and look forward to finding out about what people do around the community.

The students had a Valentine's Day party and even bobbed for donuts. The students got to pass out Valentines to all of their friends and enjoy a snack donated by parents from the class.

The Kindergarten World Of Reading

The Kindergartners at CCDC have been busy reading in February! We have started our "Nifty Fifty Book Club." In this club each child will have a goal of reading 50 books by Kindergarten graduation. That is merely a goal, many if not all of them could reach 100 books! We are having a blast spotting sight words that we know already and decoding new words as well. Along with great reading practice, the children are also learning comprehension strategies for better understanding of



books. For example, they have learned to look at pictures for context clues and look for digraphs that they know to

sound words out. On February 20th Kindergarten also celebrated Hoodie Hoo Day. We went out to the grass and screamed, "hoodie hoo!" This is supposed to chase away winter and welcome spring.

Kindergarten celebrating Hoodie Hoo Day



Kindergarten student reading a book

Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 2: Dr. Seuss's birthday

March 11-14: Scholastic Book Fair (proceeds go to purchasing upgrades for our new SMART Board)

March 20: First Day of Spring

March 29: Good Friday (Center Closed)

March 31: Easter

Wednesday and Fridays: Master Ko teaches Tae Kwon Doe Wednesday and Fridays until March 22nd

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Why are more children getting Asthma?

No one really knows why more and more children are developing asthma. Some experts suggest that children are being exposed to more and more allergens such as dust, air pollution, and second-hand smoke. These factors all are triggers of asthma. Others suspect that children are not exposed to enough childhood illnesses to build up their immune system. It appears that a disorder of the immune system where the body fails to make enough protective antibodies may play a role in causing asthma.

For more information:

http://www.medicinenet.com/asthma_in_children/article.htm