



# Child Development Center Connections

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## Fundraiser for CCDC!

We will be starting a fundraiser on April 3rd here at CCDC. The students, along with the help of their parents, will be selling butter braid pastries, cookie dough, cheesecakes, and other delicious desserts through the 1st Class Fundraisers Company. The fundraiser will begin on April 3rd. It will start with a taste sampling for the center to try the delectable treats that will be sold!



That is also the day that order forms will be sent home with students. The final order for the fundraiser is due on April 16th and the pick-up date for items will be on May 8th, just in time for a yummy treat for Mother's Day on May 12th! CCDC's goal is to raise \$5,000! We will be using the money for classroom supplies, activities and we are also starting a teacher appreciation fund. To help get the students, faculty, staff, and parents involved there are some incentives: the top seller will receive 1 week of free child care, the top selling class will get an ice cream party,

### New to the Classrooms

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

#### Infant 1

Julianne Force  
Baby Chun-Chiang

#### Infant 2

Catherine Paul

#### Infant 4

Madeline Aker

#### Early Preschool 2

Kabir Goel

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

#### Infants to Toddlers

Emily McIntier (T1)  
Breanna Griffith (T3)  
London Kareus (T4)  
Ishana Panicker (T4)

#### Toddlers to Early Preschool

Wren Bunch (EP1)  
Rory Taggart (EP3)  
Saanvi Pradeep (EP3)

#### Early Preschool to Preschool

Jordan Fox (P1)  
Leigh Cappelli (P1)  
Ethan VanOsdol (P1)  
Rithvik Varigonda (P2)  
Chandan Munnaluri (P2)  
Advay Subhedar (P2)  
Maggie Zhang (P2)

#### Preschool to Pre-Kindergarten

Audrey Bush (PreK1)  
Liliana Martinez (PreK1)  
Ryley Sullivan (PreK1)  
Evan King (PreK1)  
Katelyn Cannon (PreK1)  
Sazika Suraj (PreK1)  
Suyog Deo (PreK2)



and each person who sells 10 items will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to the Kid's Commons! So get ready to sell and thank you in advance for all of your help and support with the fund-

## Spotlight on New Staff

Our spotlight on staff shines on Miss Celeste King! Celeste graduated from Liberty Christian Academy High School. She has a 6 month old son at home that she loves to spend time with. Celeste loves to see her little boy learn and grow. She has been babysitting and taking care of children for 5 years!

Working on cars is my big hobby for her and her family, but she has many other interests that include sports, science, nature and music. She is also looking forward to going to school and furthering her education in Early Childhood Development. Celeste is ready to make children her career!



*Ms Celeste playing the piano with her infants.*

## Infants Inch by Inch



*Infant 3 student painting his own lion*

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 Dreobl. They are going to move to toddlers the first of March. They have been very busy this month working on their sign language and learning

to say words (Ex. Cat, book, duck, etc.).

Emma Dreobl 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 al-



*Infant 3 student creating their own lion*

## Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

In Early Preschool One they have been very busy learning about the letters M and N. Some of their activities have included marble painting, counting and sorting M&M's, making monsters with their handprints, and also coloring noodles and making noodle necklaces. Early Preschool One has eight boys in the Ms. Ashley's class, so one of the fun ideas that they did for letter M was monster truck painting. The students got



to roll monster truck tires through paint and then run them on the paper. They loved this activity!

The students also learned about St. Patrick's Day and did some fun egg activities in the end of March. The students are eager for the warm

weather to get here so they can go outside and enjoy running and playing

with their new friends from Toddlers and their teachers!



*Early Preschool One students making colored noodle necklaces.*

## Toddling Tots



*Toddler 3 using yellow paper and green paint to paint with mangos.*

Toddler Four has seen many changes this past month, and CCDC would like to welcome Jessica Beavers as the new Toddler 4 teacher! They are very excited to be working with the kids and becoming a part of CCDC. With

Spring here, the students have been working

on different Spring art projects including; flower arrangements and ladybug L's. For letter "M" the toddlers also did M&M paintings. The teachers introduced many new sensory activities including; tasting lemons and limes, sculpting with Moon Sand, and painting with mangos. The students all drew pictures of their mommies for "M" week. One of their favorite activities was searching for things with their flashlights. They turned out all the lights and had the children take turns using the flashlights to search for different items around the room. The students are wishing for warmer weather to enjoy Spring outside!

## Staff Birthdays

April 14th: Sharon Kelley  
April 15th: Cindy Hopkins  
April 21st: Jennifer Milan



## What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 2 has been very busy in the month of March! They have had many activities starting with the letters L, M, and N.

For letter M they made monkey masks and pretended to swing from trees to fun music. Miss Kristi and Ms. Megan held up a mirror in front of their students and had them practice their emotions. "What does your sad face look like?" "What do you look like when you are happy?"

The students' favorite M activity was the M&M experiment that they did in their class. The students used 6 different colored M&Ms in a small glass of water. They stirred the water until all of the color was off of the M&Ms. They all noticed that the colors blended together! They hung a paper towel from a pencil and dipped it into the M&M colored water. The paper towel set overnight and all of the colors separated onto the paper towel showing that all of the colors did not dissolve into one! The students are having so much fun and are looking forward to the coming month's activities!



*Ms. Kristi explaining their M&M color activity.*

## Busy Pre-Kindergartners

Pre-Kindergarten 2 has had a fun and busy March! They have been working with letters L, M, and N. Letter L weeks were filled with learning about lions, lambs, ladybugs and other L words! They played ladybug bingo, made lion and lamb masks, lamb cookies and did a very cool Skittles experiment to watch the letter S float in water.



*Pre-kindergarten students listening to David Miller, the librarian read to them.*

The students loved the experiment! PreK also had a librarian, David Miller, visit their wing and read them a few books. PreK 2 learned all about measuring for the letter M. They measured their height, weight and their body temperature. The students also read If You Give a Moose a Muffin and made their own chocolate chip muffins in the classroom. The students also wanted to see if the letter M would float off of M&M's like the skittles and the experiment was a success – they were very excited!



*Prekindergarten 2 student working on her Skittles experiment*

## The Kindergarten World Of

The Kindergarteners at CCDC dove into a new Science unit this month! They have been learning all about life underwater. The students and Ms. Maleah have been busy exploring the underwater world of the ocean. They are talking about plants, animals and other magical wonders underwater. One of their extension activities included researching the different kinds of sharks that live in the ocean. The students had to create their own realistic shark fins, matching colors and designs.



For Math, Kindergarten just started a unit on money. They are learning all about coins and what value each coin is worth.

Kindergarteners are practicing for 1st Grade and moving on to a new school! They had their first spelling test this month, are practicing their sight words, and are reading all kinds of new books!



*Kindergarten with their replica shark fins for underwater study.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 1- April Fool's Day

April 3 – Taste Sampling for Fundraiser/Start of Fundraiser

April 15 – Visitor in Kindergarten to talk about Earth Day and Recycling (Recycling Superheros!)

April 16 – Final Orders for Fundraiser due!

April 22 – Earth Day

April 23 – Visitor in PreKindergarten to talk about Earth Day and Recycling (Recycling Superheros!)

## 5 Star Childcare Update

Indiana Department of  
**Environmental Management**



### Recycling Superheroes Program

**Date:** Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

**Location:** Cummins Child Development Center

**Time:** April 15<sup>th</sup> – 2:30, 3:15 p.m.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30, 10:15, 10:25, and 11:10 a.m.

**Grade Level:** Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

**Class Size:** Pre-Kindergarten 20 per class, Kindergarten 10 students

**Programming Details:** Recycling Superheroes program will be conducted consisting of what is recycling, why we recycle, and showing children how to sort trash. The children will have the opportunity to sort trash as well. A superhero reward will be provided to each classroom.

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