

Fort Monroe CDC

March 2010 Parent News Letter

Director's Notes

Now that Feb. is over we hope that our snowy winter weather is behind us, too. We are ready for spring. You'll notice that children will enjoy more outdoor time and our teachers have many exciting springtime activities planned.

This month we have included an article about the Child Development Homes in our newsletter. We want everyone to know about this wonderful new facility.

Lately we've had some questions concerning birthday celebrations. Our teachers try to recognize each child's birthday, usually with a "birthday crown" and song. Often parents want to provide a birthday treat on the special day. We ask that you make arrangements with your child's teacher prior to bringing a treat. This will eliminate scheduling conflicts and, hopefully, space out the parties a bit. We have an obligation to limit sweets that are served to children, so we ask that you keep that in mind. Any food brought to the CDC must be prepared in a commercial kitchen.

We appreciate your support throughout the year.

Susanne

Pretoddler Room

The weather is finally starting to get a little warmer and we have more opportunities to go outside. Please be sure to bring your child a warm coat and hat. This is also a good time to look at your child's spare clothing. It's hard to believe that the children grow so fast but we are noticing that some of their clothes no longer fit and they need some new ones.

This month we will learn about the colors green and yellow. The sign of the month is **help**. We will be happy to show it to you, so you can work with your children in learning this important word. The children will also be learning about circles, rain and rainbows.

Ms. Denise, Ms. Angie, Ms. Tina, Ms. Senetra

Transitions

This month we'll be saying good bye to Elaina Colon (PreK) and Cassie Loy (PT). We are happy to welcome Kaylin & Willow to the Infant room. Shayla and Chloe are now in the Pretoddler room. Aysa, Aiden, and Aidyn have joined the Toddlers & Ashton is now in the Inf/Tod room. Layla is new to the Preschool I room. We welcome Lily, Wilson, & Andrew to the PreK & Kindergarten room.

Marcus & Will have moved up to Pretoddlers. Arthur is now in the Toddler room & Kaelynn has joined the PSI room. Jasmyn has moved up to the PreK room.

We have some new staff members. Our newest Flex staff member, Elizabeth Sarrett, has stepped right in wherever needed & quickly gotten to know the children. We will soon welcome another new Flex, Monique Rodriquez. Anitress Chambers will soon join us as the afternoon teacher in the Toddler room. She comes to us with a great deal of experience in early childhood education. Of course, we are thrilled to have our new Training & Curriculum Specialist, Beth Sharron, on board. She has been a trainer for the Navy for many years & we are happy to have her join our team.

Infant Room

The infants are busy learning about their world. **Jaimen** is strengthening his gross motor development as he pulls up and cruises around furniture. **Jacob & Robert** are rolling from back to tummy...way to go boys!!!! Yani & Christian are responding with smiles and cooing during social interaction. **Kaylin** is taking it all in as she learns about her new room & friends.

The baby sign for this month will be "listen" and "water". They are posted on the wall in the room. Parents, always remember we have an open door policy and we enjoy seeing you. Stop by for some extra play time with your child, whenever you have the chance

Ms. Lisa, Ms Glenda, & Ms. Alla

Toddler Room

This month we will be focusing on shapes and different forms of Transportation. Some of the planned activities will include, sorting cars and trucks by color, lacing different vehicle shapes, painting using cars and singing songs about transportation. We will also be talking about traffic signs and have fun playing the “Stop & Go” game.

Tuesday March 17th is green day. We are encouraging everyone to wear something green.

Ms. Tonka, & Ms. Shawn

PreSchool I

During the month of March we are still having fun in our classroom. We are learning the letters: N, G, and T. We will explore the color green, what fun that will be. The diamond is the shape of the month and seven (7) is the number of the month. Our topic for the first and second week will be Nursery Rhymes and for the third and fourth week will be transportation. Also, we will take a field trip to the **Transportation Museum**, at Fort Eustis on Fri. Mar 12th.

Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Traub, and Ms Charity

PreK

The Pre-K teachers want to extend a big thank you for the valentine gifts, they were wonderful. In March, we will be discussing nutrition and how to be healthy. Our study project for the month is chairs, the different types and what they are used for. The character counts theme for the month of March is honesty. We will learn about the numbers 16 & 17. Your child can practice counting objects at home.

Our literacy focus this month will be unit two, phonemic awareness. The children will learn to identify letter sounds at the end of a word. They will also learn to count the syllables in a word. Then we will start unit three, alphabet awareness. Students will name letters in sequence and match all uppercase & lowercase letters. Our program has been running for more than 100 days now, thank you for making it the best!!!!!!

Our science activities include a Germ kit to show children if they washed their hands properly. We will be reviewing the six steps of hand washing.

Next we will be learning about the size, shape and color of vegetables and how they grow. We'll also talk a look at carrots, potatoes and celery under a magnifying glass. To help children will learn about fruits they will touch & taste some fruits, sort seeds and put them in plastic bags. When we learn about milk & milk products we'll make instant pudding. These activities will help us learn about different kinds of foods that help our bodies grow. We'll also learn about the Food Pyramid. The children will measure themselves using a growth chart.

We would like to thank Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Baines for bringing in old magazines for a class project in March.

Ms. Upshaw, Ms. Hurlock, & Mrs. Staples

Multi-Age Room

Spring is in the air! Well maybe not now, but it's coming. For the first week, we will talk about what happens when you plant seeds. Next, we will talk about St. Patrick's Day. Transportation is our next theme. The children will learn about the ways we use transportation every day. Finally, spring will be our last theme. We will look for signs of spring by taking a nature walk. Looking forward to a great learning month with our toddler family!

Ms. Sandra, Ms. Victoria, & Ms. Michele

Child Development Homes

Greetings from the CDC homes. March is here and in spirit of how much we love the snow, we are ready to welcome spring. The staff is looking forward to more sunlight and warmer temperatures, as we introduce the children to their first spring season. This month we will be exploring nature's textures, sights and sounds along with creative activities that include green paint and water play experiences.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kaitlyn Chapman and Levi Zareo to our growing Child Development Home. In addition we congratulate Nailey Perez as she becomes our first pretoddler on March 31st. We look forward to sharing the future accomplishments of the CD Home, the children and its staff. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Ms. Glenda & the CD Homes staff