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**Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand**

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## Director's Corner

Love is certainly in the air this month. All month long the classrooms will be celebrating valentine's day and love. Together we celebrate the greatest love of all; God's love. The preschoolers will attend a very special chapel focusing on God 's love and this will also be the theme throughout the center.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, we will be talking about kindness. Each classroom will read the story, "Heartprints". This engaging story helps foster caring and empathy in young children. Through the story we learn that every time you show kindness, little "heartprints" are left behind! This story will engage us with many activities. More information will be sent home soon.

All classrooms will celebrate Valentine's Day with a card exchange and a party. Party Sign-up sheets will be posted outside all classrooms. Please note classrooms may do the card exchange a little differently. Instructions will be sent out. The classrooms do not have a set party time but celebrate with special snacks and activities throughout the day. Due to the nature of the party schedule, it does not allow for outside visitors to join us. However, we are happy to announce family attendance for holiday parties will return for the Easter party in April. We are so excited to welcome families back to the party fun!! So, mark your calendars for our Easter party on April 13th.

*Judy Vlach*, Director

## Information Station

### Mark your calendars

February 20th: Closed for President's Day

February 14: classroom Valentine party

February 14-18: Valentine Spirit week:

Monday: Show your love for your favorite team- wear your favorite team gear.

Tuesday: Show your Love for Valentine's Day and wear hearts, pink, red or anything Valentine's Day themed!

Wednesday: Show your love for your classroom- represent your Classrooms by dressing as your classroom name or wear the classroom color. Don't be afraid to get creative!!

- Infants- wear brown or dress/wear bunnies,
- Toddlers- wear Yellow/black or dress/wear bees
- Twos- wear yellow/orange or dress/ wear sunshine/beams (sunglasses are perfect)
- Pre-K Threes- wear yellow or dress/ wear stars
- Pre-K Fours- wear rainbow colors or dress/ wear rainbows
- Thursday: Show your love for your favorite color- Wear your favorite color.
- Friday: Show your love for comfort- Wear your pajamas to school.

# Classroom News

## February Birthdays

### Students

2/7 Hazel, Sunshines  
2/7 Katie, Sunshines  
2/20 Owen, Sunshines  
2/21 Emilee, Shooting Stars  
2/24 Malcolm, Rainbows

### Staff

2/19 Pastor Mary Ellen



Lights, camera, appreciation!!  
Featuring Superstar staff Walk of Fame.

### **The All-star Cast:**

#### **Ms. Loretta: Starring in the Infant/ Baby bunny room since 2015.**

Ms. Loretta is a mega-action star as she moves swiftly across the Infant room. She is known for the love and wonderful care she provides our growing infants. We are so blessed to have her in this role for the past 8 years. Thank you, Ms. Loretta, for your year of service and dedication.

#### **Ms. Ann starring in the Children's House office since 2018.**

Ms. Ann is best known for her musical reviews. She often entertains all with her comedy and groovy dance moves. She keeps the office moving and brings so much joy. Thank you, Ms. Ann, for your service and dedication the past 5 years. You are a blessing to us.

#### **Ms. Wendy starring in the Sunshine/twos classroom since 2020.**

Ms. Wendy is a live action star as she leads the twos room. She is always on the move with her twos as they are learning and exploring. Ms. Wendy promotes growth for each child, while recognizing them as an individual. We even hear she does her own stunts! Thank you, Ms. Wendy, for your service and dedication the past 3 years. You are such a blessing to us!



## Baby Bunnies

The Baby Bunnies have started off the New Year with some new skills. Iris started table food and is loving it. June started Army crawling and delights in exploring the room. Maeve started pulling up to the toy shelf and discovered a whole new view standing up! Amelia is beginning baby food and enjoys it. Madeline's new favorite is the Jumperoo. WE created some fun winter art. Finn loved coloring his hat and mittens coloring page while Maylee painted a melted snowman.

In February, we will learn about loving our neighbors, friends, family, and ourselves.

Ms. Loretta  
Ms. JoJo  
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, we mean have a lot of fun learning!) We will have a Valentine's party on the 14th and a sign-up sheet is posted. We have a card exchange during the party. There are 10 Busy Bee friends. It's so much fun to watch as toddlers learn to care about each other and play together.

This month we will talk about red (and pink) and focus on the heart shape. Our themes this February will be:

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/comforting one another/taking turns.

Ms. Helen  
Ms. Rae

# Classroom News

## Sunshines

Dear families,

Our February will be all about Valentine's Day! We will be looking at recognizing, cutting, and coloring hearts all while learning the "recipe" for pink.

We will be talking about Love in all forms: love for our friends, love for our families, and most of all, our love for God and the love he has for us.

We will have a valentine exchange party. More information will be provided later.

Have a wonderful Love filled February.

Ms. Wendy  
Ms. Cassandra



## Shooting Stars

February is here, and with it comes many wonderful themes to explore. Love is in the air this month and the Shooting Stars plan to learn about the color pink and oh so much more!

First Week: Groundhog Day/Shadows  
Second Week: Love Yourself/Health and Fitness  
Third Week: Love your Neighbor/Valentine's Day  
Fourth Week: Love the Lord Thy God

In addition to these "Love"ly themes, we will also be learning about important figures in Black history throughout the month of February.

Ms. Rebecca  
Ms. Kathy

## 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. Throughout the month we will be celebrating Black History Month. We will be learning about many important people in our history.

Our themes are:

Jan 30- Feb 3: Groundhog and shadows, Letter P

Feb. 6 - 10: health and nutrition, letter Q

Feb. 13-17: Valentines, my heart belongs to Jesus, Letter R

Feb.20-24: President's Day, Letter review: P, Q and R

On February 14, we will be having our Valentine's Day party. We will be having a card exchange in the morning. We have 14 Rainbow friends. Please have your child bring a valentine for each child and write:

To: A friend

From: (your child's name)

This activity promotes writing and fine motor development. A sign up sheet will be posted closer to the time.

Ms. Erica



## COME MEET OUR NEW PASTOR!!

Pastor Tony Stang is our new lead pastor and we would love for you to visit and get to know him! Our worship times are 10:45 a.m. at Springfield with a variety of Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Youth and Children Sunday school also meet at 9:15 a.m.

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 visit us at: [www.cbchurchfamily.org](http://www.cbchurchfamily.org)



### Yes, You Should Make Your Kids Play Alone – Here's How

In this article, Lisa Fogarty explains the importance of alone play and ways to help a child who has problems independently doing so. Some of the ways listed are:

1. Set them up for success. Give them ideas. For example, set up a craft for the child to work on alone.
2. Don't banish them to another room. Give the children something to play with in the room you are working.
3. Challenge them to be creative. Give them toys they like to play with and ask them to come up with a story. Let them know that you will be back in 10 minutes to hear all about it.

To learn more of these ways to encourage independent play, click [here](#).

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Connected Pairs continued....

### Is Being Too Busy at Work Destroying Your Relationship? Here's How to Fix It.

In this article, Kritika Sehgal explores how being too busy can sabotage relationships. Also addressed are ways to fix the problem. Some of these fixes are:

1. Listen. Empathetic listening can help a partner feel heard and validate feelings.
2. Communicate. Communicate your priorities clearly as they might be different from your partner's.
3. Validate. Don't become angry at your partner's attempt to get your attention. Instead, take time to understand his or her reasons.

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

Blessings,  
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