

Hop for Leukemia & Lymphoma

Throughout the month of January, CCDC will participate in Hop for Leukemia & Lymphoma (LLS), a fundraising program that educates children about helping others and physical fitness while raising money for services that benefit blood cancer patients and research. Each child participating in the Hop for LLS programs will collect donations or pledges for each hop to be completed by the child during the two-minute hop on January 31st at CCDC. At the event, the number of hops completed will be recorded and the results and the donations and pledges will be collected. Each child who participates in the fundraiser will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Kids who raise \$30 to \$49.99 will receive a HOP t-shirt. Students who raise \$50 or more will get a HOP t-shirt and a plush kangaroo. More information on signing up for the LLS Hop will be available soon.

Santa Claus visits CCDC



Isabella Hawkins smiles with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Dec. 16 at CCDC. Kids took pictures with Santa and got a candy cane.



Welcome new students!

Infant 1

Anika Khosla

Infant 2

Madyson Wendel
Archer Kaluf
Samuel Pinkston

Infant 3

Luca Enzo Corsi

Infant 4

Eleanor Dawson
Shirin Kulkarni

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

Infants to Toddlers

Carrington Milne (T1)
Siu Lee (T4)
Mikaela Grimes (T4)



Spotlight on New Staff

CCDC welcomed Ms. Teri Ogle to Pre-school, PreKindergarten and Kindergarten as their support. Teri was born and raised in Columbus. She has one son, Joshua, who just got engaged, and a daughter, Hannah, and one grandchild, Nevaeh, who just turned one. "Nana Teri" is Teri's favorite title. Teri graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree general studies with a concentration in social services. She's worked for Columbus East High School in the special education for 4 years. Afterward, she pursued elementary education training at Wesleyan while working as a substitute. All together Teri has worked with children 10+ years in education. Teri is Colts fan. Her hobbies include playing piano and singing at church, reading and gardening.



Welcome to CCDC Miss Teri!

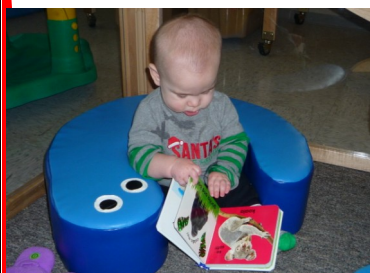
Infants Inch by Inch

CCDC had a book fair during the month of December, so Infant 4 focused on books. Ms. Margaret and Ms. Jackie encouraged the babies to explore all types of books: hard back, soft, cloth and vinyl. They read to them daily and spoke about the pictures. The infants also enjoyed "Elf on the Shelf."

Each day infants would look at different places in the room for the elf. Infants also practiced their large and small motor skills in the Commons Play Area. Older infants worked on crawling up the climber and going through the tunnel. Some played with the latch board to work on their hand-eye coordination, while the smaller infants practiced sitting up and rolling



Avni Tayal looks through a book in Infant 4.



around. They also practiced sign language with older infants, focusing on signs for: milk, more, please, and help.

Quinn Perry explores a book in Infant 4.

Toddling Tots

In December Toddler 1 explored healthy foods while learning about the letter "H."

Toddlers also got to play dress up by trying on several hats.

For a fun science experiment, students helped Ms. Chelsea pour vinegar on to baking soda and then let the children watch as the baking soda formed bubbles.

Toddler 1 students were both sad and excited to see Liam Babb transition to Early Pre-school. However, the children

are happy to welcome Car-rington Milne to Toddler 1.

Liam Babb helps Miss Chelsea with a science experiment



Iris Miller models a fireman's hat.



Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

Early Preschool 1 kept busy in December by learning about the letters G and H and by working on winter and holiday activities. The children were so excited when it snowed, so they were very focused on winter activities. One of their favorite activities was playing with snow in the sensory table. To get the snow, the children took a quick walk outside with the teacher to scoop up some snow. After exploring the snow in the sensory table, the teachers added food coloring to the snow. The kids made snowballs and miniature snowmen.

In keeping with their winter theme, the class did a snowman craft. Teachers gave the kids the pieces to make a snowman, but the kids had to put together the snowmen by themselves. The class also painted snowflakes with pine needles, made penguins with their footprints, decorated a Christmas tree, made stamps with cookie cutters and played musical chairs with Christmas songs.



Early preschoolers play with snow in the sensory table.

Staff Birthdays

Karen May – January 4th

Teri Ogle – January 5th

Bethany Grabill – January 17th

What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 1 had many special activities for the letter "H" and Christmas for the month of December. Ms. Cheryl and her class made holiday crafts, including marble painted candy cane cutouts and cinnamon stars. For a group project, preschoolers finger painted a large Christmas tree cutout.



Zoe Kleber and her parents enjoy the Christmas party.



Parker Jones and Peyton Asher wait for the Christmas party in Preschool 1.

They also discussed winter and the changes in the weather outside. While studying the letter "H," the kids traced letter "H," made Happy Hearts and discussed healthy foods. Preschool also enjoyed counting on the abacus, and weaving winter hats and mittens. They also had a fun Christmas party for kids, parents and family.

Busy Pre-Kindergartners

Pre-Kindergarten 2 kept busy in December with

science experiments and art projects. For the letter "G" students made a spoon garden, experimented on gummy bears, made gumball machines and told stories and shared photos of their grandparents. For the gummy bear experiment, Pre-K 2 soaked gummy bears in water, salt water and vinegar. The next day, they found that the gummy bears in water and salt water swelled, while the gummy bears in vinegar nearly dissolved.



Pre-K 2 students planting a spoon garden.



Pre-K kids experiment on gummy bears.

For their grandparents show and share, students shared pictures of their grandparents and told what they liked to do with their grandparents. Miss Julie displayed pictures of the kids with their grandparents on their classroom board.

The Kindergarten World Of

Kindergarten's biggest project for the snowy month of December involved the five senses and the making of gingerbread men. Ms. Hannah said that the kids spent one day on each of the five senses. For their sense of touch, students played with gingerbread play dough. To engage their sense of sight they decorated gingerbread people. They made cinnamon scented ornaments to tantalize their sense of smell. For the sense of sound, they observed the sounds of making cookies. Finally, they got to eat their cookies and talk about the sense of taste. All the kids agreed that eating the cookies was the best part of the project uses their five sense. Kindergarteners also worked on a paper craft and writing project about melted snowmen. Each child started their story, "My snowman melted because..." and then wrote a story explaining how their snowman melted.



Kindergarten girls get ready to taste their cookies.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 2nd – CCDC reopens

January 31 – Hop for Leukemia and Lymphoma

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR