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Director's Corner

Children's House has really enjoyed the sunny days that have allowed us to get out of the building. Long downtown walks and playground time are in full swing. Of course June officially begins our summer schedule and the start of our school-age summer program. All classrooms have a full calendar planned and everyone will be on the move. Please be sure to check your email and child's mailbox throughout the summer as information on special events and field trips will be sent out. Also, be sure to check near the door inside your child's classroom nightly. Teachers will be placing reminder notes there about the next day's events and field trips, which will include times and items that are required for the day. On field trip days, we ask families to arrive 15 minutes prior to leaving, this helps with loading, potty breaks, etc.

The big excitement in the air, would be the progression of our playground planning. In May we had our final planning meeting with the playground developer. We have placed our final order for equipment and hope to break ground in September. We could not be more excited!

Judy

Children's House Director

INFORMATION STATION

Soon our center will be bursting with Summer Program traffic starting May 28. Below are a few reminders that help our summer run smoothly while keeping everyone safe.

- *Please keep your child with you at all times during pick-up and drop-off.
- *Do not leave children in the car unattended.
- *Please do not double park in the back parking lot but leave space for others to pass through the portico.
- *When picking up your child from the playground, please come to the gate. Children will not be released until the family member has arrived at the gate.
- *Please remember to check in and out every day using Procure at the Children's House window. Program errors occur in the software when a child is not checked in and out daily. This also affects your billing and can lead to billing errors as well. Procure is an important tool we use for record keeping.
- *When using the entrance doors please do not use the deadbolt to prop open the door. Please notify us if you see this happening and close the door for us. We are a secure building.
- *Please use the "Where are we?" signs next to the main office window to help locate your child's classroom, as we are always on the go this summer.

Classroom News

Staff Spotlight

This month Ms. Annie celebrates her 17th year here at Children's House. She has been in the Early Childhood field since 1971. She taught and loved the infants in the Baby Bunny room for 14 years. Currently Ms. Annie assists all the classrooms and they really enjoy seeing her every day. We are so grateful for Ms. Annie and her years of service.

This month we celebrate Ms. Karlene's sixth year with Children's House. During her time here she has taught in the Baby Bunnies room and serves as classroom assistant. Currently she is our food service coordinator and so much more! Ms. Karlene assists with our laundry, subs in classrooms, and helps the bus riders. We are so grateful for her and the ways she helps the Center.

Busy Bees

Hello June, it's going to be a great month! We welcome a new assistant teacher this month; Mrs. Gracie. Mrs. Gracie is 19 years old from Springfield and is a major dog lover! She is so excited to work with all the Busy Bees.

This month's theme is summer beach. We are getting into that summer mindset. The Busy Bees would also like to wish all the fathers a very happy Father's Day.

Please remember to check the daily sheets to ensure your Busy Bee has everything they need!

Ms. Tondrie
Ms. Gracie

June Birthdays

Children

6/21 Lillian S., 4s

Teachers

6/24 Amanda H.

Baby Bunnies

Time to have fun in the sun! Our theme this month will focus all around summer fun. Beach balls, water and all things summer will be discovered in our room. We will even get have a little bit of water play. Also, please be sure to provide sunscreen at school, as we will be taking many walks.

Just like the summer sun, our Baby Bunnies are shining bright! Bingham, Esadora and Lane have graduated to table food. Bingham has entertained us all with his newfound talent of clapping and Lane keeps us looking as he speeds around the round and round. Soon Grayson C. will be speeding around the room, as he attempting to take his first steps. In no time he will be on the go. Our friend Jack likes to count to 5 and to hand out high fives. Grayson K. likes to watch all the movers and shakers while he plays in the activity center. He also is rolling all over our classroom. Esadora has moved from rolling to climbing. She really enjoys moving up and down the activity mats.

Last month we sadly wished our friend Gentry goodbye. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new adventure. Also this month we will sadly say goodbye for the Summer to Jack. We look forward to seeing Jack back in the Fall. A very big bunny welcome to Ms. Amanda! We are so happy to have her join our room and the babies have really enjoyed getting to know her too.

Ms. Loretta
Ms. Jo Jo
Ms. Amanda H.

Sunshines

We had a lot to celebrate in May: Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation Week (thank you SO much Sunshine parents!) and lots of bright Sunshiny play days. Be on the lookout soon for a detailed guideline from Ms. Alison and Ms. Erica as we head into Summer. The guidelines will show how you can help us make this summer the safest and most fun ever! Please be sure to apply sunscreen to your child each morning to ensure we have as much outdoor time as possible.

For the month of June we will plan our days around the theme of Travel. We will learn about ways to travel: planes, trains, automobiles, boats, bikes, and all things on wheels. We will learn of places to go on vacation and learn some basic geography when we talk about mountains, lakes, rivers, the big city, and camping.

Ms. Erica
Ms. Alison

Shooting Stars

Summer is officially here in the Shooting Stars class. We will be super busy this summer. Make sure you read our summer letter all the way through.

Our themes for this month are:

- June 3-7: On the Farm
- June 10-14: Baseball/Super-Dads
- June 17-21: Outdoor Art Week
- June 24-28: Bugs

Please make sure your child has appropriate walking shoes as we get on the move this summer. Also, that they have sunscreen on before coming to school is a must. We want everyone to have a wonderful and safe summer.

Thank you to everyone who made Teacher Appreciation Week so special. We had a wonderful week.

Ms. Amanda S.
Ms. Tami

Rainbows

Splish-Splash! Let's dive into summer fun! June begins our summer schedule of fun and adventure. "Summer fun" even serves as our monthly theme. Throughout the month, we will review the letters of the alphabet and continue to prepare for the transition to Kindergarten.

Please be sure to check out all the dates and times on our monthly calendar:

- June 3-7: Camping
- June 10-14: Oceans
- June 17-21: Vacations
- June 24-28: Jonah

The Rainbows hosted a wonderful Mother's Day Tea last month. Thank you Rainbows for a job well done and for all your hard work.

Donuts for Dads will be held on June 14 at 3:15 p.m. downstairs in Merriam Hall. Dad and Grandpas are all welcome to come. A special play will be presented by the class. Happy Father's Day!

We'd like to welcome Darby and her family to our classroom.

We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week.

Happy Birthday this month to Lillian!

Ms Rachel
Ms. Kayla

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

If you are looking for a church home you are welcome to join us at any of our services.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Central Baptist Church volunteers prepare a meal the first and third Wednesday nights of each month during the regular school year (September – May) 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 Ann or Mason in the church office know by noon on Tuesday by calling (523-3639 or email ann@CBCchurchfamily.org)



Couples Article

Happy Father's Day! Research from the Gottman Institute shows that two-thirds of couples struggle with maintaining an intimate connection after the transition to parenthood. To that end, Family Life offers six ideas of "Connecting With Your Spouse Through the Busy Parenting Years." Be intentional about maintaining your relationship.

1. Flirt even when you don't feel like it
2. Check in with each other often
3. Schedule a weekly or monthly date
4. Don't neglect the bedroom
5. Pray with (and for) each other regularly
6. Offer one another a lot of grace

Parenting Article

Happy Father's Day! As you recall summers past with your children, did they ever complain of being bored? Research tells us that boredom can actually help foster creativity and independence in children. Boredom may signal that children have become used to regularly scheduled activities or too dependent on-screen time for entertainment. Whatever the cause, boredom indicates that children are missing connection and feeling unsure of their capabilities. Thus, the best way out of boredom is not to offer solutions, but rather to offer yourself as an empathic connection, as explained by Hand in Hand's "9 steps to beat boredom with connection."

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