

# Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center

August 2020



## Newsletter

*Director's Desk...*

*Amy Bartlett*

### Special points of interest:

- Young 5's/Kindergarten starts Tuesday, Sept. 8th
- Summer School Agers can be here up until Labor Day if need be.
- Face masks to be worn by children 4 and older while inside the building. This and all other health precautions remain in place until further notice.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Hello August! Glad we still have a good chunk of summer left to do all the summer things we love.

Let's make the most of it!



God has a plan.

We have no idea what that might be, but really that's the way it always goes. So we trust in Him despite what Covid-19 is doing in our world. As a Center we are moving forward with our plans for the Fall school year. We fully intend to be here, open and running as usual, or as close as that can be right now. Our Young 5's/

Kindergarten class will be running this year with Mrs. Layer in the lead! It will run every day, with care provided open to close. So you don't have to worry about alternate days, virtual learning or anything like that.☺ We will keep up with the health standards we have in place and pray for a healthier school year.

My heart and prayers go out to all the children and families trying to navigate the school year outside our doors. Remember, God has a plan. Lean on Him in difficult times. He will give you strength.



**PRAY. WAIT.  
TRUST.**

God has a plan.

*Young Infants*

Hello from the younger infants. We are a fun busy little group. Our oldest friend is Sloane who will turn the big "1" in August. She is now standing and letting go. She's getting ready to run. We wish her a Happy "1st" Birthday! Maverick is our next oldest reaching 11 months. He is a ladies man always flashing his handsome smile. Maverick seems to have a fondness for going outdoors. He gets so excited when he sees the buggy come in. Kendall and Waverly are one day apart in age, both hitting the

nine month mile marker in August. They both seem to be wanting to explore the world of finger foods and saying so long to mashed up mixtures. Those girls are little balls of energy. They can clear a toy shelf or crawl across the room at lightening speed. Our youngest is Cole who rejoined us in July. He will be turning 8 months in August. Cole is super sweet and so cute when he gets excited. Cole is a coo-er and a talker. He loves to eat and always is good for an "Mmm" after each bite.

*Miss Ann*

What amazing fun little personalities each of our little friends are developing. They just love to play and be together so much so that I have to remember to sneak in naps. We are hoping in August to see a few more friends returning and joining our party (baby social distancing of course ha ha.)

Have a great month!

## Older Infant



## Miss Loren

August already? Wow! This month we are going to hop aboard the rainbow train to work on color recognition. We will focus on a couple of colors each week with lots of different activities.

## Toddlers

Okay, is anyone ready to celebrate the New Year and kick 2020 into the past? Oh my, this is the year that won't stop giving, it has been a year or first for sure. I am grateful that it is half way over. We have survived and can see the light at the end of the tunnel, right?

The friends have been enjoying watching the construction taking place next door, behind Godwin's Furniture store. They hear the noises

of hammers, screw drivers and the machines driving around and then get to see what the people are doing. They ask all kind of questions and then they get their imaginations going an pretend play that they are building and hauling dirt. We get some pretty creative buildings going up in our room.

We have been spending time in the nature play yard and the friends have great fun climbing on the tunnel

## Miss De

and walking into the tall grass and up the hills, they are getting quite good at climbing up onto the tire pyramid, of course they get quite dirty, but they are having fun.

Well we have 1 full month of summer left so lets make it a great one! Just a reminder that Christmas is around the corner!

## Threes

I hope that everyone is enjoying the last of the summer months as best as they can! The last few months before the return of school has went by too fast!!

Our friends have been busy in the room with Ms. Jacky in the mornings. They love the train table that she brought into our room and also the rocks in the texture table to explore. Our group of friends are growing up and getting so big. It is amazing to see all the big changes in them over the previous months. We are so

proud of them.

In August, we will be doing more activities that are fun in the sun! We will ride bikes, enjoy a few picnic lunches and share some cool treat days together!

We love to be outside at this time of year too! The big yellow Tonka trucks have been very popular to play with in the play yard. Our friend Daxton often times will pretend he is the lawnmower guy and run around with the truck to cut the grass. The

## Miss Di

yard will be pretty sparse as it got cut that often. ☺ I just love the way kids minds can be creative!

We are keeping our Great Beginnings Families in our thoughts and prayers during this time and we are looking forward to the time when we can all be together again!

May the Lord bless all of you and keep you safe in His care.

Love, Miss Di

*Fours*

We have had the best summer!... And we still have weeks to go! We'll fill our month with silliness at first... Holiday Rewind. We'll celebrate Valentine's, Easter & birthdays. We'll do another story extension week... always a favorite. The books we'll focus on are: "Very Lonely Firefly, Red, Ripe Strawberry...", Old Black Fly, To Market and Sylvester

and the Magic Pebble. Everyday will have a fun project, language activity, math, science or cooking activity to go with the story.

Legos also will be a favorite theme in August. We'll do a lot of math themed activities with estimating & Lego patterning. Lego science will be cools also with and experiment about displacement.

*Miss Heidi*

Last Days of Summer/Forever Friends will finish up August. We'll celebrate friendships old and new. We'll have an ice cream party to top it all off to celebrate all of us being "bucket fillers!" Enjoy your August.

Happy Birthday to Jake!

Happy Birthday to Morgan!

*School Age*

*Miss Peck and Miss White*

# Happy Month of August!

Dear Families and Children of Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center,

We have had yet another fantastic month this summer! During the month of July, we focused on Disney. We cooked, baked, watched movies, spent a lot of time in the outdoor fort, and played LOTS of hide and seek. This coming month of August we will be doing a couple of field trips. Please be on the lookout for information and permission slips regarding these. We plan to visit William H. Haithco Recreation Park in Saginaw and Dow Gardens in Midland! We also plan to have a bike day on August 14th. We will send notes home regarding these.

We have more compelling things planned for this month, as we will be focusing on our beautiful state, Michigan! So, the weeks will focus n Michigan sports, food, history, and geography. We are sad to think about saying good-bye to your child(ren) as school starts back up, but we are glad to have one last month with them, especially as we learn more about our home state!



Miss White was delighted to be able to see your child's creativity and humor during the month of July. She looks forward to having even more fun during August. She plans to have the children participate in a virtual visit with University of Michigan sports representatives, escape rooms within the classroom, Michigan food taste tests, and learning about our great state of Michigan! She is ready for another incredible month with your child(ren).

Miss Peck had so much fun getting to know your kiddo(s) through the summer so far, and she is super pumped for August! Miss Peck loves traveling and nature, so she's already planning fun activities, like water days, fun food activities, scavenger hunts, and teaching about the state we all love. She even has some guest speakers ready to show and tell about cool things... August will be a great end to a fun summer!

Sincerely, Miss Peck and Miss White