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Director's Corner

Spring has arrived and so often it awakens us. A season that reminds us of new life and new beginnings is all around us. I become so excited with each blooming flower, the warmth of the sun, and each vibrant color provided by Spring. The renewal of life seems to be upon us in so many ways. The beautiful blooming is a great reminder of His love and grace. The promise of Easter and hope in the resurrection is similar to the initial hints of Spring. This month, Children's House will be celebrating Easter and all things Spring. Preschoolers will be attending a special chapel as we learn more about Easter. As we love and guide our students we are reminded that just as flowers bloom in their own time, so do we.

Classroom Easter parties will be held on April 1st in the afternoon, with an egg hunt, activities, and a special snack. Party sign-up sheets have been sent home along with party information.

I would also like to personally thank our families and the staff of Children's House for their love and support during the loss of my father. The cards, emails, and words of encouragement, sympathy, and love have meant so much to me and my family.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Judy Vlach, Director

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Information Station

Summer program enrollment is open and filling up quickly. If you are interested please contact the Children's House office. Summer program begins May 26.

Week of the young child will be celebrated at Children's House, April 12th-16th. More information will be sent home by email.

April Birthdays

Students

4/4 Dylan, Busy Bees
4/5 Mason, Sunshines
4/7 Abram, Shooting Stars
4/16 Waylon, Sunshines
4/18 Jaxson, Sunshines

Teachers/Staff

4/24 Ms. Laura

Staff Superhero

Superhero: Ms. Erica

Secret Identity: Busy Bee, toddler room teacher

C.H. Mission start date: 2017

Superpower: Teleportation- With Ms. Erica's keenness for details, she seems to be ready for anything and is always in the right place at the right time. With all of her quickness and traveling, she seems to teleport across the room.

Super strength: Ms. Erica is a driving force behind the welcome station and assists families quickly and effortlessly every day.

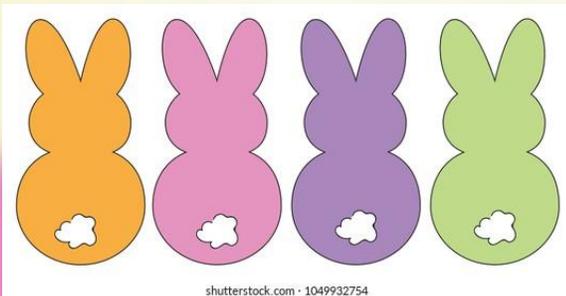
Classroom News

Baby Bunnies

The Baby Bunnies are hopping into April! Our theme for April is "All Things April"! We will be learning about everything from things that go and things that grow to celebrating Easter and Earth Day.

Hazel loves playing in the activity garden and has been talking more. Katie loves helping her teachers and playing peek-a-boo. Own loves doing art and is taking steps. Luka loves crawling around the room and has started walking with the walker. Barrett loves eating table food and has started pulling up on the toy shelf. Stella loves the Jumper Roo, even though it makes her sleepy. Sylas loves looking in the mirror and smiling at his teachers. Mia loves the bouncy seat and watching her friends.

Ms. Loretta
Ms. JoJo
Ms. Laura



Busy Bees

It's Spring! A time of hope and joy and new beginnings! Nature is bursting with fresh sights, smells, and sounds after the grey days of winter. It's the perfect time to talk about how everything, (especially the Busy Bees class) grows and changes. We will be planning many fun learning experiences around the theme of growth. Earth Day is April 22, so we will also talk about the planet we live on and make art from recycled materials. Our curriculum this month is centered around the following themes:

Week one: Everything is Growing – plant cycles, life cycles of animals. We will talk about how we were little, but now we're BIG.

Week two: Week of the Young Child

Week three: Earth Week

Week four: April Showers and other weather.

Ms. Alison
Ms. Erica

Sunshines

Dear Families,

Let's give a wonderful welcome to Spring!

We are thankful for the warmer weather and everything God gives us this season.

We will start off with a celebration of God's greatest gift ever as we learn all about Easter and the miracle of Christ's resurrection. The following weeks, we will focus on other Spring-like subjects such as Bunnies, Ducks, and Flowers. We will be going outside at every possible opportunity, so if you would like us to apply sunscreen or bug spray to your child, please send some in!

Have a wonderful month!

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Classroom News

Shooting Stars

March went in like a lion and out like a lamb with our Shooting Stars! April is here and Spring has arrived!

This month, our color theme is purple, but that is only the beginning of our fun learning together. Our weekly themes include:

Week one: Easter*

Week two: Garden/Flowers

Week three: Bugs/Life Cycles

Week four: Earth, Recycling

Week five: All things purple/Harold and the Purple Crayon.

We hope you have a great welcoming to your Spring and enjoy the warming weather!

*While our class will carry out an Easter theme in our classroom, Children's House will also be having an Easter Celebration on Thursday, April 1.

Ms. Rebecca
Ms. Connie

Rainbows

Welcome to April! Spring is here!

"Spring Has Sprung" serves as our monthly theme. This new season allows us to observe and discover some wonderful changes. We will explore the life cycles of plants and chickens. We have a lot of fun activities this month. We cannot wait until the children get to go home and tell about their fun day!

This month, we keep moving through the alphabet with letters V, W, and X.

Week one: Spring/Letter V

Week two: How Things Grow/Letter W

Week three: Health/Letter X

Week four: Christian Living -Story of Samuel

Happy Spring!

Ms. Kayla
Ms. Betsy



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 Dinner 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 Rachael in the church office know by noon on Tuesday by calling (523-3639 or email ann@CBCchurchfamily.org)



Parenting Article

8 Mistakes Parents Make With Preschoolers

This article describes 8 mistakes in parenting preschoolers, and presents solutions, or “fixes” as well. Some of these mistakes and fixes are:

1. Straying too much from routines. Consistency is very important for preschoolers to feel secure.
Fix: Be consistent across the board, bedtime routines to playtime. This can lead to fewer temper tantrums.
2. Focusing on the negative. Saying “don’t” or “no” and not praising the positive things.
Fix: Reward positive behaviors with hugs or telling the child how pleased you are.
3. Missing the warning signs to a tantrum.
Fix: Figure out and anticipate your child’s warning signs. The usual ones are being tired, hungry or bored.
4. Encouraging whining by giving into it.
Fix: Ignore whining, don’t respond and they will figure out it doesn’t work.

To read more about these mistakes and fixes, click [here](#).

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Couples Article

The Best Way to Maintain a Happy Marriage When You Have Kids

In this article, seven relationship experts gave their opinions on what it takes to keep a marriage with children happy. Some of these are:

1. Set boundaries. This could mean keeping kids out of the bedroom most of the time, limiting extracurricular activities of the children, taking adult only vacations and not being afraid to disappoint the children at times.
2. Schedule date nights. Have adult only date nights once a month.
3. Check in regularly. Schedule regular time to discuss issues, using effective communication.
4. Have a laugh. One expert says the best way to keep a marriage happy is to have a laugh together daily.

To read more about ways to maintain a happy marriage click [here](#).

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