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Director's Corner

Summer has certainly kept us busy and we have dived right into fun . All classrooms have been exploring the city of Springfield. Many fun trips are still planned for July and even a few water fun days. To ensure your child does not miss a trip or walk please be sure to notify the teachers and office if your child is going to be late. Many classrooms try to beat the heat and leave at 9:30 or a little after.

I would like to thank the staff of Children's House, CBC and Compass for assisting all the children to safety during last month's storm. In less than one minute everyone was moved quickly and safely to the basement. We practice tornado safety with a drill twice a year with all classrooms. Staff review the information yearly during risk management training. Last month's storm reminded us why it is always good to be prepared and practice with drills.

I thought this might be a good time to review our tornado policy:

- * The director or designated staff will be weather informed by a radio or app when there is threatening weather. Director or staff will track the weather.
- *When a warning is issued or the director feels it is unsafe all children and staff will be relocated to the lower level of the building, the basement.
- *All organizations located in the building and support staff will report to first floor classrooms to assist younger children.
- * Elevators will not be used during the transition.
- * All classrooms will follow the tornado escape route posted in their classrooms.
- * Teachers will take emergency bags and clipboards (with child information sheets and attendance) with them.
- * Teachers will count all children before leaving the room and once they have reached the basement.
- *Director will ensure everyone has made it safely to the basement and then take count from each classroom.

Director continued:

- *Once director has confirmed everyone is safe, they will contact families by email or Facebook posting.
- * No one may exit the building during the warning and seeking shelter.
- * Please note, there may not be an individual to answer the door or phones during this time. We will do our very best to have someone man the first floor unless deemed unsafe.
- * Director will track the weather and when it is safe to return to the classroom. Once this has been determined classrooms will be assisted back to their rooms.
- * Director will check with all staff and students and their well being. Parents will be notified when it is clear, and everyone is safely back.

Have a happy and safe fourth,

Judy Vlach, Director

Information Station



Did you know the color of your child's swim-suit matters? Swimsuit colors can directly impact your child's level of safety when it comes to visibility and drowning. It is recommended children wear bright neon swimsuits and avoid white or light blue.



Classroom News

July Birthdays

Students

7/11 Mae, Sunshines
7/12 Christian, Sunshines
7/15 Stetson, Sunshines
7/15 Emilia, Sunshines
7/17 Amelia, Baby Bunnies
7/25 Esadora, Rainbows

Staff

7/13 Ms. Chris
7/26 Ms. JoJo



Baby Bunnies

In June, the Baby Bunnies celebrated Summer: Maeve made ice cream cones from felt and Maylee used a pool noodle to make her ice cream. We also went "camping": Madeline crawled through the tunnel while Amelia looked through paper binoculars. Adley was a perfect audience for teachers singing "Baby Shark" while she practiced sitting up unassisted. Nolan enjoyed his table food and watched it all.

We also wished Iris and June good luck on their next adventure in the Busy Bees.

In July, we will celebrate the USA. During 4th of July week, we will learn about red, white, and blue and the stars. During Baseball and Olympic weeks, we will focus on gross motor skills like rolling, crawling, walking, and playing with a ball. The last week of July we will talk about travel and things we see on our walks.

This month, we celebrate Amelia's and Ms. JoJo's birthdays!

Ms. Loretta
Ms. JoJo
Ms. Laura

Busy Bees



Summer is here! This month our theme will be "Celebrating America". We have lots of fun planned, including some pretend camping and indoor S'mores. The Bees will also be discovering America's game, baseball. The Bees will enjoy their very own game of baseball. We will focus on the colors red, white, and blue. We will learn about the beautiful landscapes of America through pictures and stories and learning lots of new vocabulary.

Our Themes:

Week 3: 4th of July fun. Red, white and blue

Week 2: Baseball

Week 3: Camping fun.

Week 4: America the Beautiful

Ms. Rae
Mr. Marshall

Sunshines

Dear Families,
Oh my, it's July! We hope everyone had a safe 4th of July! In our class this month, we will begin by finishing up the alphabet with Letters R through Z.

We will then move on to an exploration of the ocean;

July 10-14: All about fish

July 17-21: All the other creatures that live in the ocean

July 24-28: explore the beach

We hope to have a water day during that last week. More information will be sent home later. Have a wonderful month! God bless! Happy birthday to Stetson, Millie, Mae, and Christian!

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Classroom News

Shooting Stars

Summer has officially arrived with a splash, and the Shooting Stars are ready to dive into some fun new themes. Our monthly colors will be red, white, and blue as we will explore the meaning of the US flag and what it means to be patriotic.

Our weekly themes will be the following:

Week 1: 4th of July

Week 2: Beach/Sand

Week 3: Ocean Animals

Week 4: Sun/Space

As the sun is at its warmest, it will be extra important to stay hydrated and protected! Please apply sunscreen to your child each morning, prior to arrival. Stay tuned for information regarding splash days and field trips! Wishing all of our families a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Ms. Rebecca

Shooting Stars

The Starfish dived into summer last month and we were on the go with adventure!! So many memories were made through fun experiences. We are looking forward to more fun excursions in July! This month we are returning to a fan favorite that has not been an option for a few years, the fishing clinic at Washington Park. The Starfish have been asking about this trip and we know it will be enjoyed by all. For the first time the summer camp is also attending a baseball game with the Springfield Lucky horseshoes.

July 3rd- 7th: Fourth of July

July 10th-14th- a camping we will go

July 17th- 21st- Disney week

July 24th-28th - Jungle week

We will be hosting a talent show on July 21st at 3:30 for our families and center. More information to come.

Ms. Julia

Rainbows

The sky will soon be lighting up and celebrating America. The Rainbows are ready to discover what all the excitement is about through a monthly unit "Celebrating America". We will discuss and discover the people, land, and the event that makes us America!

So many new and fun concepts are with this unit. We are so excited!

July 3-7: 4th of July

July 10-14: Community Helpers

July 17-21: America's game, Baseball

July 24- 28: Jonah

Last month we honored our dads with a party called Donuts With Dad. The Rainbows worked hard preparing the day and hosted a wonderful event.

Next month we will celebrate a benchmark for some of our Rainbow friends as they prepare to enter Kindergarten. Please mark your calendars for Rainbow Graduation on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Ms. Erica
Ms. Mallory



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 Adult Sunday School classes 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.cbcchurchfamily.org



Relationship Article

Positive Relationships for Parents and Children: How to Build Them

Children learn and develop best when they have loving positive relationships with their parents and other caregivers. This article by Raising Children Network explores how to develop and nurture these relationships. Some points listed are:

1. Ways to develop a positive relationship are being in the moment with and spending quality time with your children. Also create a caring environment of trust and respect.
2. There is no formula for getting your parent child relationship right, but if it is built on warm, loving interactions most of the time, your child will feel loved and secure.

For more on developing a positive relationship with your children, click [here](#).

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Connected Pairs continued....

Four Ways to Focus on Your Relationship When the Kids Keep You Busy

It's easy to put your relationship on the "back burner" when you have children. However, that is one way relationships flounder instead of flourish. This article by Alex Vance helps busy parents keep their relationship alive. Some ways mentioned are:

1. Take time at the end of the day to talk. Don't presume your partner knows what you are thinking or feeling - they don't.
2. Embrace the little moments. Make it a point to show appreciation or affection in small but impactful ways.
3. Prioritize date night. It is important to have time away from the children to talk and work on your relationship.

To read more of these habits to be successful in relationships, click [here](#).

Blessings,

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