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Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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Director's Corner

Children's House is ready to welcome the peace and Joy the Christmas season brings. Together we will celebrate the birth of Jesus and explore the Christmas story. The preschool program will be attending a very special Christmas chapel. As we learn the true meaning of the season, we will also practice and share its meaning of love, joy, peace and kindness. To kick off the season, the first week we will be decking our hallways and transforming them into a festival of trees. Classrooms will create beautiful and festive trees for display. Classroom doors will also be decorated with a little help from our families. Information will go out November 30th.

Random Act of Kindness week will begin the second week of December. A letter with more information will be sent out December 3rd. Together, each day we will participate in an act of kindness

Monday- **Donate** - Collecting items for the Graham Micro-pantry.

Tuesday- **Giving thanks**- Creating care packages, and card of thankfulness and encouragement to the Memorial ICU nursing team.

Wednesday- **Make** a joyful noise- share a Christmas song and dance

Thursday- **Give**- Sharing words of encouragement with families, staff and our community.

Friday- **Treat**- Leave a letter and care package for our postal carrier.

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The third week of December will be hosting a holiday filled Christmas week leading up to our Christmas party. More information on spirit week will be emailed on December 9th.

Children's House will like to wish everyone a very joyous and safe Christmas season.

Judy Vlach,

Director

INFORMATION STATION

December dates to remember:

Dec 1st -4th: Deck the halls- decorating

Dec 7th- 11th: 7 days of Kindness

Dec 11th- Voting opens on C.H. Facebook for staff
Interesting Christmas sweater contest

Dec 14th -18th Spirit week-

Dec 17th- Last date to vote for Sweater contest

Dec 18th- winner of sweater contest announced
-The great gingerbread hunt a.m.
- classroom Christmas parties p.m.

Closures:

Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
For the Christmas Holiday
&
Friday, January 1 for
New Year's Day



Classroom News

Baby Bunnies

From Army crawling to taking some steps, these babies are on the move! Julian is taking steps independently and is on his way to walking. Drew is letting go of the toy shelf so she can stand independently and loves to dance and wave. Beckham loves bear crawling and waving hi and bye to his friends. Georgia is crawling and loves playing with blocks. Katie is crawling and loves walking along the toy shelf to play with the toys on top. Owen has mastered the Army crawl and loves when his teachers help him practice standing. Even our more stationary friends are meeting some great new milestones. Luka has started rice cereal and some baby food, while Barrett has started using the jumper.

Our December theme is Christmas, so we will be singing many Christmas songs and ringing some Christmas bells, all while discovering the colors red and green. We have many activities planned to help celebrate the sights and sounds of Christmas!

A very happy bunny birthday to Drew, Beckham and Georgia this month!

Ms. Loretta
Ms. Jo Jo
Ms. Laura



Busy Bees

We are looking forward to turning our room into a learning-filled Christmas workshop! A busy, buzzing room! Our theme for December will be: A Homemade Holiday, where we will focus our regular curriculum through the experience of creating beauty for this season. Also, we will center our socialization skills around “giving” and “sharing”.

Week 1: Gifts and Giving

Week 2: Decorating the Tree

Week 3: Hang up the Stockings

Week 4: The Holidays are Here!

We will make printed wrapping paper, experience smells of cinnamon, pine, peppermint, make keepsakes, learn new songs to dance and sing with, and decorate our room to a RIDICULOUS degree! (photos to come).

Blessed Holidays

Ms. Alison
Ms. Erica

December Birthdays

Students

12/2 Wyatt, Shooting Stars
12/4 Drew, Baby Bunnies
12/5 Beckham, Baby Bunnies
12/9 Landon, Shooting Stars
12/9 Georgia, Baby Bunnies
12/11 Grayson, Busy Bees
12/14 Isaac, Shooting Stars
12/19 Sam S, Busy Bees
12/27 Weston, Shooting Stars

Teachers/Staff

12/4 Mr. Mason
12/15 Ms. Erica
12/30 Ms. Wendy

Classroom News

Sunshines

The Christmas season is upon us! We are planning for a wonderful month in the Sunshine room.

As a countdown to Christmas, Ms. Wendy will be sharing the advent calendar she used with her own children when they were small. Each day, we will read a little book that contains a small portion of the story of Jesus' birth. We will then hang the book on a tree. When the last book has been read, and the calendar is empty, the children will know it time for Christmas!

We will be reading books about Christmas and doing a wide variety of arts and crafts. As usual, if your child wishes to share any books or music, please feel free to send them in.

We hop you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Shooting Stars

Sleigh what?! Hard to believe, but the holidays are indeed upon us!! The Shooting Stars are so excited to focus on the color Red this month! Families can help us get "red"y for this by adding to our red-themed poster board. More details to come.

Our monthly theme includes:

Nov. 30-Dec. 4: Holidays A to Z
Dec. 7-11: Kindness/Giving/A to Z
Dec. 14-18: Spirit Week/Meaning of Christmas
Dec. 21-23: Christmas and Welcome Winter
Dec. 28-31: Change! Seasons/New Year

But wait! There's "myrrh"... We will be having a book exchange during our classroom party on December 18th. Please bring a wrapped, gender-neutral book that is \$5 or less with a tag that reads: "To: A Friend, From: (your child's name)". Thank you all for everything you do!

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Dates to Remember:

12/18 – Classroom Christmas Celebration (sign-up sheet coming soon)

12/23 – Grinchmas!! Dr. Seuss

Happy Birthday to Wyatt, Landon, Isaac, and Weston this month!

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Rebecca
Ms. Rae

Rainbows

Do you hear what we hear? We hear pre-schoolers excited for Christmas, which is this month's theme!

Throughout the month, our lessons will take us through the Nativity Story, beginning with Mary being visited by an angel and following the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Red will be our focused color and we will learn all about the square shape. Ms. J, Mr. K, and Mr. L will make their debuts this month from the land of Letter People.

Nov. 30-Dec. 4: Christmas/Letter J

Dec. 7-11: Christmas/Letter K

Dec. 14-18: Christmas/Letter L

Dec. 21-23: Christmas

Dec. 28-31: New Years

December 18th will be our classroom Christmas party. It will begin at 3 p.m. and we will have a book exchange. Please keep the cost to around \$7 and bring the book wrapped and labeled, "To: A Friend, From: (your child's name)". Please bring your child's wrapped book to the classroom by December 11.

Have a Merry and Joyous Christmas!

Ms. Rachael
Ms. Kayla

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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 will probably be on hiatus through the rest of the year.

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)



How to Talk About: The Christmas List

Christmas season seems to start earlier each year, and with it comes the children's Christmas lists. The lists can be lengthy and expensive. Talking to children about their expectations can make Christmas a little less stressful. Start with discussing the difference between needs and wants. Also, it helps to talk to them about gratitude and how fortunate they are. This article lists some questions that help children put gratitude in perspective. It also helps to put some boundaries on what can be spent this year. Have an age appropriate discussion about how much money is available this year. The author gives her children four presents each: something you want, something you need, something to wear, and something to read.

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

Four Ways Parents Can Balance Couple Time and Family Time

Many couples tend to put their relationship "on the back burner" once they have children. However, the role as a couple is important, as it is the foundation of your family. In this article ways to balance the time are suggested:

1. Schedule alone time with your partner
2. Build your connection in small moments
3. Spend quality time as a family
4. Let your kids know that you value your role as a parent and a partner

To read more about balancing your couple time and family time, [click here](#).

Blessings

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