



Child Development Center Connections

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Riding Safe for a Good Cause



On April 24th, CCDC kids got to ride their own bikes and trikes for the annual St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon. Students learned ways to stay safe like wearing a helmet and watching where they are riding. Proceeds from the event went to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

***Reminder: CCDC will be closed on May 26th for Memorial Day**



Spotlight on New Staff

Brandy Brown

Toddler 1 is happy to welcome Brandy Brown to their classroom. Brandy has studied Early Childhood Education and has worked in childcare prior to joining the staff here at CCDC. Brandy is married to Levi Brown. She's very proud of her two beautiful step-daughters, Summer and Autumn. Brandy said that she also enjoys working with horses, especially in training, showing and trail riding. She also enjoys boating, riding motorcycles, and spending time with her pets and her family. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the children, watching them grow and helping them to expand their knowledge of this great universe."



Welcome new students!

Infant 2

Eera Ghosh

Infant 4

Andrew Bruce
Adler Shepherd

Early Preschool 1

Savannah Smolk

Congratulations to all who are
graduating to the next level!

Toddler 4

Avni Tayal (I4)
Anika Abshire(I3)
Arjun Rajkumar(I2)

Toddler 2

Bryant Babb

Early Preschool 3

Tylen Berte (T4)

Preschool 1

Saanvi Pradeep (EP1)
Mila Begley (EP1)

Pre-K 1

Alexandra Wilson (PS2)
Eli McIntier (PS 1)

Pre-K 2

Sidhanth Kashyap (PS2)
Ethan Vanosdol (PS1)

Infants Inch by Inch



Infant 2 had a very busy month of learning. While studying the letter P, teachers painted the infants feet pink and used their footprints to make pink pigs. The teachers also painted the infants feet to make Queen butterflies for the letter "Q." The teachers celebrated Easter by making Easter cards and colorful Easter eggs for the parents. Infant 2 was also sad to say goodbye to their friend Arjun Rajkumar who moved up to toddlers. They were happy to welcome a new friend, Eera Ghosh to their room.

Above – Queen butterfly footprints by Infant 2. Below – Miss Paige feeds Samuel Pinkston.

Toddling Tots

Toddler 2 has been learning so much lately. Recently they studied the letters O, P, and Q. They were very excited about their activities.

For the letter P, the toddlers made a pizza. Then for the letter O, they played in an ocean sensory table. The toddlers enjoyed splashing in blue water and playing with ocean animals. While studying the letter "Q," the students made quails with their handprints. Finally, the toddlers have really enjoyed playing outside during warmer weather in spring. They are also happy to welcome their new friend, Bryant Babb to their classroom!



Above – Bryant Babb plays in the mirror. Below – Toddler 2 enjoys some outside time.

Keeping Busy in Early Preschool

Early Preschool Three has been super busy learning about the letters O, P and Q. While studying the letter O, the children created an ocean picture and discussed all of the different animals that are in the ocean.

For the letter P, they set up a pizza parlor restaurant where the children were able to make their own felt pizzas with crust, pepperonis, cheese and even mushrooms and peppers. The children also practiced taking orders from each other and even paying for their pizzas. They also

added pasta to their sensory table. Learning about the letter Q was also very exciting as each student had their own piece of fabric to design, and then add to classroom's quilt squares. EP3 was sad to see Manasvi Phatak and Xavier Zhang move to EP 1, but were happy to welcome new friends, Chris Suo and Tylen Berte to their classroom.



Xavier Zhang and Cate Yang play in the pizza parlor.



Logan Barringer and Gabriella Morris count quilt squares.

Staff Birthdays

Kathy "Kat" Yeager – May 14
Chelsea Fields – May 18
Sarah Zielinski – May 27

What's New in Preschool?

Preschool 2 has been doing so many different activities during the past several weeks. The class set up a pizza parlor and pretended to have their own pizza restaurant. They even had real pizza boxes and made their own pizzas! While studying the letter P, preschoolers also had a fun pink lemonade party which included special treats and yummy pink lemonade for afternoon snack. While studying the letter "Q," the class learned about quilts and then they made their own quilt. Preschoolers also put on a queen parade. Each student made their own crown to wear! Preschoolers were also very happy about the warm spring weather. Miss Donna said they love the warm days when preschoolers can play outside and enjoy all of the sunshine. Preschool 2 was sad to say goodbye to their friends Allie Wilson and Sid Kashyap who went to Pre-Kindergarten, but they are happy for them in their new adventure.



Arya Kallorwar and Abigail Lodhi make pizza for letter "P."



Valeria Cortes makes Q-tip art.

Busy Pre-Kindergartners

Pre-K 2 had a very, very busy April. They began the month by learning about caring for plants for the letter "P." After reading "The Tiny Seed," by Eric Carle, students planted their own grass seeds. For the next two weeks, each student observed their plants and watered them as needed until the plants were big enough to take home. Pre-K 2 also made pretzels. Miss Teri showed the students how to roll the dough and shape it into a pretzel. Then they watched the dough rise until it was time to bake them up for afternoon snack. Pre-K celebrated two holidays in April. For Easter, Miss Kat hid Easter eggs and the students found the eggs as a group. After the egg hunt, the students combined their eggs and played a fun alphabet game for the candy in the eggs. For Earth Day, Pre-K 2 cleaned the courtyard next to the playgrounds. Students enjoyed using brooms and dust pans to clean up the leaves. Pre-K 2 is also watching butterflies grow from caterpillars to butterflies in their classroom. Friends are welcome to stop by and take a look. Pre K 2 was sad to say goodbye to Jackson Fox, but they were happy for him. They also welcomed Ethan Vandosol and Sid Kashyap to the class.



Claire Finney, Ethan Vandosol and Sid Kashyap rolls pretzel dough.



Sahana Reka waters her plant in Pre-K 2.

The Kindergarten Of World

Kindergarten walked over to Cummins to take a tour with Mr. Andrew in April. They learned all about the engines that Cummins builds. They saw examples of different sizes of engines, and they even saw a big semi that had a huge engine in it! Kindergarten said a big thanks to Tricia Perry for helping chaperone their trip. Later in the month, Austin Perry's Pawpaw stopped by



Kindergarten works on an Earth Day science experiment.

and brought tootsie pops to the class and played put-put with the class for letter P. Kindergarten also displayed cool artwork in the hall near their classroom. One is an ocean mural and the others are painting we did with Ms. Vicci. They always love doing special projects with Ms. Vicci!

To celebrate Earth Day the class cleaned up all the trash in front of CCDC. They discussed how litter and garbage affect our environment. They watched a video about how the oil spill hurt all the ducks and other wildlife and how special people saved the ducks by washing them with Dawn dish detergent. Then they did their own experiment using feathers, oil, water and detergent. After placing our feathers in oil we observed how they couldn't "swim" in the water. Then once we washed them with detergent, they could swim again! Kindergarten welcomed Jackson Fox to our class this month. We all know Jackson very well so this was an easy transition. Finally, Kindergarten has already begun plans for our graduation ceremony on May 23rd.



Kindergarten poses for a picture during their field trip to Cummins.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mother's Day — May 11
Kindergarten Recycling Center Speaker — May 12
Pre-K Recycling Center Speaker — May 19
Kindergarten Graduation — May 23
Memorial Day Holiday (Center Closed) — May 26