

## 4th of July Celebration at CCDC!

The students had so much fun celebrating the 4th of July here at CCDC! Every class had some sort of July 4th craft to carry with them or wear in the parade. The infants all rode in their Bye Bye Buggies. Toddler 2 tie dyed red, white, and blue t-shirts. Early Preschool 3 made red, white, and blue leis. Preschool 2 made firecracker snacks to hand out to the parents that were watching the parade. PreKindergarten 2 made torches to resemble the Statue of Liberty and Kindergarten made their own flag t-shirts made with their handprints! In the afternoon on July 3rd all of the students, teachers, faculty and staff gathered on the track for the parade. Parents, siblings and other family members were also invited to view the parade!



All of the children lined up with their classes and teachers to take a couple laps around the track. They waved to the families and smiled for all of the cameras! After the parade Ms. Cheryl's Preschool 1 class sang a special song for everyone to hear –

"America the Beautiful". The students did such a wonderful job learning and singing the song! All of CCDC had such a fun time celebrating the 4th of July with their school friends and families.



*Early Preschool taking a lap around the track for the 4th of July parade.*



### Welcome to all of our new students!

#### Infant 1

Austin Cannon  
Faith Nussbaum  
Kavya Shanbhag

#### Infant 3

Jay Niranjana  
Vivaan Gupta  
Shriya Shankar

Isabel Barns

#### Infant 4

Joshua Chandraray  
Michael Pigman  
Mary Elizabeth Pigman

#### Toddler 1

Grace Lodhi  
Camila Mejia Murguia  
Rebecca Mejia Murguia

#### Toddler 2

Caitlyn Kendall

#### Toddler 3

Aadhya Cegireddy

#### Toddler 4

Tylen Berte  
Vincent Chen  
Jaiden Parikh

#### Early Preschool 1

Carson Kendall

#### PreKindergarten 1

Suhan Kulkarni

#### PreKindergarten 2

Sameera Degaulle

#### Shashwat Sabapathy

#### Kindergarten

Dillon Lambert

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

#### Infants to Toddlers

Jessica Kou (T3)  
Myka Woods (T3)  
Lillian Tuell (T4)

#### Toddlers to Early Preschool

Shelby Jackson (EP2)  
Abigail Oladapo (EP2)  
Marco Miller (EP3)  
Rory Taggart (EP3)  
Sophia Ellegood-Turnbow (EP3)  
Valeria Cortes (EP3)

#### Early Preschool to Preschool

Tarik Abou-Rayana (PS1)  
Parker Jones (PS1)  
Zoey Kleber (PS1)

#### Preschool to PreKindergarten

Anna Ruble (PS2)  
Addyson Williams (PS2)  
Ethan Chen (PS2)  
Andrew Huang (PS2)  
Carter Kareus (PS2)  
Grier Lane (PS1)  
Rayla Prakash (PS1)  
Sahana Reka (PS2)

#### PreKindergarten to Kindergarten

Rachel Fulp  
Danika Hoehn  
Jackson Whitacre  
Lane Barringer

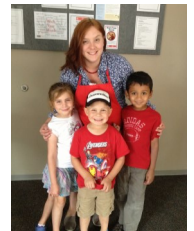
Ava Wilson

Riley Sims

Austin Perry

## Spotlight on New Staff

This month's spotlight on staff is focused on Miss Monica Hooper. She is joining Ms. Julie in PreKindergarten 2. Miss Monica is engaged to her fiancé, Chris. They are both new to Columbus.

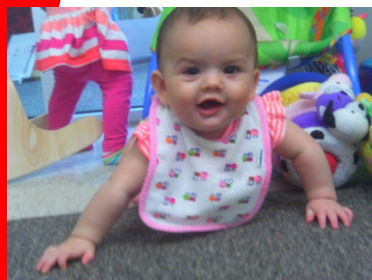


*Miss Monica posing with some of her PK2 students.*

She has her Bachelor's and Master's degree in Literature. She and her fiancé traveled to South Korea to teach English to Pre-K, Kindergarten and elementary children.

In her free time Miss Monica enjoys reading fiction and some fashion magazines. She also plays guitar and is studying piano. She also likes cooking and taking pictures. She is looking forward to getting into the groove here at CCDC and getting to know her students, parents, faculty and staff!

## Infants Inch by Inch



*Infant 3 student practicing sitting up.*

Infant 3 had some big changes in their classroom in the month of July. Miss Michelle and her infants welcomed Miss Erin Calton as a new teacher! The class also welcomed a new baby to their room: Vivaan Gupta started when Myka Woods transitioned to toddlers. Both Vivaan and Miss Erin are adapting very well! Infant 3 also enjoyed some fun art projects in their classroom. They made X-rays by stamping their foot in white paint and then pressing it on black construction paper. The infants were very busy with letters "Uu", "Vv", "Ww", and "Xx" in the month of July. The babies also enjoyed going to the track for the 4th of July parade!



Miss Michelle and Miss Erin on working on "being big" so they are practicing walking and sitting up in their classroom!

*Infant 3 student making an X-ray.*

## Toddling Tots



*Toddler 3 students playing a game with Miss Kara.*

In the past month, Toddler 3 has welcomed a new teacher, Miss Kara, to join Miss Chelsea! She is a great addition to the classroom, works well with the children, and has many great ideas. They also have 4 new friends that have joined their class and they are adjusting very well to their

new surroundings and teachers. The class has been working on social skills, developmental skills, as well as playing games and doing a lot of fun crafts. They made a willow tree by painting their arms/hands for the trunks and their fingers to make the leaves. They learned characteristics of the tree for letter "Ww". The students and teachers are enjoying their summer and the fun activities that go along with the warm weather. They are looking forward to learning about letters "Xx", "Yy", and "Zz" to finish out the alphabet.



*Toddler 3 student painting with cool whip.*

## Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

Early Preschool 2 was very busy in the month of July. They have been enjoying the warm outside weather with water play and going to the track. In July they learned all about the letter "Vv". The students identified vegetables and sorted the vegetables from the fruits. They talked about the colors of the vegetables and some of the other characteristics of veggies. Early Preschool 2 also enjoyed a new ABC nursery rhyme book. They students love to sing-along with the rhymes and songs! At the end of July the class began learning about letter "Ww". This letter went along perfect with all of the water play that has been going on this summer. Early Preschool 2 even enjoyed some indoor water play!



*Early Preschool 2 making their letter "Vo's."*

Ms. Jeni and Ms. Jeannine have many fun things planned for August and are looking forward to watching their students learn!



*Early Preschool 2 enjoying their indoor water play.*

## Staff Birthdays

Sheila Munchel – August 4th  
Jessica Beavers – August 6th  
Ashley Tarr – August 17th  
Ashley Nickels – August 18th  
Kayla Jarrett – August 21st  
Margaret Marshall – August 25th



## What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 2 has had some fun in July! They worked on the letters "Uu", "Vv", and "Ww". For the letter "Uu" they made United States flags, which also helped them celebrate the 4th of July! Preschool 2 participated in the 4th of July parade with the other classes of CCDC.

After learning about letter "Uu" the students moved on to letter "Vv". They made vases out of the letter "V" and also added flowers to them! Preschool 2 also welcomed a new teacher to their classroom – Ms. Tracey. She started on Monday, July 22nd and is a great addition to the CCDC faculty and staff! Preschool 2 also welcomed some



*Preschool 2 student finishing her American flag.*



*Preschool 2 student starting to assemble his American flag.*

new friends from Early Preschool and said goodbye to friends that transitioned to Kindergarten! The students work hard on shapes, numbers, letters, and writing their names to be able to move to PreKindergarten.

## Busy Pre-Kindergartners

PreK 1 has had a very busy month! In July, they participated in the 4th of July parade by making a USA banner with their handprints and also learned all about the United States flags and made their own flags with their hands. For letter "Vv" weeks, the students learned all about volcanos – the different parts of a volcano, where they are located and why they erupt. They even made their own classroom volcano and



*PreKindergarten 1 students painting with vegetables.*

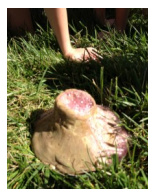


*PreKindergarten 1 student painting with corn on the cob.*

watched it erupt outside! Also for letter "Vv" the students painted with vegetables – cucumber, green pepper, mushroom, broccoli, and corn on the cob. Pre-K 1 also welcomed Miss Kristi to their room and wished Miss Katie lots of luck as she left for college. Some of the PreK friends also transitioned to Kindergarten at the end of July to move up in August.

## The Kindergarten Of World

Kindergarten had a big project this month – their volcano model! The class mixed flour, salt, and water to make salt dough. They shaped the dough to look like a volcano, took the dough to the kitchen to have it baked and then painted the dough to look like a real life volcano. Before erupting the volcano the class learned all about what happens inside volcanos and also watched a Magic School Bus episode of the class going inside a volcano! When they were ready to erupt their own volcano, they took it outside with baking soda, food coloring, and vinegar. After mixing all the ingredients in the volcano, the students were excited that it really looked



*The volcano model that Kindergarten students made.*

like hot lava flowing down the sides! Kindergarten also studied the books of Leo Lionni. They compared the characters, morals and stories of each book. Kindergarten especially loved Lionni's mouse characters.

They enjoyed making their own stories about the characters and making art based on Leo Lionni's creations.



*Kindergarten waiting to watch their volcano erupt.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 9th – 10:00 am – Camilla Kincer, our music teacher, will be doing a violin demonstration

Throughout August, all classrooms will be working on their canvases for the September 13th Art Auction.

# 5 Star Childcare Update

## Indiana Department of Environmental Management Community Environmental Health



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### Protect Children at Child Care

In Indiana, there are over 100,000 children attending child care in more than 4,000 facilities throughout the state. Child Care providers play a key role in protecting children from environmental health threats both in their own buildings but also through education to parents about the homes in which children live. Children are more vulnerable to the negative effects of environmental hazards such as lead in paint and water, pesticides, mercury, asbestos, and radon. Children are exposed to more pollutants in their food, water, and air because they eat, drink and breathe more per pound of body weight than adults. They are more vulnerable to the harmful effects of toxic chemicals because their bodily defense mechanisms are not fully formed. And research has shown that 90% of a child's brain develops by age four. That's why it's essential to provide children with a safe, clean environment.

IDEM's Five Star Environmental Recognition Program for Child Care Providers recognizes providers that choose to go above and beyond environmental, health, and safety regulations to keep children healthy. It empowers parents with information so they can make the best choices for their children and helps child care providers do their best for Hoosier children. Through the program, IDEM provides facilities with information and resources they need to assess their facilities, educational materials that they can use on-site and distribute to parents and children, and free on-site assistance to help improve their facilities. IDEM wants to help facilities be as successful as they can. We provide free lead risk assessments and free radon test kits. We also conduct site visits where we offer assistance to help complete the application. We even provide outdoor signage to encourage parents to turn their cars off instead of idling their vehicles where children walk by. If we do find any issues that need addressed, we help the facility with ideas for cost effective strategies that can reduce or even eliminate the environmental health threat. Most importantly, in the end, the child care provider and the parents have piece of mind.



# CCDC 4th of July Parade

