

Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center

DIRECTOR'S DESK...

AMY BARTLETT

February is "**Kindergarten Round Up**" time here at Great Beginnings. The Round Up activities are as follows:

Feb. 5 – Lobby displays begin

Feb. 7 – Classroom Observations in the Four's Room

Feb. 13 – Testing for readiness

Feb. 20 – Parent Information Meeting @ 6:30pm, child care available

****Any parent looking for a Young 5's/Kindergarten Program is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Layer is looking forward to having a class again this Fall! While she has kept busy this year closing the office three days a week and tutoring students, her heart and soul is in the classroom!!!

As a Mom and someone who has listened to her teach for 17 years, I can guarantee that you will never regret putting your child's education and daily care in her hands. She is an amazing teacher! She sets high expectations for each child and then showers them in loving encouragement while they reach these goals together.

- ◆ Small class size (never more than 12 students)
- ◆ Individualized attention (tons of it)
- ◆ Christ centered programming
- ◆ 38 years of Teacher experience

YOUNG INFANTS

MISS JENNY

Greetings from the Young Infants. We have six friends that are ten months and two friends that are four months. Our older friends are busily on the move exploring our room. They love to cruise around the garden house, climb in our ball pit and climb over the climber. Our friends love to clap and dance along to music. They have some pretty adorable dance moves. We recently had to say farewell to our friend Drake. We will miss his great big smiles and his infectious giggles. Our two four month olds Daxton and Lincoln love to play in the jumpers. They have found their voice and have begun to chatter, especially when facing each other. Until next month...





OLDER INFANT

Nobody ever sits you down
To explain the rules
There are no schools
Offering parenting tools

No mandatory tests
You have to pass
No exams or
A class on diaper rash

No contract to sign
No personal guide
To stand by your side
When your baby cries

MISS ANN

It was easy to discover
The most important rule
That you already knew
You've got lots of love for them and
Them for you!

There is nothing so sweet-
not flowers, not chocolate
not a thoughtful card-
as the love of a small child that
can be held in the heart on Valentines
Day and every day after that

By Crystal Perry

YOUNG TODDLER

Happy February! It's the month of love and appreciation of the people around us. Hope everyone is able to spend time with the people they care about and really cash in on that quality time and make memories.

This month we are saying "see you later" to Barrett and the Knous Family. We have really enjoyed the energy Barrett brought to our room and will miss him dearly. Also this month I will be leaving to a new job as a preschool teacher for the Saginaw ISD Headstart program. It will be a new adventure for me, and while I'm nervous I'm also excited. I'm so thankful for the opportunities I've had with the families and staff here at Great Beginnings and this place will hold a special place in my heart.

My last day will be February 9th, but in the meantime we will be doing plenty of Valentine's Day activities to fill the room with. As long as weather permits we will also be enjoying all that the rest of winter holds for us.

God bless! Happy Valentine's Day! And thank you for all of the memories!

MISS CLANCY

OLDER TODDLER

The groundhog saw his shadow! I guess we will have 6 more weeks of winter, the rodent has spoken! The friends are enjoying the outdoors, the cold doesn't seem to bother them in the least. They enjoyed sledging down one of the hills. They did pretty good, some of the time trying to bring the sleds back up the hill was a little tough.

We've been working on our toilet learning and we are proud of our "Big Kids". More than 1/2 of the friends are wearing "Big Kid" underpants! Even some of the young toddlers are doing super. Thank you parents for your cooperation. We know this can be a stressful time. Keep up the great work.

Teddy Bears and Hearts will be our topics for Feb. We will have a celebration on Wednesday the 14th, feel free to bring a treat.

We will be saying good bye to Miss Clancy on Feb. 9th. She will be starting a new position at Head Start Saginaw. We appreciate her love for the friends, we'll miss her but wish her all the best.

MISS DE

THREES

Happy February! Another month closer to spring – depending on what the groundhog’s prediction is.

We have been having so much fun with Ms. Deanna during our Kinder Music Class! The children have been learning new songs all about trains. They also have been able to help with the instruments that she brings~ (egg shakers, rhythm sticks, drums, etc.) Our class is at 10:30am on Thursdays. You are welcome to stop in sometime and join us!

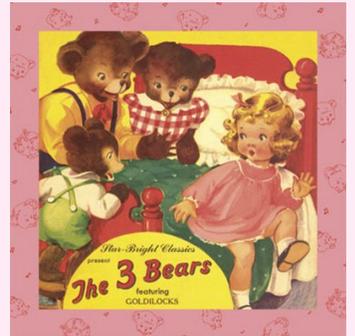
During this month, we will be talking about our friends and family and LOVE to get ready for our Valentines Day! A sign-up sheet is posted in the room for our special celebration that day. You are welcome to include 12 valentines to hand out to the friends. You do not have to address them, just sign your child’s name. They get the fun job of passing them out to their friends and receiving their own bag. ☺♥♥

Through the next couple of weeks after Valentine’s, we will be having fun with Teddy Bears! We will be doing some GREAT Teddy Bear stories along with art projects. A Teddy Day will be planned so the children can bring one from home and have a special picnic and Teddy Bear Dancing Day!

Stay Warm! Have a wonderful month,

Miss Di

MISS DI



FOURS

February is a shorter month, but an important month. It has so many fun events and holidays, we wouldn’t want to rush it by. One of the fun holiday events is Valentine’s Day, of course! We will have our party on Valentine’s Day, the 14th. A sign up sheet is posted. Your child will need 10 valentines for their classmates. The do not need to address them, only write their name... “who” it is from! This will make it easier for “mailing” also. ☺

We’ll be exploring the past great Presidents: Washington & Lincoln. The boys and girls are always so fascinated with historical events/people. Especially when we find out their picture is on money! ☺ “Super Science” is another theme woven throughout February. We’ll be conducting some awesome and unusual experiments!

In phonics our focus will be on Ss, Tt, Uu and Vv. In math, we’ll keep working with patterning, numbers 1-10, estimations and graphing.

The “Surprise Pail” will also be making it’s way home with your child throughout February. This is a great activity that becomes a quick favorite! The explanation of how it all works is inside the pail! ☺

Happy Valentine’s Day! “We love because He first loved us!”

I John 4: 19

MISS HEIDI



God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus. – **Max Lucado**