



Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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Director's Corner

Dear Children's House families,

Last month we completed one of the two final phases in completion of the playground. Our DCFS licensing rep came for the final inspection to clear the playground for opening. There were only two minor corrections that needed to be met. One included adding more mulch to the landscaping, which had already been planned but waiting for better weather. The second included an adjustment to the height of the interior fence. We are very excited to have completed the playground inspection and moving forward. The DCFS rep granted us the use of a temporary fence to allow outside play time until the permanent fence is installed. At this time we are scheduled to construct the permanent fence in March. When Spring arrives we will be placing more materials on the playground, along with storage.

February is a month we normally associate with love. As we celebrate Valentine's Day, we will be talking about kindness. Each classroom will read the story, "Heartprints". This engaging story helps foster caring and empathy in young children. Through the story we learn that every time you show kindness, little "heartprints" are left behind! This story will engage us with many activities. More information will be sent out through an email.

Also mark your calendars for classroom Valentine party on February 14th at 3:00 p.m. Check classroom doors for more information.

Judy Vlach,
Director

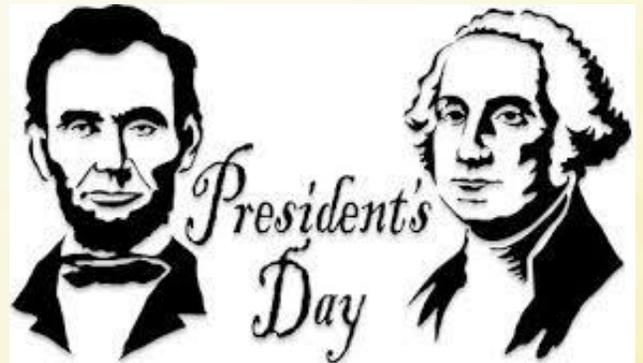
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INFORMATION STATION

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

Children's House will be closed
February 17 to Observe President's
Day



Classroom News

February Birthdays

Children

2/16 Ava B., Shooting Stars

2/20 Ava V., Rainbows

2/25 Judson, Sunshines

Teachers and Staff

2/28 Ms. Alison

Baby Bunnies

The Baby Bunnies had a wonderful January and are so excited for February's theme of love and Valentine's Day.

Grayson is getting so big! He loves to climb, identify animal noises, and help his teachers.

Leonard is taking steps along the furniture now – he is incredibly close to walking! He also loves music and dancing.

Dylan can balance on his own very briefly and is also close to walking! He loves to play with toys that make sounds.

Quinn is adjusting well to the Baby Bunnies classroom and loves to eat! She has started walking along the toy shelf and loves to play with her friends.

Lucia has started to sit up! She does very well eating baby food and loves to play with toys that make music.

Olivia is sitting up and has started getting up on her knees to try to crawl. She loves to roll everywhere and loves to laugh.

Elliott is sitting up really well and has such strong legs! He loves the jumpy-jump and play with his teachers.

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Baby Bunnies *continued*

Julian is our newest addition and he's adjusting well. He loves to be held and sung to and he has the cutest laugh.

We say a sad goodbye to Ms. Amanda H. this month. We staff and the babies will miss you!

Ms. Loretta
Ms. JoJo
Ms. Amanda H.

Busy Bees

Welcome to February! With Valentine's Day in the middle of the month, it's a great time to work on our social/emotional skills (and by work, I mean have a lot of fun learning!) We will have a Valentine's party, and a note will come out about that later. It's so much fun to watch as toddlers learn to care about each other and play together.

This month we will talk about the color red (and pink) and focus on the heart shape. Our themes this February will be:

Week One: Red and the Heart Shape

Week Two: Valentine's Day and Love

Week Three: Feelings

Week Four: Random Acts of Kindness

All month (as every month) we will catch our little ones being kind to each other/sharing/comforting one another/taking turns.

Ms. Alison
Ms. Erica

Sunshines

It's February so that means Valentine's Day is upon us! With Valentine's Day, we focus on the people and things we love, so the Sunshines will be doing the same. We will be focusing in on the thing we love in school and also focus on Valentine's Day celebrations.

The Sunshines love vehicles, trains, and animals so the month of February's weekly themes are:
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Classroom News

Sunshines *continued*

Week 1: Vehicles
Week 2: Valentine's Day
Week 3: Trains
Week 4: Animals

The Sunshines would like to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. If you are new to the classroom, please bring in a family photo to put on our family tree! Please keep an eye on your children's cubbies to ensure they have everything they need as well!

Thank you!

Ms. Gracie
Ms. Rae

Shooting Stars

Brrrr! It might be cold outside but we are keeping warm in the Shooting Star class with these awesome weekly themes:

Feb. 3-7: Nursery Rhymes
Feb. 10-14: Valentines
Feb. 17-21: Pets
Feb. 24-28: Christian Living

On February 14, we will be having a Valentines Party! At 3 p.m. we will have a snack followed by fun games in the classroom. Look for a signup sheet on our door and please bring a Valentine for each child fill out:

To: A friend
From: (Your child's name)

Please bring in a picture of 1 or all of your pets by February 17 for our pet unity. We will be using them for several activities throughout the week.
! Hugs and Kisses.

We want to wish Ava a very Happy Birthday this month! She will be 4 on the 16th! Happy Celebrating.

We want to wish Norah, Peter, and Ridge a most wonderful transition to the Rainbow room. We will miss you!
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Shooting Stars *continued*

Welcome to our new friends, Landon, Zachary, Jameson, Isaac, Weston, and Lincoln. We are having a wonderful time getting to know you.

Have a lovely month everyone!

Ms. Amanda S.
Ms. Kelsey

Rainbows

January went by quickly. We are hoping the groundhog tells us Spring is not far away!

This month we will be doing lots of valentine activities along with our weekly themes. We will be working on the letters P, Q, and R. We will also be working on the heart shape and the color pink.

Our themes are:

Feb. 3-7: Groundhog and shadows, Letter P
Feb. 10-14: Valentines, Letter Q
Feb. 17-21: Presidents, Letter R
Feb. 24-28: My heart belongs to Jesus,
No letter

On February 14, we will be having our Valentine's Day party at 3 p.m. We will be having a card exchange in the morning. Please have your child bring a valentine for each child and write:

To: A friend
From: (your child's name)

This helps their writing and fine motor development. A signup sheet will be posted closer to the time.

Happy birthday Ava!

Ms. Kayla
Ms. Rachael

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)



Parenting Article

Your Preschooler and Bedtime

Many parents have difficulty getting their children to go and stay in bed. Children must feel safe. If they are afraid of monsters, you can make “monster spray” by putting water in a spray bottle and telling your children it is for keeping away monsters. Then spray the room to get rid of said monsters. Help children relax at bedtime by listening to music or teaching them to deep breathe, or use children's meditation. Routine is very important to children and bedtime is no exception. This makes them feel safe also. If you become frustrated with your children, it will not help to yell at them, it will only make them feel unsafe. To learn more bedtime tips, click [here](#).

Couple's Article

Fair Fighting Rules

Nathan Cobb, PhD states in this article that conflict does not have to be unsafe, unpredictable, and without purpose. In fact, he states if dealt with constructively, conflict can help couples develop greater closeness. He lists nine rules for this: No degrading language; No blaming; No yelling; No use of force; No talk of divorce; Define yourself, not your spouse; Stay in the present; Take turns speaking; and When necessary, use time-outs. To read the full article explaining the steps and a free copy for the fridge, click [here](#).

Blessings,
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