

Community First School Newsletter



March 2012

Directors Corner:

It has been a fantastic start to the year. In the past few months we were able to branch out and begin a half-day program for our three and four year olds. The teachers are excited to see the program grow. The half-day children are now located in room 2 but, still get to see all of their full day friends during outdoor play.

We have also completed the planning for the summer program. The summer program is a great opportunity to children who are entering kindergarten to become accustomed to being with older children in elementary school. This program goes on average two field trips a week and is available to children who are entering Kindergarten up to the age of 12. Ms. Mimi is excited to see all the new students she is going to have over the summer.

Community First School also gained a few new teachers during the last few weeks that we would like to introduce. Ms. Mel, Ms. Lanisha, and Ms. Alice have been doing a wonderful job with the two year old room and we look forward to seeing what fun and exciting curriculum they will bring to the classroom. Ms. Hyla has joined the infant room and looks forward to learning from the teachers and babies in the classroom. We are happy to have all of these wonderful additions to our team and look forward to seeing the teachers grow at CFS.



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Classrooms:

Room 9:

During the month of March the children worked on new, fun and exciting art activities. Activities such as decorating their own bears, making their own bear story, learning how to make a rainbow from tissue paper. We will continue to learn the alphabet from A-Z and have been re-introduced our numbers. The children's new favorite activity to do in the classroom is Music and Movement. This is a time where the children learn to move their bodies to the sound of music. The movements we have been learning in our class are up, down, left, right, and around. The students are learning so much and look forward to having more fun in the upcoming months.

Inside of our classroom a few changes are happening. The biggest change is we are revamping our science area. We are starting to put out new materials for the children to explore with and they are becoming very excited and anxious. Stay tuned to find out what new things will show up in our classroom.

With Love,

Room 9 Teacher



Room 8:

First we would like to introduce Ms. Pauline. She is very excited to be working in the three year old classroom. During her first few days in our classroom the students were very responsive to Ms. Pauline and have grown to love her.

In March, we continue to work on our alphabet program. The first week of March we spent time working on the letters K and L. We read stories and talk about kangaroos, kites, ladybugs, and lions. During the rest of March we learned about Saint Patrick's Day. The children have painted many pictures which were all about celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. We also learn about shamrocks, leprechaun, pots of gold, and the country of Ireland.



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On Friday, March 16th the students all came to class wearing green in celebration of this holiday. The students also learned about the letters M, N, O, and P. When the children worked on these letters they created paintings of a mouse, necklace, owl and a pig. We had a great month and look forward to seeing how the children grow over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Room 8 Teachers



Room 6:

The month of March covers exciting themes and activities from the colorful world of Fruits and Vegetables to the very busy world of our Community Helpers down to St. Patrick's Day Celebration. We all giggled with our friends when we watched the dancing fruit and vegetable puppets, played group games, decorated our yummy fruit and vegetable collage and painted our carrot bookmarks! We learned more about farmers, doctors, nurses, teachers and firemen when we explored about the jobs and responsibilities of our community helpers. Friendship Shamrock Crafts and Let's Go Green made our St. Patrick's Week even more fun and exciting in Room 6. We are learning and singing more nursery songs and rhymes everyday including "One Two Buckle My Shoe," "If You're Happy and You Know It," "Old McDonald Had a Farm" and so much more! As we read more books and enjoy the stories with our friends, we discover more new things. What a great way to end the month of March with the theme "Me, Myself and My Friends" and "My Body Parts." We will talk more about what makes us unique, our feelings, what special things each of us can do our body parts and their functions. This March, we have started encouraging everybody to be the "Song Leader of the Day and "Helper of the Day" which make our Circle Time in Room 6 more interesting!

Amazing classroom and outdoor group activities are lined up for the two year old Class for the month of April as we all welcome Spring and celebrate Easter with fun-filled activities, arts and crafts. We will also explore more about our five senses and learn about our dental health. For March and April, we are focusing on the mastery of the letters Aa to Zz, beginning sounds of objects, colors, shapes and numerals 0 to 10.

We would like to welcome Jonathan to the Two's classroom and wish him a very happy birthday! Thank you for your birthday treats.

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We are all learning while having so much fun with Ms. Mimi and our new teachers, Ms. Mel, Ms. Lanisha and Ms. Alice. Hurray!

Big Hugs,

Two's Room Teachers

Room 5:

The infant room has had a lot of fun this month. We would like to start by introducing our new teacher Ms. Hyla. Ms. Hyla is very excited to be working with the babies and the infants have been very responsive to her. During this month we have had to say goodbye to a few of our friends. Callen and Leo left us to join the waddler room but, there are doing very well in their new classroom and we are happy to see them as they walk by our classroom to go outside. Lucas and Evelyn have become very stable in their walking and I am sure they will be moving on soon as well. We are sorry to say goodbye to our friends but, we have new infants joining us soon.

Love,

Room 5 Teachers



Room 4:

We are happy to welcome four new students to our class. Leo and Callen transitioned from the infant room and Elaina and Crystal are joining our school for the first time. Jonathan transitioned to the twos classroom where he is working on his potty training. We all have to waive to

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Jonathan whenever we can. We miss him in our room. Ms. Nicole and Ms. Diana are excited about the weather warming up, they have a lot of spring activities planned.

Happy Giggling,

Room 4 teachers



Room 3:

For the month of March the students in the school age room has been working diligently on their school work assignments. When the children are not working hard on their homework, they are having fun doing art activities, playing outside activities and experiencing different science experiments. During March, they started to learn sign language. So far they have learned A-O and common words like please, Thank You, sorry, welcome, and many more. Please ask your children to show you the new signs that they have learned. The students had a great time making play dough and gak. They also learned about pointillism art.

For April we will be exploring many new art styles, science experiments, and craft activities. We will be looking forward to our Easter egg hunt, decorating the eggs, and our egg toss game. We will also learn more about the origin of origami and creating many different origami ourselves.

Sincerely,

Room 3 Teachers

Room 2:

Three Year Olds: During the month of March the three year old, half day children, learned about the letters G, H, and I. We did several art activities which had to do with the new

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letters that we have learned. We decorated a giraffe for the letter G, Home for H, and Ice Cream for I. Some of the art activities we have done are color by number and finger painting. The students will also practice their writing skills and cutting with scissors. We have also learned about clocks, made clocks, and talked about daylight savings time.

Four Year Olds: The students have done several things to help prepare them for kindergarten. In regards to language the students have learned about capital letter and how to recognize their capital letters from A-Z. The students also spelled several words using the alphabet. Another language concept that the children learned about was opposites. Math was another focus during our class time. The big concept that we learned about in regards to math was how to use rulers. The students learned to measure and use both sides of the ruler. One fun activity that the classroom did this month was cooking cornbread. The students were able to mix all of the ingredients together and then cook the cornbread. Once the cornbread was cooled then the students had the opportunity to eat it. Yumm Yumm. Students also learned about different kinds of animal habitats and did art projects using tape and making circles. We look forward to see the students grow and become more prepared for kindergarten.

From,

Room 2 Teachers