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## Director's Corner

The windy days of March provide many opportunities for discovery. Teachers have many science projects planned for this weather element. Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? We are unsure but look forward to finding out.

Of course we are egg-xcited about Easter. This holiday provides a time for us to learn and celebrate Jesus's life, death & resurrection. The important truths of the Easter season can often be difficult for young children to understand. Teachers will guide their lessons based on early childhood developmental practice to help children understand and celebrate Easter. Preschool classrooms will be using resurrection eggs to retell the bible story. For 12 days they will open one plastic egg each day. Inside the egg they will find a small item related to the Easter story. A story will be told with the item inside, all leading up to last egg, which they will find empty. Chapel will allow our preschoolers another way to hear the story. Throughout the month children will discover how the Easter season is full of hope through the resurrection of Jesus.

Please remember Children's House will be **closed on March 7th** for teacher professional development day. Do you wonder what happens on that day? Teachers will be in training for most of the morning. Our training includes curriculum planning and meeting the needs for children in early childhood care. We are also working on having our First aid/ CPR renewal class this day. In the afternoon, teachers are able to work in their classrooms. Cleaning new floor arrangements, refreshing of supplies and the renewal of toys and learning materials are just a few things that occur this day. Teachers will also be preparing their classrooms for our ExeLeRate visit this summer.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day & Easter!

## Staff Spotlight



This month we celebrate Miss Diane's 8<sup>th</sup> year with Children's House! Miss Diane joined our team as a sub in 2008. Since then we continue to enjoy seeing her in all the classrooms. Thank you Miss Diane for your years of service. We are looking forward to many more years!



Miss Judy

# Classroom News

## Baby Bunnies

Happy Birthday, to **Aiden** on March 15<sup>th</sup>! **Aiden** can walk along furniture & stand up without holding on to anything. **Parker** may be little but he is already turning himself over from his back to his belly, **Ridge** can also roll from his back to his belly and his belly to his back, **Pierson** likes to read books and laugh. **Hope** is pulling herself halfway up on the shelf and all the way up in her bed. **Stephano** likes to sing songs and push the push toys, **Campbell** likes to be talked to and play on her belly. **Ashlynn** enjoys puffs for snacks and is very happy to have accomplished sitting on her own.

Miss Karlene  
Miss Kathy  
Miss Loretta

## Sunshines

The Sunshines would like to thank the parents for helping make the Valentines party a success. The month of March we will be learning about the weather and seasons. We also will be furthering their learning skills of colors. We are excited to celebrate Easter, as it's one of our favorite holidays.

We would like to welcome two new friends, **Charlie** and **Calvin**, to the Sunshines. We are happy to have them join our fun and learning classroom. Just a friendly reminder we're closed on March 7<sup>th</sup> for a staff professional development day. Thank you!

Miss Betsy  
Miss Kayla

## Busy Bees

Our Valentine's party was a big success, the Bees loved their treats and cards! We thank all the families that participated and helped. We had a blast!

The coming month we are going to focus on St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We are looking forward to going outside if weather permits. We can't wait to explore in the warmer weather!

Please dress your child suitable for the weather and outdoor activities. Spring is on its way.

The monthly theme is:

Week 1: Spring colors

Week 2: St. Patrick's Day 1

Week 3: St. Patrick's Day 2

Week 4: Easter Fun 1

Week 5: Easter Fun 2

Welcome, **Samuel**, who joins our Busy Bee class this month! We will have a blast together!

Miss Tian  
Miss Nicole

## March Birthdays

### Staff Birthdays

3/1 Miss Nicole  
3/2 Miss Diane  
3/16 Miss Judy  
3/28 Miss Rachel Foster

### Child Birthdays

3/9 Ryleigh – 3's room  
3/14 Max K. – 3's room  
3/15 Aiden – infant room  
3/17 Serenity – 4's room  
3/18 Finn – 3's room  
3/20 Tommy Z. – 3's room  
3/22 Damian – 4's room  
3/23 Ava – 3's room

# Classroom News

## Shooting Stars

We are so excited for this month's activities. We are going to be talking about St. Patrick's, Easter, and Spring. We will be mixing colors and making rainbows. Here are our themes:

February 29-March 4: Wind & Kites

March 7-March 11: St. Pats

March 14-March 18: St. Pats

March 21-March 25: Easter

March 28-April 1: Spring

Thanks for all your all your donations and the extras you do for us.

Miss Tami  
Miss Amanda



## Rainbows

Oh, how does the wind blow? Or does it? Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? Through science, the Rainbows will discover the answers to these questions. "Marching into March" will be our monthly theme. We have two holidays to celebrate this month: St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We will keep moving down the alphabet with letters **S**, **T**, & **U**. Shamrocks and ovals will be everywhere to find.

February 29-March 4: Dr. Seuss / letter review

March 7-March 11: Windy weather / letter S

March 14-March 18: St. Patrick's Day / letter T

March 21-March 25: Easter

March 28-April 1: Transportation / letter U

On March 17, our class will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Many fun events are planned, including games, songs, cooking, and even a surprise visit from a leprechaun. He will come into our classroom while we are playing. What will our room look like when we return?

March 25 will be our Easter party starting at 3:00 p.m. Please bring in 10 filled eggs by Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. A party sign-up sheet will be posted in our parent information center. A big Happy Birthday this month to **Serrenity!**

Happy St. Patrick's Day & Easter!

Miss Rachael  
Miss Emily

## Easter Egg Hunt



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for children ages Pre-K - 5th grade on **March 18 at 4:30 p.m.**

RSVP's encouraged by calling or emailing Tricia Allen at the church office at 523-3639 or [tricia@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:tricia@cbcchurchfamily.org)

## Important Dates

**March 7 – Closed, Teacher Development Day**

**March 13 – Daylight Saving Time, Spring Ahead**

**March 27 – Easter Sunday**

### 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](mailto: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—Springfield campus

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary worship—Springfield campus

5:00 p.m.—Contemporary worship—New Berlin campus

Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

I'm hearing a lot of people say they are ready for spring. Spring is a time for renewal and Dave Willis has compiled a list of suggestions for renewing your relationship. You can read the entire list in a minute or so, but the results of putting the suggestions into practice can last a lifetime. He didn't list this first, but I will – pray together and make faith a foundation of your life together. Here is a sampling of other suggestions - turn off electronic devices, try to answer the phone when your spouse calls, manage finances well, don't keep secrets, focus on positive qualities, give compliments, make date night a priority, and never give up on one another. The full list is available here: [25 quick tips to instantly improve your marriage](#). (Isn't it funny how we want everything to be quick and easy these days?) Dave's website also includes a link to a free chapter on marriage and parenting from his new book.

Are you wondering if your relationship might need a tune up? Take the [Relationship Maintenance Survey](#) to find out. For monthly couples, individual, and family tips, please sign up for our [e-newsletter](#). For daily relationship tips, follow us on [facebook](#). For more information about any ConnectEdPAIRS service, please visit our UPDATED website at [www.connectedpairs.com](http://www.connectedpairs.com), stop by, call, or email me in the counseling office. I look forward to talking with you soon.

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## Refer-a-Friend

Would you like a \$50 credit to your account? Well, when you refer a friend to Children's House, that's exactly what you'll get. And the good news is, you can refer as many families as you want! See Miss Judy for more details. Restrictions apply.