



Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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## Director's Corner

Happy new year to you and your family. Children's House has many projects heading our way in 2020. The playground construction is moving forward, as we enter the final phase. Wood mulch, the final surfacing will be placed when weather permits. Once that is completed the fence will be constructed. We are planning a spring ribbon cutting and dedication. More information will be given out closer to time.

Children's House was founded in 1971 by two members of Central Baptist Church. When they first opened their doors they cared for preschoolers only and those in the congregation. Soon they began infant care and became licensed by the state of Illinois. Today Children's House continues to be a ministry of Central Baptist Church. We are very thankful for the continued support and it is a privilege to be a part of Central Baptist Church. From day one their mission has been to care for and support the families, staff and children of the center. Through several programs, chapel, and even often family treats at the front window, CBC continues to show their love and support.

Recently Children's House staff were able to be a part of two CBC programs, Feast of Plenty, and Graham gift mart. These programs are just a few of the many wonderful ways that CBC reaches into the community.

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This year several families and staff were able to per-take in the gift mart. Families also enjoyed Wednesday night dinner with the CBC cook team during the Christmas program. Wednesday night dinner occurs twice monthly, for more details on CBC Sunday services and Wednesday night dinners please see the back on the newsletter.

Wish you and your family a healthy and happy new year,

*Judy Vlach,*

Director

## INFORMATION STATION

### Dates to remember:

Children's House is Closed

- January 1 for New Year's Day
- January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr.

If Children's House should close for weather conditions, the closures will be listed on:

- Children's House Facebook
- T.V. Channel 20
- Capitol radio group- WTAX, WDBR, WYMG
- Neuhoff Media - WFMB
- Children's House email

# Classroom News

## January Birthdays

### Children

1/16 Eve, Shooting Stars

1/28 Max, Busy Bees

1/30 Amelia, Sunshines

### Teachers and Staff

1/4 Ms. Rachael

1/4 Ms. Rae

## Baby Bunnies

We had a wonderful Christmas season and are so excited to start the new year!

Bingham is getting very good at understanding directions is learning to say his friends' names!

Lane is running everywhere and loves everything to do with buckles, zippers, and figuring out how toys work.

Grayson is climbing on everything and loves to show his teachers all of his abilities.

Leonard is very close to walking and is perfecting his name. He is doing very well with baby food and is starting some table food.

Dylan has successfully pulled himself up, has started crawling, and is trying very hard to stand on his own.

Lucia is getting very vocal and is now sitting up on her own.

Olivia is rolling everywhere and loves to play on her belly. She loves hearing music and loves babbling.

Elliott is very close to sitting up and loves to play with his feet. He is making more squeaking and babbling sounds and loves to smile.

Our theme for January is winter wonderland.

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

## Busy Bees

We had such fun in December! Thank you to all of our children and parents for making it such a special, festive time. In January, we will learn about winter. We will learn to do science experiments with ice, and learn about animals who live where it is always cold. We will learn colors and vocabulary as well as parts of the body by building pretend snowmen. We will use "wintery" colors in our art: blue, white, grey, and black.

This month's themes will be:

- Winter Fun.
- Cold Weather Animal Friends.
- Snow Persons.
- Snowflakes.

Within the framework of these themes we will continue to work on emerging language, socio-emotional skills, pre-math concepts, and strengthening our fine and gross motor skills.

Ms. Alison  
Ms. Erica



## Sunshines

Happy New Year from all of the Sunshines! This month we will be learning all about winter and winter activities. We will take the time to learn about New Years, Winter Animals, Winter Clothes, Snowflakes, Winter Sports/Activities, and all around winter fun!

The Sunshines would like to thank the parents for all of your donations to the Christmas party! We had such a fun afternoon and it's all thanks to you!

Please remember to check your children's cubbies daily to ensure your child has everything they need. The Sunshines would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and an amazing January.

Ms. Gracie  
Ms. Rae

## Shooting Stars

Christmas was a blast! The Shooting Stars did a fabulous job at our Christmas program. Now we look forward to winter and snowmen.

Here are our January Themes:

- Jan. 6-10: Winter
- Jan. 13-17: Snow and Snowmen
- Jan. 20-24: Arctic Animals
- Jan. 27-31: FROZEN

Thanks to all of the families for all of their help during the holidays.

Ms. Amanda S.  
Ms. Tami

## Rainbows

December was a happy bustle of holiday fun. Our Christmas party was a great success. We want to thank all of the parents who helped make it an awesome day. The Rainbows did a fantastic job singing at our Christmas program!

This month will kick off our cook of the week program. A note will go out with more information.

This month we will be focusing on the season of Winter. Our weekly themes are:

- Jan. 6-10: Cold Weather, Letter M
- Jan. 13-17: Winter Animals, Letter N
- Jan. 20-24: Alike/Different, Letter O
- Jan. 27-31: Moses (No Letter)

Happy Birthday month to Ms. Rachael!

Happy New Year!

Ms. Kayla  
Ms. Rachael



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## 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 always welcome at dinner. 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](mailto:ann@CBCchurchfamily.org))**



### Parenting Article

#### Parenting Tips to Improve Toddler Behavior

This time of year is difficult for all children due to changes in schedules and more activities. Mayo Clinic staff have some great tips for parenting toddlers. Among them is how to prevent tantrums. Some of the tips listed are: know your child's limits, choose your battles, explain how to follow the rules, and take "no" in stride. By taking "no" in stride, they say not to overreact, but repeat the request and maybe distract your toddler and reward him or her for good behavior. If you would like to read more about temper tantrums and other parenting tips, click [here](#).

### Couple's Article

In "How to Balance Marriage and Children," the folks at First Things First say it is important to nurture the relationship between parents. Couples who put most of their focus on children and not the marriage end up faring worse. If the marriage is strong, the family will be also. Other tips are to overlook the bad and look for the good, pick your battles, give two compliments a day, and be intentional with the time you spend with your significant other. Don't let the "tyranny of the urgent" put your spouse and marriage on the back burner.

To read more about balancing your marriage and children, click [here](#).

Blessings,  
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