



Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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Director's Corner

Will April showers bring May flowers? We are certainly hoping so and some warmer weather. During May the classrooms will be discovering the changing weather around us and celebrating our mothers. Classrooms will be creating special gifts in honor of their moms and the Pre-K fours will be hosting a mothers day tea.

Last month we welcomed two new staff members to the Children's House family. Ms. Kathy and Ms. Linda will co-teaching together in the Busy-Bee, toddler room. They both come to us with years of experience and have a love for teaching young children. We are very excited as we get to know them more and welcome them. It is a blessing to have them both.

School-age program will begin at the end of this month. We are excited to welcome Ms. Amanda to the center and as the summer camp teacher. Amanda is familiar with us, as we already care for her family here at the center. The program has many fun activities and even field trips planned for the summer. We are looking forward to a fun and full summer.

This month we will honor our amazing and gifted staff during teacher Appreciation week, May 2nd-6th. Celebrating our stars, under the big top will be our theme this year. A staff breakfast and lunch are planned and an ice cream buffet. Each day the families also have a way to participate and show their appreciation. continued...

Judy Vlach, Director

May
2022

Director continued.....

There are many fun days and activities planned for this very deserving staff. I personally would like to recognize and thank each of them for their dedication and service. Their love and care is a reminder of the foundation of which Children's House is built, sharing God's love for others and providing excellent care to the community. Thank you Children's House staff!

Information Station

**Children's House will be closed
Monday, May 30
to observe Memorial Day**



STAFF SUPERHEROES

Superhero: Ms. JoJo
Secret Identity: Baby Bunny, Infant room
C.H. Mission start date: 2017
Super strength: Ms. JoJo has a super big heart and truly cares for everyone's well being. She is always willing to help and takes pride in meeting the needs of the infants in her care.

Classroom News

Staff Superheroes

Superhero: Ms. Rachael
Secret Identity: PT Receptionist
C.H. Mission start date: 1999
Super strength: Ms. Rachael is always ready to assist teachers, families and children at any time. She is very knowledgeable in DCFS standards and guidelines. The children really enjoy saying hello as they pass by her office.

May Birthdays

Students

5/14 Ben, Shooting Stars
5/15 Hannah, Sunshines
5/23 Luka, Busy Bees
5/25 Quincy, Baby Bunnies

Staff

5/23 Ms. Rebecca



Baby Bunnies

In April, we celebrated Easter and Earth Day. Reese played with the earth ball. Sophie played with the Easter felt board. Quincy loved the Feed the Bunny game. Theo had fun painting his cross. Cash loved playing with the Easter Egg shakers. Kellen paid close attention to teachers singing Easter songs. Gavin loved using the dabbers to make a polka dot egg. Finn loves talking to his teachers.

In May, we will talk about people we meet. We will start with learning about family and then we will learn all about people we might meet in the community.

Ms. Loretta
Ms. JoJo
Ms. Laura

Busy Bees

April Showers... you know the rest! Our theme this month is Flowers! We will also be talking about some of our favorite people in the world:

Mommies!

With their bright colors and wonderful scents, flowers are a great way to talk about the senses of sight and smell. And it's amazing to watch a seed become a flower and talk about how things change and grow... just like us. Of course, there would be no flowers without BEES (our favorite insect), so we will be learning bee-themed songs, fingerplays, and doing some Bee-u-tiful art.

Week one: Mother's Day and mommies

Week two: Many colored flowers

Week three: Flower fun

Week four: Busy bees week

Ms. Kathie
Ms. Linda



Classroom News

Sunshines

Dear Families, especially the mommies:

We will be celebrating Mother's Day in May. We will make sure to dole out all types of love and appreciation to our mommies!

Then, we will shift our focus to transportation. Week 1 will be centered around all road vehicles such as cars and trucks. Week 2 will be focused on trains. To end the theme, Week 3 will be focused on all air transportation.

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Shooting Stars

Hello Shooting Stars Families!

April showers bring May flowers! Our Shooting Stars are excited to see what the next month will bring! We're getting ready to "bloom" some new learning. This month, our color theme is purple and our weekly themes include:

Week 1: Mother's Day/Family
Week 2: Flowers/Garden
Week 3: Butterflies
Week 4: All things purple!
Week 5: Labor Day/Water

We're excited to be part of your child's learning!
Please let us know if you have any questions!

Ms. Rebecca
Ms. Connie

Rainbows

Lions, tigers, and bears, OH MY! Let's take a walk on the wild side as we discover the world of animals this month. Mr. Y and Mr. Z will come visit the rainbows. We will be revisiting all 26 letters. To celebrate the letter people and our letter journey, we will be hosting an end of the Alphabet party. More details will be sent out at a later time.

Our weekly themes:

Week 1: Pets, Mother's Day/Letter Y
Week 2: Zoo animals/Letter Z
Week 3: Farm animals/Letter review/End of the Alphabet Party
Week 4: Zacchaeus

Kindergarten is very quickly sneaking up on us. In June we will be transitioning into our summer schedule, which provides time for field trips and special activities. We will continue to work on benchmark goals for Kindergartens and will be hosting parent/teacher meetings soon. A graduation will be held in August with more details to come. Please note due to less class time, this will be the last month for show n tell.

We are so excited to be hosting once again a Mother's Day Tea in honor of our mommies. We will begin promptly at 3:15 on Friday, May 26th. The Rainbows are preparing a very special play and are looking forward to this special day.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Rainbow mothers!

Ms. Erica



Couples Article

10 Reasons Every Couple Needs Time Away from the Kids

Sylvia Smith, writing for marriage.com, explores the importance of couple time in a family setting and things the couple can do during that time. The following are some of the reasons for having time away from your children:

1. Spending quality time together will allow you to lavish attention on each other that you can't when the children are present.
2. To reconnect emotionally - parents can't expect to wait until the children are raised to renew the relationship. Nurturing the relationship during the child-rearing years is vital to keeping the relationship healthy.
3. Because you deserve to de-stress. Raising children can be stressful. Finding couple things to do together without the kids can reduce that stress.

To read more of these inspiring ideas, click [here](#).

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WELCOME to Central Baptist Church

Our worship times are 10:45 a.m. at Springfield and 9:00 a.m. at New Berlin with a variety of Sunday School classes at Springfield at 9:15 a.m., and Sunday School following worship in New Berlin.

If you are looking for a church home, we are an American Baptist denomination and welcome everyone who wishes to join with us. You may find out more about American Baptists [here](#) or you may wish to view our live worship at New Berlin on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cbcchurchfamily.



Parenting Article

8 Tips From Respectful Parenting: Tips Found in RIE Parenting

In this article, Catherine Mancini shares information about RIE parenting. RIE parenting stands for Resources for Infant Educators, a parenting philosophy founded by Magda Gerber in 1978. Gerber believed that parents and guardians need to show respect to all children from the moment they are born. Some of the author's ideas for respectful parenting include:

1. Encourage independent play from birth. Children need to be able to occupy themselves. This can start with just a few minutes on a play mat and increase in time as children age.
2. Acknowledge and accept children's emotions. It is important to validate their feelings. We want them to feel safe to express their feelings.
3. Communicate authentically. Although sing song voices are entertaining and engaging for babies, talking normally helps them develop language skills.

To read and learn more of these principles, click [here](#).

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