



Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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Director's Corner

Often when giving directions to our building, it is identified by the "one with the big twirly slide". Many who travel the downtown area, often map their way by our well-known playground that has stood so tall for over 35 years. In 2008 the Children's House director knew the playground was in need of an update. Much of the playground was out of code and it did not meet the needs of all the families served at Children's House. She had a vision of a playground that would foster and promote an engaging outside learning classroom. A team was formed and research began to move forward in creating a new space for play. This included a blueprint and a plan for funding. In 2010 fundraising began to take shape with three major fundraising events over the next four years. In 2018 the goal was met and in 2019 the plan for the playground became an active vision in motion.

Last month volunteers gathered to remove the structures that we have loved for so long. Soon the equipment arrived and together we anxiously watched our new playground take shape (the classrooms really enjoyed watching the "big" trucks). It was truly a bitter sweet moment for staff, present and past families and the children. Everyone so excited to see the new playground take shape but sad to see a playground with so many memories leave. Many children have passed through those gates, building life-lasting memories and gross motor skills. Past students always recall the fun memories they carry from their time outside.....
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Each one seeming to have a story of their own that they remember so clearly. Now the time as come to welcome our new playground with new memories to be created.. We look forward to the opportunity for more growth and development that the new design will support.

Children's House would like to thank and recognize Central Baptist church, Children House families, local businesses, and staff who have been so dedicated to this project and turned a vision into a reality. Without the very much appreciated support over the years, the playground would not have happened. A big thank you to every person who was involved with the team, funding, planning, building, and demo. The new playground will not only meet the standards and codes but will provide a place for exploring, fun and adventure for all ages and abilities.

Judy Vlach,
Director

INFORMATION STATION

The Thanksgiving season is the ideal time to help young children understand and learn about thankfulness and gratitude. Young children may not be able to fully understand the meaning of gratitude. However, teaching them about being thankful will lay the foundations of understanding. This month our center will host a "week of Gratitude". All week we engaged in activities that teach gratitude. More information will be sent home soon, along with a help tip sheet on how to teach gratitude to young children daily.

Classroom News

**Children's House Will Be Closed
On November 11 in honor of Veteran's Day
And
On November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving**

Baby Bunnies

Our theme this month is Thanksgiving. Baby Bunnies are currently enjoying the Fall season.

Olivia can roll over now! She is doing well with tummy time and loves being rocked in a bouncy chair by her older friends.

Dylan has started baby food! He is sitting up on his own and loves talking.

Leonard has started getting up on his knees on his own like he's ready to start crawling. He is also sitting up well on his own and has started babbling.

Grayson is standing and balancing on his own – he's very close to walking! He is very interested in search-and-find toys and now has 3 teeth!

Lane is walking everywhere! He has started "singing" and loves to speak with his teachers.

Bingham has started to stand and support himself with the help of his teachers and is forming many new sounds.

Elliott is our newest addition and he is fitting in very well! He does great with tummy time – holding his head up and loves being held.

Lucia has started play in the jumpy-jump and roundy-round. She is doing well holding her head up on her own and has started high-pitched squeals.

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

Busy Bees

November is a great month to talk about things we love and that are important to us; what we are grateful for. We will focus on our social development skills and how to share with each other. Our friend, the turkey, will be involved in many of our daily lessons about shapes, numbers, and letters. The upcoming festivities are a good time to talk about the foods we eat and nutrition, as well as where our food comes from.

Our themes this month will be:

1. Helping Others
2. Being Grateful
3. Manners
4. Turkeys & Thanksgiving

Ms. Alison
Ms. Erica

Sunshines

The Sunshines have so much to be thankful for. Throughout this month we will be learning about thankfulness, families, friends and yes all things thanksgiving! Our focus color will be brown.

November theme: Thanksgiving
November 4th-8th: giving thanks-friends
November 11th- 15th- giving thanks- family
November 18th- 22nd-
Thanksgiving/thankfulness
November 25th- 27th- thanksgiving/thankfulness

This month we will be sending home our first family project of the school year. The project will be sent with directions to be completed at home and then returned back to school for display. The Sunshines always enjoy this project with their family and then sharing with their friends at school.

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Sunshines continued....

Everyone has really enjoyed our new schedule and circle time. We will continue to work on Our themed games and songs have been a favorite among the class. November will surely bring more fun and exciting new songs to share with our families and friends.

We want to wish all the Sunshine families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Gracie
Ms. Ray

Shooting Stars

A BIG thank you for all of the volunteers for trick-or-treating and for all of the Halloween snacks for the party. We had a fantastic time!

Next up is Thanksgiving. We will be talking about what we are thankful for. Here are our themes:

Nov. 4-8 – Transportation
Nov. 11-15 – Turkeys
Nov. 18-22 – Thanksgiving
Nov. 25-29 – Dinosaurs

Happy Golden birthday to Campbell Peck who is turning 4 on the 4th. Also thank you for all of the help with supplies. It is very much appreciated.

Ms. Amanda
Ms. Tami

November Birthdays

Children

11/4 Campbell, PreK 3
11/20 Ezra, PreK 4
11/27 Maggie, PreK 3
11/28 Ariela, PreK 4

Teachers

11/13 Ms. Loretta

Rainbows

The Autumn chill will blow a month of fun and discovery our way. While using our five senses the sights and sounds of Autumn will be discovered. The monthly unit will be "giving thanks" This allows us to branch out and discuss so many things. All Fall colors will be alive in our classroom and examined. Directly from letter people: Mr. G, Mr. H, and Mrs. I will join our classroom.

Nov. 4-8: Giving thanks for families, Letter G
Nov. 11-15: Giving thanks for homes, Letter H
Nov. 18-22: Christian Living, David and Goliath
Nov. 25-29: Giving thanks, 1st Thanksgiving, Letter I

Mark your calendars! On November 19, the Rainbows will be traveling to the Festival of Trees. A sign up sheet and a note will be out at a later date.

Happy Birthday this month to Ariela.

Ms. Rachel
Ms. Kayla

Staff Spotlight

This month we celebrate Ms. Chris's 3rd year with Children's House. We gained her talent as a on-call sub, after she retired from teaching 6th graders. Ms. Chris is a joy to have in the classrooms and is ready to jump in when needed. She adapts well to each classroom and the children really enjoy her when she is in their room. We are so grateful for Ms. Chris and hope we are blessed with her for years to come!

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)

Parenting Article

Parents are often told to read to their children. In "Reading Tips for Parents of Toddlers," parents are reminded not to expect a toddler to sit still. He or she may be moving, but still listening. Allow the toddler to complete a phrase. Once he or she knows the phrase, make mistakes on purpose and get caught. Choose books that are engaging. Read books with flaps or textures to keep hands busy. Keep reading short, simple, and often. Encourage play that uses communication, naming, and describing. Choose books about everyday experiences. Ask questions and read their favorites. To learn more, [click here](#).

Couples Article

According to the Psychology Today blog written by Wendy L. Patrick, PhD, long lasting couples have one thing in common - they have shared activities. These don't have to be extreme, like climbing Mount Everest. Patrick states date nights are important. Relationship quality is enhanced by stress-free, fun activities. The activities can be exciting, or more mundane. Some listed in the article are dance lessons, vacations, and concerts. Less exciting activities might be going for a walk, talking, working around the house together, or watching TV together. Two other points are brought out. Both partners need to be motivated to work on the relationship. Successful relationships involve both work and fun. To learn more, [click here](#).

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