

CCDC Pumpkin Decorating Contest

To get into the fall spirit, all of the classrooms at CCDC decorated a pumpkin to enter into the center contest. Each room was given a pumpkin with one rule: no carving! But they were allowed to use any other supply they could find. All of the pumpkins were displayed in the front lobby to be viewed by parents, students and the judge, Bob Johnson. Mr. Bob chose Toddler 3 as the winner and they earned a pizza and ice cream party for their class! They covered their pumpkin with candy corn and made a blowfish. Second place went to Infant 4 and those teachers earned giftcards to use for the classroom. Coming in third was PreK 2 and that class earned a



Toddler 3's winning pumpkin along with some of the other center pumpkins.



All of the classroom pumpkins that were created by teachers and students.

After the contest, the pumpkins were sold for \$20 each to earn money for the teacher appreciation fund. The pumpkins sold quickly and parents loved seeing the work of all of the classrooms!



Welcome new students!

Infant 2

Aiden Fuhs

Infant 3

Emma Whicker

Early Preschool 3

Norah Uppuluri
Mahi Nimmagodda

Preschool 2

Noah Corney
Max Wei

PreKindergarten 1

Alexandra Sawin

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

Infants to Toddlers

Sharanya Soni (T2)

Early Preschool to Preschool

Morgan Wathen (PS1)

Yikai Zhou (PS1)

Preschool to PreKindergarten

Chandan Munnaluri (PK1)

Rithvik Varigonda (PK1)

Sriyan Bathula (PK1)

Claire Finney (PK2)

Kosuke Isobe (PK2)

Spotlight on New Staff

Toddler 1 would like to welcome Miss Desi Goins to CCDC! Desi has a daughter who is 19 months old and her name is Maelynn. Desi graduated from Columbus North High School. She took two years of child development working with toddlers. She worked a year and a half at a daycare with babies as young as six weeks, toddlers and children up to age eleven. One of her hobbies is crafting, she loves making her daughter hair bows, and sewing her things. She also loves playing with her daughter outside! Desi is looking forward to getting her CDA and furthering her education. She is also looking forward to interacting with all the kids and getting to know the families. She is most of all looking forward to creating a bond with all of her toddlers!



Welcome to CCDC Miss Desi!

Infants Inch by Inch



Infant 2 caterpillar board for letter "Cc".

The infants with Ms. Sharon and Ms. Bethany were very busy during the month of October! For letter

"Dd" the infants made handprint dinosaurs. To get in the spirit of fall and

Halloween, the infants made footprint ghosts and enjoyed watching the leaves fall outside. In the classroom the teachers used fall colored feathers: red, orange, yellow, and brown, to throw in the air and let them try to catch them. The infants really enjoyed this activity! Infant 2 had to say a sad farewell to Iris Miller in October.

Iris moved to Toddler 1 and is doing wonderful! With Iris leaving, Infant 2 was able to welcome a new friend, Aiden! The babies enjoyed their fall activities and are looking forward to the month of November.



Iris Miller graduating from Infant 2!

Toddling Tots



Toddler 2 was a busy classroom in the month of October. Ms. Sarah has been working with her students on their colors, shapes and letters. They are really catching on and a lot of them are starting to recognize them. For letter "Dd" the class talked about dogs. They also made

their own dogs with footprints for ears. The students loved having their feet painted! Ms. Sarah came up with a fun science experiment for her students. They dissected a cat tail...the plant! The students pulled the plant apart and looked at all of the different parts...the stem, the seeds, etc. Toddler 2 will be welcoming a new teacher in November to teach alongside Ms. Sarah. Her name is Ms. Christina Knox and we are

excited to welcome her to CCDC!



Cattails that the students dissected.

Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

Early Preschool 2 was filled with art projects in the month of October to explore the different letters of the alphabet. The students created apples from their handprints for a fun fall activity. The class also did multiple sensory activities and food tastings in their room. They mixed shaving cream with food coloring to explore with their hands. Ms. Brittany and Ms. Jeannine also implemented a job chart in their classroom to encourage and promote independence! In the mornings they also started show and tell to get the students to talk to their peers and explain the objects they bring in to share. The class also started doing morning exercises to get ready for their day!



Early Preschool 2 students playing with musical instruments.



Early Preschool 2 students playing with Cheerios in the sensory table.

Staff Birthdays

Becky Smith – November 10th
Ilene Stoughton – November 17th
Monica Hooper – November 18th
Jackie Dixon – November 25th

What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 1 has had many activities in October reinforcing the letter "Cc". The students participated in several learning activities individually and as a group. The class discussed caterpillars and learned about the different stages of a caterpillar turning in a butterfly.



Preschool 2 student making a caterpillar.

They also learned the four stages in sign language! Some of the group projects that the class did were bake cookies,



Preschool 2 students finger painting fall leaves and apples.

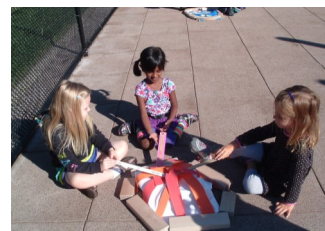
compile a color chart, and counted with an abacus up to 50. The students also got to taste cherries! Miss Cheryl and her students also participated in the CCDC Pumpkin Decorating Contest and learned the poem "Five Little Pumpkins" and discussed all of the fun things that take place in the month of October and the fall season!

Busy Pre-Kindergartners

Pre-K2 is featured for the month of November. The classroom focused a lot on the letters "Cc" and "Dd". For letter "Cc" the students enjoyed camping activities that included listening to ghost stories in Ms. Tracey's tent, they went fishing for numbers, and pretended to roast marshmallows over a campfire. The class also made cotton candy cookies, planted carrots, and grew charcoal crystals. The theme of the classroom pumpkin was Charlotte's



Pre-K 2 students petting the miniature donkey.



Pre-K 2 students roasting marshmallows for camping.

The students also enjoyed making dinosaur pages, dice games and making a drum. To celebrate Halloween the class made handprint spiders with paper plate webs, played dress-up, went on a cupcake walk and enjoyed some Witch's Brew.

Web

so they started reading the book every-day before rest time. For letter "Dd" they visited the donkey and the duck at the track, dyed daisies for their Science experiment and measured distance using Lincoln Logs.

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The Kindergarten World Of

In the month of October, Kindergarten enjoyed learning about Canada. They studied the land, people, and animals of the country. The class learned that Canada has provinces, not states. They also learned about national symbols, including the beaver and the maple leaf. A favorite project was making cookies frosted with maple icing. Many students said it reminded them of pancakes!

Kindergarten also worked as a team to build a water filter. They made the filter in a 2 liter bottle by layering cotton balls, rocks, pebbles and sand. Before performing their experiment half of the class thought the water would still be dirty and half thought it would be clean. They were all impressed with how clear the water was after being filtered, including Miss Hannah!



Kindergarten clean water filter experiment



Kindergarten students matching letters on the trees.

The students have been working very hard learning their sight words and most of them are moving on to reading sentences!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 13th – Fire Department coming to talk about Fire Safety for letter "Ff" week
Preschool, PreKindergarten, and Kindergarten @ 9:30

November 28th – Thanksgiving

November 28th & 29th – CCDC closed for Thanksgiving Holiday