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Great Beginnings Christian Child Care Center and Kindergarten

# Newsletter

## From the Director's Desk...

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Happy March and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

Spring officially comes to us on Wednesday, March 20th! We are so excited to see it arrive. Hopefully the old adage about "In like a lion, out like a lamb" is true. We all want the Lamb in our lives anyway, right?! March is also bringing us Daylight Savings Time.

It's not unusual for the boys and girls to feel the effects of this hour change in their daily schedule. So don't be surprised if they are out of sorts. They feel it just like we do, maybe even more so.



Little Caesar Pizza Kit delivery is Tuesday, the 12th, so be ready to take your kits home and deliver them if you sold to others. The boxes are large so you'll want to get them delivered. Lunch time is a good time to pick them up if you sold at work and want to distribute. Let me know and I'll have your order sorted early if you want an early pick up. ☺

We have earmarked the fundraiser money for a spring project, a playground Tire Climber!! One of our Dads has been able to bring us old tires of various sizes, even tractor size! So cool, the kids will love it! Thank you Charles Boylan (Charli's Dad)! The big cost to this kind of project is having the dirt excavated and purchasing the soft filler. Any kind of playground item with height to it must have a soft surface all around it in case a child were to fall—

appropriately named a "fall zone". The fall zone has to be a certain width and depth, depending on the height of the object and then have a soft filler like mulch, pea gravel or sand. We choose beach sand because mulch sticks to fleecy clothing and degrades into dirt. Pea gravel can go up noses/ears and hurt someone if thrown. So that is not a good option. I am estimating a cost \$3,000 for excavation and sand. Thanks to the fundraiser, we now have \$1280 toward that goal. We'll keep you posted on the plans. Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased pizza kits and to those who donated money instead of selling!

**Thank you to the 2/42 Community Church group for painting our lobby! Thanks to Brittany and Jeff DeHaven and friends—it looks wonderful!!**

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## Young Infant

Greetings from the Young Infants! We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of Spring, hopefully we can say goodbye to the snow and cold temperatures. We would like to welcome the Morris family and their precious angel, Jade. We would also like to welcome the Najjar's beautiful new addition Charlotte to our class. Our friend Ava will soon be celebrating her

1st birthday. She has moved on to the older infant class where she can demonstrate her independence. She loves exploring and playing with all her new friends. We have been incorporating different types of songs and music with our babies. Studies show that music can brighten their mood, aid in brain development and boost their language skills not to mention it's just

## Miss Jenny

fun. Their favorite songs so far are the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "If You're Happy and You Know It". Until next month God Bless....



## Older Infant

For a short month February sure brought it's share of problems. The weather reminded us we live in Michigan. We saw our share of illnesses and teething. We are hoping for a healthy, pain free March.

We welcome Ava to the older infant room. She's loving her freedom to explore new surroundings and be reunited with her girlfriends Chloe and Jailyn. We also get to celebrate Ava's "1st" Birthday at the end of the month. Chloe has mastered walking. Jailyn is the most petite little thing but boy does she love to graze and loves to see Miss Terrie come with food. Carter is our gentle giant. He loves greeting all his friends and loves loving on his teachers. He is addicted

to playing ball. Eleanor is very vocal and is all about animal noises and parts of her body. Henry has discovered the sport of wrestling with his friends. He likes to do the pinning but not the one being pinned to the carpet. Rough and tumble is his style. Daxton likes to join Henry in his new found sport. Daxton also is showing us his drama and acting when things aren't quite going his way. He goes from smiles to tears to laughing in a matter of seconds. Lily is second in command in the classroom. If a job needs to be done or something is missing like a sock or toy, Lily will find it.

In March we will be discussing and exploring our senses: Taste, Touch, Hearing, See-

ing and Smelling. As older infants we are using them constantly. We will conduct taste tests; listen to different sounds we can make; we will discover smooth, bumpy, sticky, soft and hard; we will look at books, flashcards and through sheer materials and we will smell different essential oils and baking spices.

Did you know in March the season of Lent begins which in old English means "Springtime." We turn our hearts and thoughts to what our Lord has done for us we also will happily prepare for Spring and Easter.

Have a great month!



## Toddlers

We made it! We shut the door on the month of February, we certainly received, I think most of our winter last month! I am praying, hoping and looking towards sunnier and warmer days in March. The friends have done well being cooped up but I do think they may be getting a little cabin fever. It will be wonderful to be able to venture out and hopefully see the sun and be warmed by it's rays.

In February we welcomed Abel and Zoey to our rooms. They are doing well. It is always a transition for the friends when they move up from the older infant room. They are moving to a brand new room and new teachers and a lot of change happens, but they are adjusting well.

In March our theme will be Our Five Senses. We will be having a taste test, be touching different textures and listening to different

sounds. Also in March on the 20th it will be the official start of Spring! We will have a Spring Bash to celebrate.

I hope you all have a great, fun filled blessed month! Be safe and take time to enjoy the sunshine!



Miss De

## Threes

Boy, I sure hope that winter will soon be on it's way out although we haven't had much of a chance for sledding on the hills. We are waiting for Spring to arrive!

We enjoyed our Valentine's Party together! The kids were so excited to put their cards/treats into the bags! Thank you so much for the treats and snacks that you brought to make our day special!

Through the month of March, we will be focusing on "The Five Senses" for our theme. Some of the activities we will have

include a taste test (sweet, sour and salty) a listening game, I SPY and a smelling guessing game to name a few. As you spend time outside with your child, look around with them and explore the senses as it turns to Spring.



## Miss Di

If you have any books that you want to share to go along with this theme please feel free to share them. Please continue to be sure that you are signing your child in/out each day!

If you are going to be away at all for a spring break please let us know

Happy March Birthday to Haven!!

Have a blessed month!

Ms. Di

## Fours

Spring is on the way! Before you know it, we'll be flying kites, smelling the tulips and seeing green grass! Here in the Fours, we'll be doing a lot of Spring preparation. We'll explore how the earth changes, how weather/people/animals are affected by Spring and other changes Spring brings. We'll be on the lookout for all those signs of Spring! They are so excited to notice! The boys and

girls will be creating fun projects like: robins, kites, rainbows and of course, we can't forget shamrock art for St. Patrick's Day. Spring weather will also be a theme in March. This is always a favorite theme in March with many cool science projects. Clouds and Thunder/lightning are usually the most exciting experiments for boys and girls! In phonics, we'll be focusing on Uu, Vv and Ww. In

## Miss Heidi

math, we'll be working with bigger patterns, estimation, graphing and using "10 square" mats. We'll learn a couple Spring themed poems also.

Have a great March!

Happy Birthday to Hannah!



## Young 5's/Kindergarten

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

This is the verse on our March calendar. God reminds us that He is our "go-to-person" when we have trouble and we all have trouble everyday! Go to Him quickly, He is our maker. He will help!

March, I love March. It is the month that "Spring" comes to us. Well, in baby-steps. Our theme for March is plants! We will root a carrot, a sweet potato, a ginger root and a

red beet. We will read about what plants need to grow and we will do some experiments to see what happens. We will talk a lot about roots, stems, leaves, flowers and fruit. Then we will draw an above the ground, below the ground picture. It will be amazing!

Our "Phonics and Writing" centers are coming right along! This month we will introduce the 2 vowel rule which says: if there are 2 vowels in a word, the first vowel says it's name and the second vowel is silent. Exam-

## Mrs. Layer

ples: pet, Pete and bat, bait. Now, we can read thousands of words.

In our math centers we are enjoying dot to dot pictures and writing numerals from 1 to 100 in a beautiful way. We are counting in the 100 family by 1's, 5's and 10's.

Our field trip for March is to Boehler's Greenhouse. It will be the last week of this month. Details soon on our freshly painted, beautiful walls. Huge thanks to the painters.