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Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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Director's Corner

Children from an early age often talk and hear about love but may be uncertain what it really means. Jesus is the ultimate example of Love. He gave his life for us. We know that, because of this, we should listen to his words and follow them. We want to share his love with others. All this month we will explore the meaning and different aspects of love. This month our bible verse will be (1 John 4:19) " We love because he first loved us". Preschoolers will attend two Chapel times this month where the focus will be on this bible verse and communicating with them how we can love each other.

Random Acts of Kindness week observed February 14-20, is an annual opportunity to unite through kindness and blends in well with our theme of love. Children's House will be participating in the week by showing other kindness throughout our school, families and communities. We will be reading the story *Heartprints*. Together we will learn that it is fun to help others and every time you show kindness, little "heartprints" are left behind! Classrooms will be creating special "heart print" doors with the help from their families. More information will be emailed home soon.

Classroom Valentine parties will be held on Friday the 12th at 3:00. Unfortunately, during this time we are not able to invite families to attend. The teachers are working to plan and provide a fun day for their classes. Classroom letters will be sent home soon with information on card exchanges and sign-up sheets.

Judy Vlach, Director

Children's House superhero staff Headquarters!

*celebrating our super staff on their work anniversary

Superhero: Ms. Loretta

Secret Identity: Infant room teacher
C.H. Mission start date: 2015

Superpower: Super speed, her feet are quick as she dashes across the room.

Super strength: Loving and caring for the infants in her room.

Superhero: Ms. Wendy

Secret Identity: Twos teacher
C.H. Mission start date: 2020

Superpower: Engaging two-year-olds during calendar time.

Super Strength: Helping two-year-olds accomplish potty academy.

Superhero: Ms. Ann

Secret Identity: C.H. receptionist/CBC
Administrative Assistant
C.H. Mission start date: 2018

Superpower: Duplication, Ann is known to complete many tasks at once and in a timely manner. Could there be two?

Super Strength: Assisting family in person and by phone. Providing messages and support to staff.

Classroom News

Baby Bunnies

We celebrated the New Year with new milestones and new words. Drew loves helping her teachers and hanging out in the library area. Beckham loves giving high-fives and saying “uh-oh” and “bye-bye”. Katie started walking and saying “boo” and “bye-bye”. Owen loves crawling after the ball and is working on standing on his own. Luka loves scooting around the room and practicing to be an opera singer. Barrett loves smiling at his friends while watching them play. Stella loves sitting in the swing and watching her new friends. In February, we will learn about family, friends, and kindness.

This month our friend Georgia will promote to the Busy Bee room. Although we will miss our friend, we know she will have new and fun adventures. This month we welcome our friend Hazel to our center and classroom. We look forward to working with her and her family.

Ms. Loretta
Ms. Jo Jo
Ms. Laura

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!) 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.

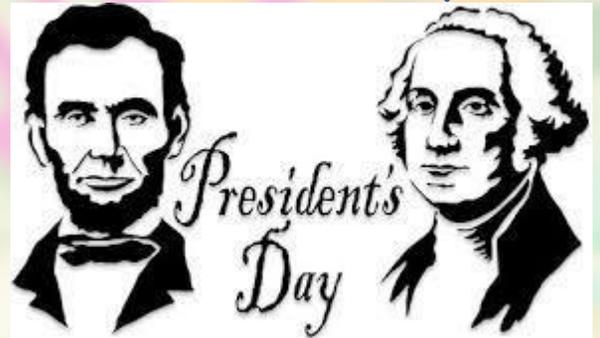
Our themes for February:

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 and comforting one another, and taking turns.

Ms. Alison
Ms. Erica

Children’s House will be closed
Feb. 15 to observe
President’s Day



February Birthdays

Students

2/7 Katie, Baby Bunnies
2/16 Ava, Rainbows
2/20 Owen, Baby Bunnies

Teachers/Staff

2/19 Pastor Mary Ellen
2/28 Ms. Alison

Sunshines

Dear Families,

So far, so good in 2021 in the Sunshine Room!
We are looking forward to an amazing month #2.

This month, our themes will focus on subjects related to Valentine’s Day. We will look at hearts, the colors red and pink, God’s love, and Friendship!

As usual, if your child has any books on CDs related to either one of our themes or Valentine’s Day in general, please feel free to share!

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Classroom News

Shooting Stars

All you need is LOVE in the Shooting Stars room! February has arrived and our month's theme is LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. We will be very busy learning about black history month, Groundhog Day, National Children's Dental Health, and of course Valentine's Day! We will focus on all things PINK this month as well!

Weekly themes include:

Feb. 1-5: LOVE yourself (health and fitness)

Feb. 8-12: LOVE and friendship

Feb. 15-19: LOVE and family

Feb. 22-26: LOVE and the earth

As a class we will be viewing the movie *Fern Gully*. This will take place at the end of the month. More details will be provided to you.

We will also have a classroom Valentine's Day celebration on Friday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. where the children will exchange Valentines. We will send a name list soon! Happy LOVE month everyone!

Ms. Rebecca
Ms. Rae



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. 1-5: Groundhog and shadows, Letter P

Feb. 8-12: Valentines, Letter Q

Feb. 15-19: Presidents, Letter R

Feb. 22-26: My heart belongs to Jesus,
No letter

On February 12, we will have our Valentine's Day party at 3 p.m. We will also have a Valentine's 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. Rachael
Ms. Kayla

Central Baptist Church Worship Hours

Downtown Springfield and New Berlin:

Online Worship at www.cbcchurchfamily.org

If you are looking for a church home, we are always glad to have you join us in worship!

Wednesday Night Dinners is on hiatus.

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

The CDC's Positive Parenting Tips - Preschoolers
In this article developmental milestones, positive parenting, and safety of preschoolers are addressed. Some parenting tips offered are:

1. Continue to read to your child. Nurture a love of reading.
2. Let your child help with small chores. (I let my daughter fold towels.)
3. Encourage your child to play with other children (obviously when COVID is gone).
4. Develop language skills by talking to them in complete sentences, using adult words.

To read more parenting tips, safety tips, and developmental milestones, click [here](#).

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How to Cope with Parenting Differences

Relationships sometimes fail over differences in parenting. In this Verywell Family article, ways to work together when your parenting differs are discussed. Some suggestions listed are:

1. Talk it out; share your parenting strategies with each other. Ideally, this is done before you have children.
2. Create rules together. You and your partner should agree on specific rules and write them down.
3. Agree on consequences. You might have to make compromises.
4. Back each other up. Stick to your plan and be consistent.

To read more about these benefits, click [here](#).

Blessings,
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