



Child Development Center Connections

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Picture days at CCDC

Teddy Bear Portraits is coming to CCDC during the week of March 31 to April 4. Students will have their pictures taken each morning during the week starting with infants. Permission slips will be sent out to each classroom and parents will be able to add any special instructions (i.e. wear the sweater in photos, wipe his nose, etc.). Photo packages do not need to be ordered ahead of time. Teddy Bear Portraits will return to CCDC from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on April 14 to take orders for packages.

The schedule for photos will be: March 31 – Infants; April 1 – Toddlers; April 2 – Early Preschool; April 3 – Preschool; Pre-K and Kindergarten – April 4. Siblings will take photos on the same day as the youngest sibling.

EP1 enjoys lemonade



While studying the letter "L" Early Preschool 1 set up a lemonade stand and invited friends to their classroom.

Spotlight on New Staff

Preschool 2 welcomes Carrie Palmeter to the staff of CCDC.

Carrie lives in Edingburg with her husband, Paul, and their three wonderful children: Bristol, Nevaeh and Riley. She's also a fur mother to two spoiled dogs that the family affectionately calls their "babies."

Carrie has worked in early preschool for the past 16 years. She said that she has found it very rewarding to be able to watch as the children learn and grow.

Carrie is also a big fan of her children's sports activities. She said that she is their biggest fan. She also enjoys photography. "I take lots and lots of pictures," she said.

"I am looking forward to watching all of these children learn and grow and look forward to being a part of their daily lives."

Welcome new students!

Infant 1

Briley Ballman
Yash Goyal

Infant 3

Rahee Patwardham

Early Preschool

Stephen Andis

Preschool 2

Cadyn Goodlow
Maryam Mohammad



Carrie Palmeter with students in her Pre-school 2.



Labradoodles visit CCDC

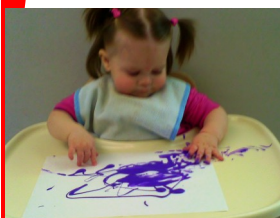


CCDC students got to visit with a labradoodle while studying the letter "L." Students and teachers were delighted to meet the very friendly dog. We would like to thank the Dreobl family for sharing.

Infants Inch by Inch



Infant 2 has been very busy this February. They have enjoyed a lot of fun art projects and parties. For their study of the letter "L" they made lions with their footprints. They also talked about and looked at pictures of different lakes to reinforce both language and letter sounds. For the letter "M" they talked about and looked at pictures of Mexico to start thinking of the sound "M" makes.



They also had a fun Valentine's Day party in February. After all of the snow and cold weather in February, Infant 2 found themselves wishing and hoping for spring, so they painted big spring flowers to celebrate the upcoming spring.



Infant 2 also celebrated the birthday of Julianne Force. She turned one-year old on February 19th.

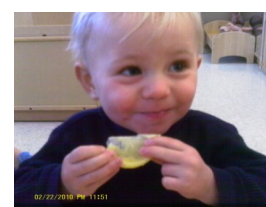
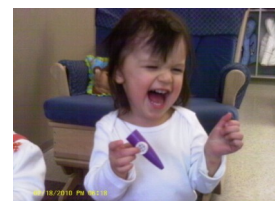


Infants finger paint with bright spring colors.

Toddling Tots

Toddler 3 has had an exciting February. They are happy to have a new addition to the class, Hudson Lane, who moved up from Infant 3. Miss Kara said that he is keeping up with the big kids like it's no problem.

They also had a fun Valentine's day party with cards, treats, crafts, music and lots of parents. Speaking of parties, February was a big birthday month for Toddler 3. Breanna Griffith, Emma Drehoobl, and Collin Swartzbaugh all turned two-years old. Toddler 3 had fun with many activities during February as well. While learning about the letter "K" they tasted kiwis and played with kazooos. For the letter "L" they tasted lemons and learned about layers. They also enjoy playing with shaving cream as a sensory activity and worked on their motor skills while playing dress up.



At the top: Sharanya Soni plays with shaving cream. In the second photo: Emma Drehoobl plays with a kazoo. At the bottom: Carsen Sims tastes a lemon for "L" week.

Keeping Busy in Early Preschool



Early Preschool 2 plays with macaroni in the sensory table.

Early Preschool welcomed two new students from within the center into their classroom, Liam Babb and Tt Zhang. They really seem to enjoy being able to get to know their new teachers and new friends.

To start off the month of February, the class began with learning about the letter L. As practice for their fine motor skills, they had the children place wooden beads onto strings. Most of the children were able to get 2-3 beads onto their strings. They are currently working on more

sensory based learning experiences as well. By keeping their sensory table open, accessible, and filled with items related to our letter of the week, the children are not only gaining independence by being able to choose to participate, but they are also stimulating their senses. Overall, the teachers feel that the children are well on track to continue to move forward and accomplish great things.



Early Preschool students paint moons for letter "M".

Staff Birthdays

Tessa Evans – March 9

Megan Shepherd – March 17

Cheryl Paronavitana – March 26



What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 1 spent time learning about the letters K, L, and M. Students learned about Australian animals: Koala bears, kangaroos, kookaburras and their habitats while studying the letter K. They also made kazooos and had a musical recital.

For the letter L, Preschool 1 finger-painted ladybug cutouts. They also made a math display using ladybugs and their spots. They also discussed the difference between lemons and limes. Then they tasted lemons and made lemonade. For a group project, the kids made a lemon/lime painting.

For the letter "M," Miss Cheryl and the students reviewed their math concepts. Using "M&Ms" stickers, they made a color graph as a group and displayed it in their room. Then they had a very sweet letter "M" snack. To further sharpen their math skills and gain an understanding of other countries, they explored money from the U.S. and other countries. Miss Cheryl showed them dimes and pennies and they compared them to foreign currency. They also had chocolate milk to reinforce the letter "M" sound.



Elliot Witt and Zoe Kleber stamp K onto koalas.



Yikai Zhou and Eli McIntier finger paint ladybugs.

Busy Pre-Kindergartners

Pre K 2 had a very busy February. While studying the letter "L," we read The Lorax and made a Lorax terrarium and truffala trees. Each student helped create each layer of the terrarium while they discussed the function of each layer. The class also discussed how important trees are in the creation of clean air. When there were a few warm days in February, the class took a nature walk to look for signs of spring and observe the changing of the weather. Pre-K also used their five senses to explore lemons. Students observed how lemons taste, smell, and the sound that we make while tasting lemons. They also talked about the feel of



Pre-K made truffala trees and a terrarium for The Lorax.

lemon skin. While students tasted the lemons, Miss Monica took a picture of their lemon faces.

Miss Teri and Miss Monica were delighted to have so many parents attend their Valentine's Day Party. They had lots of treats and a piñata. It was a fun day for everyone. Pre-K is looking forward to warmer weather so that they can take more nature walks and further explore more activities with nature.



Drew Moenssen tastes lemons for the letter "L."

The Kindergarten Of World

One of Kindergarten's favorite activities for February was their snow day. Everyone brought in snow clothes and had a blast playing in the snow. The most fun was hitting the teacher with snowballs.

For letter K, they painted with keys, tasted kiwi, and made kooky klings with colored glue. They also made crystal hearts for their parents by soaking heart-shaped pipe cleaners in a solution of boiling water



Kindergarten paints with lemon and lime.

and borax. The next day, beautiful crystals had grown on the pipe cleaner.

They did lots of activities with lemons and limes. First they tasted them with no sugar. Some children thought they were sour and others loved eating them.

Then they made their own lemonade by squeezing the juice into a cup of water and adding some sugar. This tasted much better. Finally they used the fruit in some painting projects. They put six lemons and limes in a basket. Then each child then painted a still life representation. Kindergarten also had some special visitors in February. First was a Labradoodle that belongs to a family here at CCDC. They also visited with three poodle puppies who are up for adoption.

Kindergarten has also been working hard on writing sentences and reading simple sight words. They are also working on simple addition and subtraction.



Kindergarten enjoys a snow day.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Paths to Quality visit – March 4
Scholastic Book Fair – March 11-15
Picture week – March 31-April 4
Infant pictures – March 31

Toddler pictures – April 1
Early Preschool – April 2
Preschool – April 3
PreK & Kindergarten – April 4