



# Child Development Center Connections

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## Bright Horizons announce awards

Bright Horizons has announced that they will be taking nominations for their "Awards of Excellence" program until Monday, Feb. 24. The Awards of Excellence honors those who have shown exemplary achievement in areas that directly contribute to Bright Horizons' mission. These individuals support each element of our mission: children, families, client partners, employees, our organization, and the communities where we live and work. Parents, colleagues, and clients, nominate those who make Bright Horizons the best it can be and show their commitment to children and families each day. Their stories are real-life examples of how Bright Horizons employees make our mission come alive.

Awards of Excellence

For more information, please visit:  
[www.brighthouse.com/mission](http://www.brighthouse.com/mission).

## Hopping for Leukemia



Kindergarteners "hop" for the Hop for Leukemia and Lymphoma event at CCDC on Jan. 31, 2014.

### Congratulations to all who are graduating to the next level!

#### Infants to Toddlers

Alex Cortes (T1)  
Ryan Miller (T1)  
Hudson Lane (T3)  
Timothy Huang (T4)  
Gabriel Gilda (T4)

#### Toddlers to Early Preschool

Sophia Turnbow (EP2)  
Marco Miller (EP2)  
Ashvik Bodapati (EP2)  
Arjun Vajapeyazula (EP2)  
Haotian Zhang (EP2)  
Liam Babb (EP2)  
Brynn Wendel (EPS3)  
Ayann Rallapalli (EPS3)  
Logan Barringer (EPS3)

Gabriella Morris (EPS3)  
Xavier Zhang (EPS3)  
Catherine Yang (EPS3)  
Manasvi Phatak (EPS3)  
Rebeca Mejia Murguia (EPS3)  
Camila Mejia Murguia (EPS3)  
Omar Abou (EP3)

#### Early Preschool to Preschool

Elliot Witt (PS1)  
Valeria Cortes (PS2)  
Adhya Doutha (PS2)  
Maitreyi Gajkeshwar (PS2)  
William Geng (PS2)  
Mahi Nimmagadda (PS2)

#### Preschool to Pre-K

Ella Garrett (PK1)  
Reid Perry (PK2)  
Advay Subhedar (PK2)  
Uyiohosa Osemwegile (PK1)



#### Toddler 4

Vincent Chen  
Arya Kichambare  
Chris Suo

#### Infant 2

Surabhi Deo

#### Infant 3

Catherine Fu

#### Toddler 1

Bruce Garrett

Chirag Phadke

#### Toddler 2

Cohen Powell

Arjun Dayul



## Spotlight on New Staff

CCDC is happy to welcome Beth Jessie to Toddler 4. Beth is from a tight knit family. She said that even though they all live in different places, they always find time to spend together. They love having dinner and going to the movies together.

Beth graduated high school in 2012, but she started working in a daycare during her

sophomore year. "It has always been my passion to work with kids," she said. "They are incredible and so much fun to be around."

Beth said she also enjoys doing hair. She earned her cosmetology license during her senior year of high school. "I love to do hair in my spare time, whether it is my own hair or someone else's hair. It is so much fun," she said. Beth is currently working on a degree in Human Services.



## Infants Inch by Inch

Infant 1 has been working on their walking skills during the month of January. Miss Nancy also reported that the infants are still “rolling everywhere” as they are taking their steps.

Infants also participated in art projects in January.

While studying the letter “J” infants were seated in high chairs and at the table and finger painted using strawberry jam. They were able to smell and taste the jam while they painted. For the letter “K,” the infants used crayons to color white paper kites. After coloring their kites, they used paint to color the bows attached to the kites.

In addition to working on their walking, many of the infants are growing teeth and working on eating solid food. Finally, Gabe Gilda and Timothy Huang are moving on to



*Infant 1 shows off the kites they made for letter K.*



Toddlers. Miss Sarah and Miss Nancy are very proud of these two, even though they will miss their friends Gabe and Timothy.

*Infants enjoy eating at the table in Infant 1.*

## Toddling Tots

The month of January was a busy month for Toddler 2. They have been working on their numbers, letters, shapes, and colors daily during circle time.

Miss Sarah said that the children enjoy reading their weekly Alpha Tales and ABC books.



*Early preschoolers experiment with colors and ice.*

Toddlers have also done some fun activities such as,



*Early preschoolers get messy and explore color*

shaving cream, floam, painting jelly fish, and different science activities. We made colored ice, mixing yellow and blue paint to make green. Mixing blue and yellow to make green promotes sensory development, which increases exploration for future science activities. All of these activities promote developmental skills, such as eye-hand coordination, small muscle control, and prepares toddlers for writing.

## Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

In the month of January, Early Preschool 1 learned about the letters I, J, and K. For letter “I”, they experimented with snow and ice from outside, as well as ice cubes. They added food coloring to the snow and melted ice to watch the colors mix together.

For letter “J”, the students made jungle animals with their hand prints. “The children loved seeing their hand print turn into their favorite animals,” Miss Robin said.

In addition to making jungle animals. They also explored the letter “J” by painting with and tasting Jell-O. They also practiced jumping.

For letter “K”, they made koalas with their footprints. They also made kites and pretended to fly them. The children decided, when it gets warmer, they should go fly a kite outside. For their January individual assessments, the children were to try to draw a line, X, circle, square. Miss Robin said they’ll be writing in no time.



*Neil Malik traces his hand to make an animal.*



*Mila Begley works on drawing a circle.*

## Staff Birthdays

Julie Rennemeier – February 12





## What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 1 enjoyed many activities related to the letter J in January. Preschoolers played with a Jack-in-the-Box, studied jaguars, made jellyfish. They even created their own jerseys.

For alphabet practice, students matched their letters using jars and lids with upper and lower case letters. They also worked on their math skills through jungle math activities.



*Drake Myers matches letters with lids and jars.*



*Reid Perry completes a jungle math activity.*

For letter K, preschoolers practiced writing the letter "K." They also studied kangaroos and koala bears during their study of Australia. They made kiwi kabobs and kaleidoscopes too. They also learned about kings while studying the letter K. They also learned about keys and made their own.

## Busy Pre-Kindergartners

During the month of January, Pre-K1 experimented with ice and built igloos out of rice crispy treats. In their experiments with ice, they explored questions such as: How quickly does water freeze to make ice? And how quickly does water melt into



*Pre-K1 and Pre-K 2 students build an igloo from rice crispies.*



*Andy Bays and Ethan Chen shake bags for ice cream.*

ice. In addition to asking questions and finding answers, Pre-K1 invited Pre-K 2 students to make ice cream. Miss Melissa showed them how to add half and half, sugar and vanilla to a Ziploc bag. They then put that bag into a larger bag. Then they added ice and salt to the larger bag and shook it to create ice cream. The class enjoyed making and eating the ice cream.

## The Kindergarten World Of

Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day at CCDC in January. To celebrate, students brought in a collection of 100 items which included buttons, cereal, marshmallows, gummy bears, pom poms and beads. They also tried to glue 100 Cheerios to a paper bowl, and tried to freeze a statue for 100 seconds, danced for 100 seconds, made a snack out of 100 treats, and painted 100 spots on a giraffe.



*Clara Bissey enjoys jam for letter J.*

While studying the letter "J," students got to make homemade jam with Miss Julie. They mashed strawberries, sugar, and lemon juice together and then cooked the mixture to 220 degrees. After it was finished, they stored the jam in jars to take home and share with their families and had some with their lunch. Kindergarten also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the importance of treating everyone the same. "He wanted peace in the whole world," Bella Hawkins said. Finally, Miss Julie said that she's excited to have the opportunity to work with Kindergarten and their families, even though she misses everyone in Pre-K.



*Kindergarteners pose in "100 day" crowns.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**February 3** – Awards of Excellence

**February 24** – Last day to nominate for Awards of Excellence

**February 20** – Bookmobile