



CPS Child Care

October Newsletter



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News from the Early Learning Center:

Welcome Back to School! We are all settled into our new location and we love the new space. The start of the new school year was a very busy time and we hope the transition has gone smoothly for everyone.

There are several housekeeping issues to address as we move forward with the school year. Our electronic sign in and sign out system is up and running. We will no longer be using paper sign in/out sheets. If you have not received your PIN, please check your child's folder or call/stop by the office. Each individual picking a child up is assigned a unique ID. If you have a family member or friend that will be picking your child up, you will need to call the office to have a PIN

set up for them.

Tuition may be dropped off in the tuition drop box located just inside the entryway at any time. Please use the envelopes only for cash. Also, be sure to include your child's name with your payment.

With increasing enrollment, we have recently made some additions to our staff here at CPS Child Care. We welcomed Mr. Mitch as the Lead Teacher of our School Age program over the summer. He has proven to be a wonderful asset to our program. We are also excited to have Ms. Carol on board as our full time Infant Assistant Teacher. Ms. Jessica and Ms. Danielle will be joining our team as Preschool Assistant Teachers. Ms. Kelly and Ms. Sierra joined us over the summer as Co-Op

students and are doing wonderful as we head into the school year. Mr. Ryne is another School Age addition to our team. We are very excited to start off the new year with an all-star staff!

We are also happy to announce the opening of our second preschool classroom! Ms. Stephanie, who was formerly a Preschool Assistant Teacher, will take over as the Lead Teacher for the Preschool 2 classroom. Ms. Stephanie is a wonderful teacher and we are anxious to see all of her creative ideas come to be in her new room! We are doing our best to make sure the preschool children moving classrooms have a smooth transition and a happy experience.

If you have not turned in your Income Eligibility Statement for

the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program please do so as soon as possible. Your efforts in helping us collect reimbursement for serving healthy meals is greatly appreciated!

Also, please remember to adhere to our sick policy outlined in your parent handbook. It is the beginning of the flu season and we want to make sure we do all we can here to prevent the spread of

germs in the center.

Have a great month!

Kelsey

Infant Room News

Welcome Jacob, Isaac, Will, Annie and Ms. Carol to our Infant classroom. We are so happy to have all of you joining our room.

In the upcoming month, there will be so much going on! In October, we will be exploring leaves, pumpkins and corn cobs. On the 30th we would like to do a costume parade. Look for the time to be announced.

We will be singing The Itsy Bitsy Spider, 5 Little Pumpkins and I'm a Little Acorn.

As a reminder, we have recently switched our formula brand to Parents Choice, which is comparable to the Enfamil we were previously using. See Kelsey for a waiver form if you prefer to supply your own formula and food.

There is always a lot going on in our busy classroom. Stop by, kick off your shoes and play for a few!

*CPS Child Care Infant Room,
Ms. Billie Jo, Ms. Carol, Ms. Sam*

Toddler Room News

Welcome to Weymouth! The toddlers are loving their new classroom, playground, and especially the gym. One of their favorite things to do is run from one end of the gym to the other. We hope you are enjoying the new facility as much as we are!

We have also welcomed some new friends to our room, Elliot, Kelly and Tyler have all joined us recently and are all settling in great. We are so happy to have them!

The toddlers have been exploring painting with and painting on different kinds of

materials including peanut butter, pudding, shaving cream, tin foil, wax paper and more. We have lots of fun art in store!

For the month of October we will be welcoming fall. Look for pumpkin painting and leaf projects. We also have lots of fun holiday projects for the upcoming months that will involve families. Look for details to be posted.

Reminders:

- As cold and flu season approaches please be sure to stick to the sick policy in the parent

handbook.

- Make sure your child has an extra set of clothes.
- Toys from home are causing conflicts between the children. We ask that toys from home are not brought.
- The toddler staff are working hard to give better reminders to bring in diapers. Please remember we change diapers every 2 hours (5/day)

*CPS Child Care Toddler Room,
Ms. Morgan, Ms. Cara, Ms. Angie, Ms. Kelly*

Preschool 1 News (2 ½ - 3 year olds)

We are all very excited to begin our new Preschool 1 program. The schedule, routines and curriculum will all stay basically the same, we will just tweak them a little and gear everything towards the developmental stages and goals of the younger children.

During the month of October we will be doing activities involving fall, leaves and pumpkins. The children will go on a walk around our playgrounds to collect fallen leaves. We will then do various art projects with the leaves, including making a collage and painting with them. We also plan on covering some of the leaves with contact paper to preserve them and decorate the classroom. The children will be making pumpkins and exploring all the differences between fall and the other seasons.

At the end of the month we will be having a Halloween Party. The children can dress up in their costumes, decorate cookies, and enjoy some treats. Parents are more than welcome to join us. Watch for a sign up sheet in the classroom if you are interested in bringing some treats for us.

What you can do at home:

Song: *Pretty Leaves are Falling Down (London Bridge)*

Pretty leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down.

Pretty leaves are falling down, down to the ground.

Art: *Leaf Rubbings and Leaf Collages*

Science: *Nature Walks*

Math: *Candy Corn Activities- more, less concepts, counting and estimating*

Don't forget to have your child practice writing their names on everything they make!

Reminders:

- Your child has a locker outside the classroom. This is where coats, backpacks, extra clothes and (soon enough) their snow stuff goes. EVERYTHING should be labeled in some way with your child's name or initials.
- Your child's art cubby is in the classroom right at the

door. Check this as often as you can. Your children are very proud of their artwork.

- Rest time blankets and pillows go in the baskets/cubbies by the entrance to the room. All naptime stuff must fit in the basket.
- Remember to check your child's folder located on top of the art cubbies by the door. These folders contain billing information, daily sheets, reminders and notes from the teachers.
- We will soon be sending home the materials to make a book all about your child. Please work with your child on the book and return it as soon as possible so we can laminate it.
- We are planning a "family board" in our classroom where all the children's families will be displayed. Please send in 1 4"x6" photo of your family that we can put up.

Thank you for all of your help and understanding as we work out the kinks of our new classroom! We look forward to a great month!

CPS Child Care Preschool 1,
Ms. Jen, Ms. Joyce and Ms. Danielle.



Preschool 2 News (4-5 year olds)

On Monday, September 28 our new 4 and 5 year old Preschool Classroom began. I am so excited to be working with your children. I have been working with them over the past few months in our preschool class, where I have been the Assistant Preschool Teacher in the afternoons. Each and every child is so amazing and is a pleasure to work with. Thank you for allowing me to get to work with your children.

I am currently working towards my degree in Child Development and Early Childhood Education at Lansing Community College. I am really looking forward to starting our classroom and I hope your child is excited too! If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

The days are getting shorter, the temperature is getting colder, and the leaves are changing color. It's the perfect time to introduce fall to our classroom. By participating in the activities planned

throughout this month, children will become more aware of changes that take place in the fall. They will also learn the fall holidays, clothing and activities.

At School

A few of this month's learning activities will include:

- Recording the temperature
- Recording the changing of the leaves
- Making a leaf rubbing in the art area
- Making a pumpkin seed collage

At Home

To develop classification skills, help your child sort leaves by their color, type and size.

Fingerplays promote language and vocabulary skills. This fingerplay is one we will be learning. Enjoy it with your child at home!

Autumn

Autumn winds begin to blow (blow)

Colored leaves fall fast and slow (make fast and slow motions with your hands)

Twirling, whirling all around (turn fast)

Till at last, they touch the ground (fall to the ground)

Reminders:

- Make sure your child has extra clothes to keep in

their locker as we tend to get messy in our class

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- October is Halloween! We will be having a Halloween party. The children will be allowed to dress up in their Halloween costumes. We will have a special snack together and do some special activities to celebrate. If you would like to attend or send something for the party you are more than welcome! We love it when parents get to come to our special events! Look in your child's folder this month for more details and a sign up sheet in our classroom.

CPS Child Care Preschool 2 Room,

Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Danielle

School Age News

While I have met most of you, let me take the time to officially introduce myself. I'm Mitchell Gerich, or Mr. Mitch. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work with a minor in Youth Studies. For the past three years before coming to CPS Child Care, I have worked as a

Preschool Teacher.

I welcome all of you to this exciting time of year when school gets started and summer gives way to fall. Just as your children have been getting adjusted, the staff have been doing the same. I thank all of you for your patience as we

work with our schedule to find the best fit for the children.

Recently we implemented a No Bullying/Unacceptable Behavior policy in order to make and keep our school environment a safe one. If you have yet to receive information on this, you

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may find it located in your child's folder in their respective classrooms.

Which brings me to my next point of reminding everyone to check your student's folder on a regular basis. This is where many important documents and handouts will be placed.

In addition to our new No Bullying/Unacceptable Behavior policy, we will be implementing a system that rewards good behaviors and actions. This is something that we felt was

important- to also recognize when someone is making a great choice in order to encourage that behavior.

We are always doing fun activities, especially with art and science. This week we are doing an ongoing experiment called "Stop-Rot" in order to see what (if any) different substances could slow the rotting of an apple.

Along with fun activities and experiments, we also encourage children to work on things such as homework and

other constructive activities.

Thank you again and I look forward to a great year with you and your student!

CPS Child Care School Age Staff,

Mr. Mitch, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Sierra, Mr. Ryne



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