

Newsletter

February 2020



Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center

Director's Desk...

Happy February! Here we are in the thick of winter, and believe it or not it's time to start planning for Fall! By this I mean it's round up time for our Young 5's/ Kindergarten class for the Fall 2020 school year. The boys and girls in Miss Heidi's Fours room will be having the following events:

1/31—Lobby displays of some concepts that are taught in Young 5's/Kindergarten. Everyone should feel free to look at them and talk to Mrs. Layer if you have questions.

2/4—Classroom Observations by Mrs. Layer.

2/11 & 2/12—Testing for readiness. After testing Mrs. Layer and Miss Heidi will consult and then recommendation letters will go out to each child's family.

2/19—Parent Information Meeting at 6:30. Mrs. Layer will review the year of learning, explain what and how she teaches and answer all of your important questions. Child care is available for this meeting, look for the sign up sheet in the Four's room.

2/20—Registration begins. Early registration fee is \$90, non-refundable. After March 20th, it's a \$100 registration fee, non-refundable.

A year with Mrs. Layer makes an incredible difference in a child's life. She offers a small class size with tons of individualized attention and amazing teaching skills. Her program tailors to each

Amy Bartlett

child's ability whether they are gifted, average or the student that struggles. She has high expectations for each child and because she smothers them with genuine affection, they want to achieve. They will complete the year as confident and happy learners.

As an administrator, I will always recommend that you explore your options for your child. As a Mom, I will tell you that a year with Mrs. Layer is worth every penny. You can't ask for a more solid foundation for their "big school" experience.



Thank you to all of the families that sold Little Caesar's Pizza Kits or donated to this fundraiser. You earned \$631 towards playground improvements!! Thank you, thank you!!



Young Infant

February's Trick

The little buds on the trees awakened,
And shook their drowsy heads,
The little buds pulled the covers down,
And climbed out from their beds.

A soft breeze told them winter has gone
Many long miles away,
And the little buds were eager to see
Their first bright springtime day.

But alas! In half an hour there came
A wind so bitter cold!
The little buds were terrified
For they were just one day old!

They didn't know what in the world to do!
Their little noses were red.
Each bud with cry turned swiftly back,
And hopped into its bed.

You see it was not spring at all!
February was there,
And sometimes February slyly
Lays a foxy snare

He had sent this lovely springtime breeze
To hang around and sing,
And make the buds think that it was
The first day of spring.

Then when the buds had all come out,
He nipped each little node,
And sent the little buds back to bed,
Each one red as a rose!

By: Lenore Hetrick



Older Infant

The Older Infant room is a busy place. We have four friends who are walking all over and 3 friends on the verge of taking off. We all love to climb though and dance. The boys and girls are noise makers. Tapping rhythm sticks, shaking bells and just pounding on the table brings smiles and joy to their faces.

As we are getting older we will be experiencing some new textures like Jello, finger paint, corn meal, oatmeal and painting with colored ice cubes. I love watching their faces as they are experiencing new textures such as slimy, wet, cold, gritty, dry and soft.

By the end of February we hope to expand our classroom to 10 friends. Now that is busy but so much more fun.

Happy Valentines Day to all our precious babies and parents.

We love you all!

Morgan, April, Reagan
and Ann

Have a great month!

Miss Ann



Toddlers

Happy almost Spring!?! May I say that? I probably just jinxed us, and we will get hit with a major snow storm. As long as it hits in this month and not in March or April, that would be alright, not that we have any say. We've had a pretty uneventful winter so far, so I'm not complaining. I would like the second half to be just as calm, haha we are still in Michigan so I'm sure it won't be.

Happy Valentines Day to all our little sweeties that we get to take care of each day. We love and enjoy the time we get to be involved in your young sweet lives.

We are in full potty learning mode in the older toddler room, everyone is going through the toilet learning process, some have pretty much have conquered it and



Miss De

are well on their way. Some of our friends are just starting and have a way to go, but they are all doing well. Remember it is a process, each child is an individual and learns at their own pace. It just takes being consistent, loving, firm and find a schedule that works for you at home. Maybe before or after dinner, before bath time, before bedtime, just being consistent. Also the sooner we can transfer to cloth training pants, the better. It helps just because they can feel the wetness and most of the time they don't like it. I know that that may mean more laundry for you so we do like to wait until they are using the toilet more consistently. If you have any questions about this or anything please don't hesitate to stop and ask me.

I hope you all have an awesome month!



Threes

Happy February Everyone! Here's hoping that the groundhog's prediction was correct and Spring will be upon us soon! We have been enjoying our adventures out walking the trails and looking for the deer in the woods. We are hoping to get at least a few chances to go sledding on the hills yet.

Throughout the month of February, we will be doing projects to celebrate love and friendship to begin with that will go along with Valentine's Day. We are planning to exchange cards with our friends and celebrate Valentine's Day with an ice cream social in our room! ♥

Teddy Bear Week will also be a theme this month. The friends will be invited to bring a Teddy Bear from home to dance

with in the room. We will also listen and follow the directions to "Going On A Bear Hunt!" We will also sort the little bears by their colors and sizes at the table. These are just a few of the activities for Teddy Bear Week.



Miss Di

Colors and Shapes will be a part of our theme at the end of the month. We will all play color and shape BINGO together, Shape Bean-Bag Toss & I SPY Shapes. At the playdough table, we will have our hands busy as we practice rolling the playdough and using the shape cookie cutters to create a few.

I hope that you all stay warm, stay safe and have great month ahead!

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please see Ms. Jacky or myself.

Happy Valentines!

Ms. Di

Fours

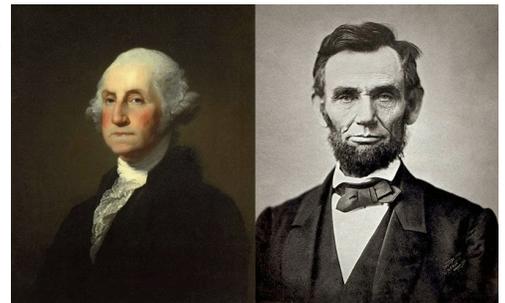
February.... Another month closer to spring! Really, February has so many fun events and holidays we wouldn't want to rush it by. We have a lot of plans for February. We'll have a Valentine's Day party



on Feb. 14th. The boys and girls will be very busy creating beautiful decorations to make our room festive. A sign up sheet is posted if you'd like to share any treats for the party. I also encourage you to have your child sign at least a few of their own valentines. This is good practice in a fun way. Your child does not need to "address" each valentine. This makes it much easier for "mailing!" Only who it is "from." They will need 13 valentines.

Along with Valentine's Day we'll explore the past great Presidents: Washington and Lincoln. "Super Science" will be another February theme. We'll be doing some fun and unusual experiments.

Miss Heidi



For phonics, our focus will be Rr, Ss, Tt and Uu. We will also begin a fun "take-home language" activity: "The Surprise Pail."

Happy Valentines Day !