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Director's Corner

As we turn our attention to Christmas, Children's House will be celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Together, we will read and share the Christmas story. Beginning with the angel visiting and then the trip to Bethlehem, we will follow Joseph and Mary to the manger. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus and discover the visits from the shepherds and the wise men. Preschoolers will be attending two very special chapels focusing on the birth of Jesus.

The Pre-K and the twos will host individual Christmas programs for their families. Practice has begun and everyone is very excited. A spirit week will be held this month, with a new theme every day. A week of Kindness will also be hosted. Each themed day will spread joy, love and kindness during the holiday season.

May you have a very blessed Christmas season!

Judy Vlach, Director

Information Station Mark your calendars!

Act of kindness Week Dec. 5th-11th

Spirit week- Dec 13th-17th

Classroom parties- Dec. 17th

Great Gingerbread man hunt dec 14th

Twos Christmas program- Dec 14th @ 3:45

Threes Christmas program- Dec 15th @3:45

**Children's House will be closed for
the Christmas Holiday on
Friday, December 24 & Monday,
December 27
and
closed for the New Year's Holiday on
Friday, December 31.**



Classroom News

December Birthdays

Students

12/2 Wyatt, Rainbows
12/4 Drew, Busy Bees
12/5 Beckham, Busy Bees
12/9 Landon, Rainbows
12/9 Georgia, Busy Bees
12/11 Grayson, Sunshines
12/19 Sam, Sunshines
12/27 Weston, Rainbows
12/29 Everett, Sunshines

Teachers & Staff

12/15 Ms. Erica
12/30 Ms. Wendy



Baby Bunnies

The Baby Bunnies enjoyed many of our Thanksgiving activities in November.

Christian was very engaged with our pretend food set, as he prepared a Thanksgiving feast. Stella was amazed by the fall sensory bottles, while Syllas enjoyed creating turkey feathers with paint. Reese loved listening to and learning thanksgiving songs, she was really grooving. Theo was a big fan of creating the corn footprint art. Sophie is on the move, as she can be found scooting around our room to reach her favorite toys. The Baby Bunnies enjoyed the sights and sounds of downtown during their walk last month. Quincy really enjoys taking walks and seeing the Christmas tree and decorations at the governor's mansion.

Our newest Baby Bunny friend, Cash is a joy and is getting to know his new friends.

Bunnies continued...

During the month of December, we will be decking our walls with many Christmas themed artwork. We also plan to share the holiday spirit while learning and listening to many Christmas songs. The Baby Bunnies will celebrate Christmas with a party on the 17th, A letter with more information will be sent home.

Merry Christmas to all of our Baby Bunny families.

Ms. Loretta
Ms. JoJo
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 the smells of peppermint, cinnamon, and pine, make keepsakes, learn new songs to dance and sing with, and decorate our room to a ridiculous degree!

Ms. Alison
Ms. Erica

Classroom News

Sunshines

Dear Families,

Feliz Navidad! This month, we will be celebrating all things Christmas; from trees, to bells, to Santa, to Rudolph-the-Red-Nosed-Reindeer!

Throughout it all, we will put special emphasis on the best gift of all – Our Savior, Jesus. We are hoping to have warm enough weather to enjoy Christmas decorations in the downtown area, so bundle up!!

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Shooting Stars

Oh deer! Christmas is nearly here! The Shooting Stars are anxious to kick off the season with the following themes:

Nov. 29-Dec. 3: Kindness and Giving/Santa
Dec. 6-10: Holidays around the world
Dec. 13-17: Christmas/Nativity
Dec. 20-23: Grinchmas/Welcome Winter
Dec. 28-30: Winter Continued

Please mark your calendars with these special dates:
Christmas Program – TBA
Grinchmas (dress like a Who): December 22
Class Party: December 23

We will be having a book exchange at our Christmas party on Dec. 23. Please send your child with a wrapped non-gender specific book with a tag labeled, "To: A Friend, From: (your child's name)". We will hang a sign-up sheet for party items closer to the actual date.

Merry Christmas!

Ms. Rebecca
Ms. Connie

Rainbows

Do you hear what we hear? We hear preschoolers 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.

Dec. 6 - 10: Christmas (journey to Bethlehem)/ Letter J

Dec 13 - 17: Christmas (Jesus is born)/ Letter K

Dec. 20 - 24: Christmas (they came to visit)/ Letter L

Dec. 27 - 31st: New Year's

December 17 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 14.

Have a Merry and Joyous Christmas!



Central Baptist Church

We have returned to in-person worship at both locations! 10:45 a.m. at Springfield and 9:00 a.m. at New Berlin. 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). 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.



Parenting Article

The Ultimate List of Age -Appropriate Chores

Chores teach children responsibility and they can begin at an early age. In this article, Robert Myers, PhD lists chores for children starting as early as 2-years-old and includes a downloadable copy of the list. Some examples are:

1. Toddlers (2-3). At this age, children like to copy their older siblings and willingly help with chores of which they are capable. Starting this early can help ease the conflict about chores later in childhood. Children will need supervision with chores at this age. Some examples of chores are: putting toys away, putting food in the dog bowl, putting clothes in the hamper.
2. Preschool (4-5). At this age, children still want to please their parents and can do some chores without supervision. Some chores this age group can handle are: watering flowers, dusting with a cloth, pulling weeds, matching socks together.
3. Primary School (6-9). At this age, children can perform more chores without supervision. They may start to rebel against doing chores at this age, however. Some chores for this age are: sweeping the floor, emptying the dishwasher, vacuuming, scrubbing the table after meals.

To read more of age-appropriate chores and/or download a copy of the list, please click [here](#).

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Couples Article

Happy December and Merry Christmas!

This month marks 10 years that I have been with ConnectEdPAIRS at Central Baptist.

Church members and staff have made me feel so welcomed that the decade flew by in a flash. This month, instead of a couples article, I thought I would share a brief history of ConnectEdPAIRS at Central Baptist. ConnectEdPAIRS was co-founded by husband and wife team Matt and Marilyn Stevens, a pastor and a social worker respectively, to help couples strengthen their relationships and marriages. Matt and Marilyn had been doing couples retreats based on the PAIRs International program. Marilyn supervised counseling and social work graduate students and partnered with Central Baptist to have an intern provide counseling to church members. The internship was successful and then Marilyn recruited me to expand counseling to community members as well. During my time at Central, I have counseled many individuals, couples, and a few families. I have since limited my practice to adult individuals and couples. I had a couple of interns myself over the years and together we hosted Date Nights that included an hour of relationship instruction and then two hours for couples to go on a date while staff and volunteers provided free child-care. Topics for Date Night programs included Prepare-Enrich, Love and Respect, and Married People. We also hosted a program on the Five Love Languages of Children for Children's House parents.

I thank you one and all for allowing me to become part of the CBC Church Family.

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