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Director's Corner

Already our halls are beginning to sound, look and sometimes even smell like Christmas. December will be sure to keep us moving. Please mark your calendars with the following activities:

December 8th: Interesting Christmas shirt- Teachers will come dressed in their most interesting shirts on this day. Be sure to vote for your favorite Christmas attire. Voting will begin on the 9th on Facebook and on the 11th in the main hallway.

December 11th- 15th: Seven Days of Service- Please join us this week as we celebrate Christmas through random acts of kindness. Each day we will participate in an activity that allows the spirit of Christmas to shine. Everyone is encouraged to try these activities with their own families and community as well. An email listing the days of service will be emailed home on the 8th.

December 13th: Children's House Christmas Program- Please join us in celebrating the holidays with our Pre-K program (Rainbows and Shooting Stars) and the Two's room, as we make a joyful noise. The program begins at 6:15. Central Baptist Church will be hosting a meal prior to the program. The meal begins at 4:45 and serving ends at 5:45. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. More information on the meal will be sent home in your child's mailbox.

December 18-22nd: Christmas Spirit Week- Let's ring in the holiday with a week full of fun themed days. An email will be sent out on the 13th listing all the fun days!

***December 20th- Classroom Christmas parties;** 3:00, Santa will visit each classroom, beginning with the pre-k and then moving to the twos, toddlers and then infants. Classroom parties will follow after Santa's visit. Teacher will be posting or emailing more information about their classroom party and gift exchange.

Closed for Christmas; Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th

*** Please note we are closed on January 1st for News Year Day.**

We wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Miss Judy



Classroom News

Baby Bunnies

Weston is now on finger foods & is walking with the walker. **Wyatt** is walking like a pro and **Carina** is standing with assistance. **Warrick** is now a jumperoo expert and **Mark** loves to watch all his friends. **Landon** loves to wear his food and says “turkey”. **Magnolia** rolled over from her back to her belly. Sadly, at the end of this month, we say goodbye to **Grace** who will begin her new journey in Michigan. We send our prayers and our love with her.

Miss Veronica
Miss Loretta
Miss JoJo
Miss Annie

Sunshines

November was a month of being thankful and working on our manners. We did great! Lunch time is so very “fancy” now with all our “pleases and “thank yous!”

In December our learning will be interwoven with our “Christmas Time” theme and we will focus on “giving, family, & love.” Our themes:

Decorations: We learn shapes, colors, number concepts and patterns as we decorate our room

Oh Christmas Tree: We focus on the color green, working as a team to make our tree beautiful, and of course, the triangle shape

Songs of Christmas: As we sing we learn rhythm, rhyme and expand our vocabulary. You’ll no doubt be hearing a lot of Fa La La La La

Jesus’ Birthday: We will read the Christmas Story and talk about the way we give gifts and how Jesus’ love for us is a gift

We want to wish our friend Brayden a very Happy Birthday this month!

Miss Alison
Miss Erica

Busy Bees

The holiday season is finally coming and we are counting down with joy! The Busy Bees have grown so much this year and have learned so much from each other. This month we are going to learn about the true meaning of Christmas and, as always, we will create some fun art projects for families. Please check the classroom door, as we will post there more information about our Christmas party and gift exchange.

Our monthly theme is Holiday Season:

Week 1: Santa & Reindeer

Week 2: Decorations

Week 3: Trees & Wreaths

Week 4: Happy New Year

A big Shout out to our birthday Star - Liam, he is turning 2 on the 14th! Happy Birthday!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Miss Tian
Miss Lauryn

December Birthdays

Staff Birthdays

12/8 Miss Tricia
12/15 Miss Erica

Child Birthdays

12/2 Wyatt – Infants
12/14 Liam – 2’s room
12/26 Iri – 3’s room
12/29 Brayden – 2’s room

Pre-K Classroom News

Shooting Stars

Christmas is coming! We will be singing Christmas carols, creating art, doing math with bells, and learning about the best gift of all. We truly love the holiday season and we are blessed to be here with all of you. Merry Christmas!

Here are our themes:

December 4-8: ABC's of Christmas

December 11-15: Christmas

December 18- 22: Christmas

December 25- 29: Preschool Fun / New Years

*Thanks so much for all of your help with donations, we really appreciate it.

Miss Amanda
Miss Tami

Rainbows

Do you hear what we hear? We hear preschoolers excited for Christmas! This month's theme will be Christmas. Throughout the month our lessons will take us through the Nativity Story. Beginning with Mary being visited by an angel and following the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Red will be our focused color and we will learn all about the square shape. Ms. J, Mr. K, and Mr. L will make their debuts this month from the letter people land.

December 4-8: Christmas / Letter J

December 11-15: Christmas / Letter K

December 18- 22: Christmas / Letter L

December 25- 29: New Years / No Letter

We would like to welcome **Allen** to our room. We are very excited to get to work with him and his family. Have a Joyous & Merry Christmas!

Miss Rachael
Miss Kayla

Did you know?

Central Baptist Church volunteers prepare a meal the first and third Wednesday nights of each month 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.

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)



Central Baptist Church Worship Hours

Downtown Springfield:

- 9:15 to 10:15 AM - Sunday School
- 10:15 to 10:45 AM - Fellowship Time
- 10:45 AM – Worship

New Berlin:

- 9:30 AM - Worship
- 10:30 AM - Sunday School

Parenting

Talking to your children about important topics and teaching them life lessons can be difficult at times. One way to make these conversations easier is to use movies as conversation starters. The article "Ferdinand the Bull Can Teach Your Kids about Their Strengths" uses the new film, *Ferdinand*, as a basis for talking to children about discovering who they are and discovering their strengths. Research shows that the best way to raise kids who are resilient and able to cope with challenges necessary for success is to identify and build strengths. The article discusses the message of the movie and also gives some tips about how to talk to your children about their own strengths. For example, you can ask your child what strengths Ferdinand used to overcome a challenge, identify what strength your child has that Ferdinand also has, and then follow up over the next few days by asking your child if he or she used a Ferdinand strength that day. Stop by my office or contact me to get a copy of the article.

Couple

When you have children, they can become the center of your world which can lead to other things, such as your marriage, being bumped down your list of priorities. Losing the connection and closeness in your marital relationship also impacts your children and it has been shown that children with parents who have an unhappy relationship have more behavioral and academic problems. The article "Happy Parents, Happy Kids" discusses the effects of putting your children before your relationship and also gives some tips of how to reprioritize and put your marriage first. The author suggests ways to nurture your marriage, such as having a weekday update, not coasting, paying less attention to your children, making time to be alone, being a cheap date, finding ways to be nice to one another by practicing affection, appreciation, and admiration, and being willing to go out on a limb and trying something new together. Contact me to get a copy of the article

Blessings,

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