



CPS Child Care

March Newsletter



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News from the Early Learning Center:

It's hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner! However, we still have plenty of winter weather coming our way, so please continue to dress your children appropriately.

The staff here at the Early Learning Center will begin a new schedule this month. Lead teachers, Ms. Jen and Ms. Billie Jo will continue their normal hours for consistency with the children. Ms. Joyce will return as the opener in the preschool room. Look for her early in the morning starting the week of March 9th. Ms. Angie will continue as the opener in the Infant/Toddler room. Ms. Morgan is returning to 5 days a week now that baby Natalee is getting a little older. Ms. Sam and Ms. Amber will

continue on part-time schedules.

There are many exciting changes happening in our program in the near future. As most of you are aware, we will be moving our full program into the Weymouth Child Development Center this summer. We are very excited to be able to house our entire program under one roof! As school lets out for the summer, we will be beginning minor construction on the building to bring it up to Michigan Licensing standards. We plan to have all age groups moved into the new location for the start of the new school year. Once moved, we will continue to provide transportation to and from school for School-Age children as we always have. Also at our new location, meal service

for toddlers, preschool and school-age children will be included in tuition.

PAC:

Due to low interest and changing schedules, the Parent Advisory Counsel was unable to hold our Winter Family Event scheduled in February. We are looking forward to planning a Spring Event. Please look for details to be posted in your child's classroom. PAC meetings are open to all parents and family members of CPS Child Care. Our next meeting will be at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at the Early Learning Center (Southridge).

Reminders:

- No hot lunch March 13 and March 20

Have a great month!
Kelsey

Infant/Toddler Room News

This month we will be taking a look at the weather- "in like a lion, out like a lamb!" It will be getting warmer, but we will be dealing with mud, so snowpants, boots and extra clothes are still needed.

The week of March 2nd-6th, we will be learning about shapes. We will cover one shape a day and continue with our "shape of the month," the oval.

The week of March 9th-13th, we will look at numbers. We will count from 1-10 and recognize our friends' ages.

During the week of March 16th-20th, we will be celebrating Easter. We will

color eggs and learn about baby animals. On the 19th, we would like to do an afternoon of egg decorating with families. Please look for details to be posted.

During the week of March 23rd -27th, we will be learning about Transportation. We will paint boxes to use as cars, trains and other motor vehicles.

The week of March 30th-April 3rd is Community Helper Week. We will learn about firefighters, police officers, postal workers and other community helpers. We hope to get a few visitors from around the community during

that week as well!

We have started a new activity in our classroom. On Fridays, please dress your child in the listed "color of the month."

Look for Parent-Teacher Conference sign-up sheets this month in our classroom.

Color of the Month: Green

Shape of the Month: Oval

Happy Birthday!

Lily turns 2 on March 11!

CPS Infant/Toddler Room,

Ms. Billie Jo, Ms. Angie, Ms. Joyce, Ms. Sam and Ms. Morgan

Preschool Room News

During the month of February, we focused on Valentine's Day, Emotions, Colors and Letters. One of the children's favorite activities was our "Feelings Chart," where each day they were able to tell us how they were feeling and why. This helps children to identify feelings and learn how to appropriately react to them. Of course, the other favorite of the month was our Valentine's Day party. The children passed outcards, decorated cookies and enjoyed treats at snack time. We want to thank all the parents that brought in treats for the party and stayed to

help out. We really appreciate your involvement!

March is Read Across America Month. In order to participate in this and to spark children's love for reading, we will be focusing on letters and literacy, Dr. Suess, and Eric Carle. The children will read all of their favorite books and do activities to further their understanding. One of the stand-out activities during these themes is making green eggs to go along with Dr. Suess' Green Eggs and Ham. The children will then write their own book about where they would or would not eat green

eggs.

March 2nd we will be starting the Book It! Program. In class, we will be reading for at least 60 minutes each month during the months of March and April. At the end of each month, your child will get a certificate to Pizza Hut to celebrate our accomplishment. Watch your child's take-home folder for more information.



Preschool News, cont.

Reminders:

- Snowpants and boots are still needed on the playground.
- Conferences are coming up in late March- mid April. Watch

for sign-up sheets.

- Dr. Suess' birthday is Monday, March 2
- Remember to sign your child in/out daily and check their take-home folder.

Happy Birthday!

Dr. Suess March 2
Austin March 9

CPS Preschool Room:

Ms. Jen and Ms. Amber

Before and After School News

February was a very busy month for all of us at the school age site. We kicked the month off with our 4th Annual Super Bowl Party. The kids had a great time! We had snacks and games, and the children got the opportunity to play Madden 09® and American Idol® on the Playstation II®. A good time was had by all!

Also this month, we have been able to utilize some fun new equipment at our site. Some of the new items include a four-in-one game table, dress up clothes, board games, giant bean bags, arts and craft materials, giant Legos® and wooden blocks. We have been very busy with all of our new "goodies."

Looking ahead to April, for Spring Break this year we will be cooking up some fun during "Wacky Chef Week."

Spring Break runs April 6th-April 13th. We will have lots of fun cooking projects as well as crafts, swimming and games. Look for our Spring Break brochure for registration information. Make sure you reserve your spot soon so you don't miss out on all the fun!

We hope the weather will start to warm up so we may spend more time outdoors. We will be starting some more fun indoor projects while we wait.

Reminders:

- Swimming is on Mondays from 4:15-5:00
- Please have your child(ren) leave all personal toys and electronics at home where they are safe
- There is NO SCHOOL on March 13th and 20th. Please be sure to sign up

if you need child care during those days.

- If your child will not be attending child care due to illness or other reasons, please call 541-5728 and leave a message.
- Return Spring Break registrations as soon as possible to reserve your child's spot.
- Transportation forms (yellow sheets) are due back the week of March 9th for next year's transportation needs.

Happy Birthday!

Salicia 3/31
Madison 3/23
Mackenzie 3/7
Anna 3/31
Devan 3/11

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I'm A Little Leprechaun
Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"

I'm a little leprechaun.
Watch me dance.
Up go my feet.
Up go my hands.

When I get excited,
You will know.
Faster and faster
I will go!

~Jean Warren

Get Wild About Reading!



March is Read Across America Month! Children at the Early Learning Center are "getting wild about reading" by turning the preschool classroom into a Jungle! The children and staff will be transforming the room into a jungle throughout the month by creating trees, leaves, vines and jungle animals.

