



February 2016

Where Love, Learning, & Play go hand in hand!

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Director's Corner

February always seems to brighten up the winter month blues. Soon our classrooms and halls will be shining with pink, red and purple hearts. Classroom parties will be held on Friday the 12th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. All families are welcome to join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Children's House currently has open enrollment for children 15 months through 5 years of age. We offer both full time and drop-in care. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page and share our link. Thank you for helping us spread the word.

Did you know we offer full day preschool schedules in the Chickadee's, Shooting Stars and Rainbow rooms? Each classroom aligns with the Illinois Early Learning Standards as they meet standard entering goals for Kindergarten. Two screening processes are used to help guide classroom curriculum and meet the individual needs of each child. Classroom arrangements, daily schedules and lessons are based on the five areas of development in early childhood education: Physical, social and emotional, approaches to learning, thinking and communication and language. Math, science, phonics, pre-reading skills and cooking are just a few core knowledge areas we focus on daily. Fun and learning comes together in nurturing and supportive classroom settings.



Did you know?

Central Baptist Church volunteers prepare a meal each Wednesday night as an opportunity to share with each other around the dinner table. Children's House families are invited to join as well. Dinner is served cafeteria style from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Carryout meals are also available. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children and includes your choice of the menu of the evening or a chef salad. If you plan to order, please let the church office know by noon on Tuesday by contacting the church office (523-3639 or office@CBCchurchfamily.org) Please indicate if you want the meal or salad.

Central Baptist Church worship times

8:30 a.m. — Traditional worship – Springfield campus
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages – Springfield campus
11:00 a.m. — Contemporary worship – Springfield campus
5:00 p.m. — Contemporary worship – New Berlin campus



Staff Spotlight



Miss Loretta will be celebrating her first year work anniversary this month. She has been in Early Childhood for the past 14 years. Loretta spends her days here at Children's House loving and caring for the infants. The infants love her just as much as she loves them. We are so grateful to have Miss Loretta apart of the Children's House staff.

Classroom News

The Baby Bunnies



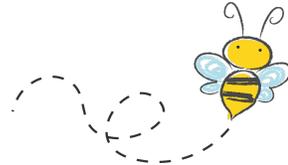
Happy Valentine's Day!

Welcome, Parker! Parker loves the bouncy seat and smiles all the time.

Pierson loves to laugh out loud and **Ridge** likes naps and his bottle. **Ashlyn** can sit up all by herself. Aiden loves to eat and push the push toys. **Stephano** is pulling himself up and **Samuel** is trying to say words. **Hope** has started on some table food and moves around the room on her bottom.

Miss Karlene
Miss Kathy
Miss Loretta

The Busy Bees



Happy Chinese New Year from the Busy Bees!

We wish you a prosperous & favorable 2016! This is the best opportunity to learn some Chinese culture and even the language! We are going to sing some favorite Chinese Nursery Rhymes and create some traditional art projects along with our monthly theme love and valentines.

Week 1: Valentine's Day

Week 2: Chinese New Year

Week 3: Love Bugs

Week 4: Love Bugs

We are so glad to have **Laurel** join the Busy Bees. We are looking forward to getting to know you more!

Our Valentine's Party will be Friday, February 12, 3:00 p.m.

Best Wishes,
Miss Tian
Miss Nicole

Sunshines



Hope everyone is staying warm this Winter. February is going to be all about loving and learning.

We will have fun making games. We are making a very special surprise for the parents from the children.

Our Valentine's Party will be Friday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. We will be closed on February 15 for President's Day.

Love,
Miss Betsy
Miss Kayla

Chickadees



The Chickadees have tried to stay dry and warm since good ol' mother nature has been playing games with the weather this winter. We sure hope that Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow so we can have Spring weather and it's warmer temperatures sooner.

This month our theme is Love with Week 1 being Family, Week 2 being Valentines, Week 3 Presidents, and Week 4 Pets.

On February 12 at 3:00 we will have our classroom Valentine's Day Party . We will have a card exchange. Please address your cards to "a friend" from your child's name. There will be a sign-up sheet for class treats posted closer to that time. Please remember we are a peanut-free center and all items are to be bought at the store and unopened per DCFS regulations. Thank you.

Happy Valentine's Day
Miss Angel

Classroom News

Shooting Stars



The weather outside is chilly, but the Stars are busy, busy, busy! We had a blast learning about snow & ice last month. Here is what we are diving into in February:

1-5: Make It / Take It Week

8-12: Valentines

15-19: Pets

22-26: Transportation

We will be having a Valentine's Party on Friday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m. There will be games, a Valentine exchange, and a special snack.

Happy 4th Birthday to **Evelyn** on the 21st of this month! Love you big girl! Everyone have a lovely month.

Miss Tami
Miss Amanda

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Children's House will be
CLOSED

Monday, February 15,
in observance of President's Day.

Thank you.

Rainbows



January went quickly and here comes February! We're all hoping the groundhog tells us spring is not far away. We did have a lot of winter fun last month. We especially enjoyed our trip to the Nelson Center for ice skating. Thank you to all of our parents who were able to come along.

This month we will be doing lots of Valentine activities with of weekly themes. We will be working on the letters P, Q, & R. We will focus on the heart shape and the color pink.

February 1-5: Groundhog, shadows, letter P

February 8-12: Valentines, letter Q

February 15-19: Presidents, letter R

February 22-26: My heart belongs to Jesus

On February 15 we will be closed for President's Day.

On February 12 we will be having our Valentine's Party at 3:00 p.m. We will have a card exchange in the morning. Please have your child write to "a friend" from your child's name. This helps their writing and fine motor development. A party sign up sheet is located in our parent information center.

Miss Rachael
Miss Emily

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February Birthdays

Staff Birthdays
2/28 Miss Alison

Child Birthdays
2/21 Evelyn-Shooting Stars