



CECC News—February 2010

CECC is a ministry of Central United Methodist Church

Jazz It Up! Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction

Featuring LIVE Jazz from a UMKC Jazz ensemble
(Benefits Central Early Childhood Center)

Friday, February 26, 2010
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church
5144 Oak, KCMO
816.753.1844

Advance Tickets

Adults: \$7.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
Children (2-5): \$4.00
Children (0-1): FREE

At the Door

Adults: \$8.00
Children (6-12): \$6.00
Children (2-5): \$5.00
Children (0-1): FREE

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Jazz it Up

Parent-Teacher Conferences



Thank you to all the families who recently came in for Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was good to meet with

you and share insights about your child's development. We strive to provide open channels of communication between CECC and the families we serve, and Parent-Teacher Conferences are one of the best ways to keep that communication going!

If you were not able to attend on the scheduled days and would still like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact him/her to set a time that would work with both of your schedules.

Do you have anything NEW to share?

Has your child received updated shots?

Moved recently?

New phone number?

New baby in your family? If you have any new information to update your child's records, please be sure to inform Donna or Trina in the CECC office.

Great Dates!

Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Spend an evening with your partner focusing on the two of you and the relationship you are creating!

Learn how to identify your partner's *love language* and explore more about your own. Come to Central church at 4:30 p.m. to begin your date with a short get-together, then you will get to decide where your date will take place. The cost is \$15.00 per couple and childcare is provided, with a reservation made by Feb. 11th. Contact Betty in the church office at 816-753-1844 or betty@centralcares.com to register.

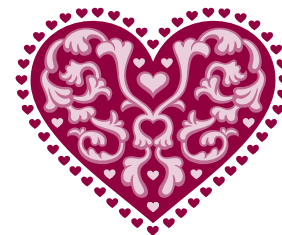


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Thanks to everyone who donated hats, gloves, mittens, snow boots. The children & mother's of New House were happy to receive these much-needed winter items. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

February & March Calendar Dates:

- 2/11 Valentine's Day Parties
- 2/12 Staff Inservice—NO SCHOOL!
- 2/15 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL!!
- 2/22 Eggs & incubator delivered this week
- 2/22-26 Silent Auction Preview and Dress Up Days
- 2/24 Coterie Theatre Trunk 10:30-11:15
- 2/26 Jazz It Up Silent Auction & Dinner 5-7:30 p.m.



- 3/1 Enrollment begins for CECC families
- 3/1 Chicks??
- 3/8 Children and Family Advisory Board (CFAB) 6:30 pm
- 3/12 Staff Inservice—NO SCHOOL!
- 3/15-19 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL!!
- 3/25 Outside In Event 6:30-7:30 p.m.



February Focus: NAEYC Accreditation Standard #7 Families

Program Standard: The program establishes and maintains collaborative relationships with each child's family to foster children's development in all settings. These relationships are sensitive to family composition, language, and culture.

Rationale: Young children's learning and development are integrally connected to their families. Consequently, to support and promote children's optimal learning and development, programs need to recognize the primacy of children's families, establish relationships with families based on mutual trust and respect, support and involve families in their children's educational growth, and invite families to fully participate in the program.

February Birthdays

<i>Griffin Schwindt</i>	2/2	<i>Butterfly</i>
<i>Gavin Honan</i>	2/9	<i>Butterfly</i>
<i>Walker Stephens</i>	2/11	<i>Dinosaur</i>
<i>Mae O'Connor</i>	2/16	<i>Ark</i>
<i>William Dirks</i>	2/17	<i>Koala</i>
<i>Garrett Brown</i>	2/27	<i>Butterfly</i>



News of the Classes

Learn about upcoming events and activities of all the classrooms. Be sure to read about all the happenings in all the classes! It is a good way to learn about what is going on in the whole center and to discover what classes are doing as you look forward to enrolling for 2010-11!

Ark (4 -12 months, KDO) *Sally Dux*

The ARK class is on the move; the children enjoy visiting both the Kangaroo and Panda classrooms which offer different toys, new faces, and room to explore. As the class makes the transition from infants to toddlers, language and motor skills change almost daily. Large puzzles have been part of our play, along with blocks, books, puppets, and baby dolls. The children enjoy throwing small balls and chasing after our beach ball. We plan to get messy with paint and wet with water. Oh the fun of being a one year old!

Kangaroo (7 -12 months, KDO)

Carla Warriner

In the month of February, the Kangaroos will continue reading our favorite books - *Hug, Kiss, Kiss*, and *The Wheels On the Bus*. We will also explore some new stories about monkeys, such as *No More Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. We will paint again, this time with red paint. We may also add some other colors to the paint to see what happens. We will start having snack together, sharing the snacks brought by a classmate - just like the big kids! Shapes are of interest as well, so we will be naming and sorting shapes. I am sure we can find some heart shapes somewhere...

Panda (12 - 24 months, KDO)

Pam Cutelli and Marti Miller

We have been "monkeying around" in the Panda class! After reading *Caps for Sale, Curious*

George books and *No More Monkey's Jumping on the Bed*, we used stuffed toy monkeys to act out the stories. We jumped, crawled, stomped and imitated monkey faces. Now we will revisit some other favorite stories such as *Go, Dog, Go!* by using cars, trucks and trains. We will practice story order with *Move Over, Rover* flannel board pieces and puppets. Later, we will see what colors we know from *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* And just watch us as we do the *Barnyard Dance!* Making literature come alive is what is happening in the Panda class!

Koala (24-36 months, KDO)

Katie Lane & Jevette Link

Koala class has enjoyed lots of winter fun during January. As February arrives we will continue to talk about Winter; learning about what animals do during this time of year. We will also talk about showing our love by making Valentines for hospitalized children and then deliver them to Children's Mercy. As many of our children start to show interest in using the bathroom we will read stories about using the potty. We will continue to encourage self help skills that go along with that like pulling pants up and down and hand washing. We enjoyed meeting with so many parents during conferences. Thanks for all your support.



Zebra (2 ½ - 5 year olds, KDO)

Bob Kiefer and Adriane La Caze

The Zebra room will be focused on imaginative play in February with our castle play area and the addition of a post office for Valentine's Day. We will continue to learn about Winter and hopefully see some signs of Spring by the end of the month.

Butterfly (3 year old, Preschool)***Linda Ann & Kate Willaredt***

We have been exploring cause and effect in the Butterfly room! In January, we brought ice into the classroom and the children were able to watch it melt as well as scoop it, touch it, and even add paint to the ice for some truly cool art! It was a great way to look at something we see every day in a new light. We also spent several days exploring magnets. The children were very interested in how they work, and enjoyed figuring out what makes an object magnetic. Thanks to Ms. Louisa, we had a great set of magnetic tile blocks to build with, connect and sort. Not only was it a sneaky science lesson, it was a fun way for the children to work on their fine motor development and hand/eye coordination.

In February, we'll be talking about color! Through a variety of mediums, the children will get a chance to see what happens when we add and mix colors. We will be using oil pastels, watercolors and even mixing the two together. We also hope that the weather will allow us to spend some time outdoors this month, as we are all ready to run and play. We continue to work on social skills such as recognizing the feelings of our friends and responding to them appropriately. These are such important skills to learn and it has been fun to watch the children growing and changing as the year progresses. Be sure to take a look at the bulletin boards outside our classroom to see what else we have been busy doing in the Butterfly room!

Rainbow (4 year old, Preschool) *Christian Pearson*

We had a great January in the Rainbow class! We explored new building materials, tent structures and lots of dirt. Continuing on the theme of bringing the outside in, the Rainbows will get the opportunity to play with water...lots of it! We will observe, experiment and record its properties. The opportunities will be limitless and super fun! Come up and pay us a visit, who knows what we may be up to.

Dinosaur (4- 5 year olds, Preschool)***Louisa Weinrich***

The Dinosaur class has been very busy on these cold

days of winter! We have all used our imagination, our logic, and every ounce of our patience to build some pretty cool mega structures for balls, cars, and marbles. We have created these out of tubes, pvc pipe, cove molding, blocks, ramps, boxes and more! We have learned to work together, to look for solutions to problems, and to try, try again. We enjoyed our visit to the Toy and Miniature Museum; especially the marble display. We look forward in February to continue our cooperative building. One of our goals is to make the structure take a ball from our room to the Zebra room. We are also excited to learn more about how things grow. We will try to grow several items in our class, all derived from our lunch and snack foods. We will learn about bulbs, tubers, seeds, and shoots. Dinosaurs also look forward to continuing their cooking every Thursday, and visiting a few working restaurants. Don't miss our "visit" to the beach. We will play in the sand, listen to steel drums, and do some oceanic exploring.

Movement Class (Preschool classes)***Kate Willaredt***

We spent the month of January in our movement classes working on hand and eye coordination and working in pairs. We learned that a pair is two and that we have a pair of hands, eyes, legs and that we can work very well in pairs of friends! We practiced throwing and catching with beanbags, which are a great indoor idea for this because they don't roll away! We also played hot potato with a ball as we passed it around the circle - we learned that it is important to watch what is happening around us! In February, we'll be doing some fun games such as walking and moving like animals, learning some funny songs and fingerplays and learning games such as Duck, Duck Goose, the Freeze game, Musical Chairs and Simon Says. If the weather becomes warmer toward the end of the month, we'll try to get outdoors for some time with the parachute! Be sure to ask your child what we've been working on and have them share a song or game with you at home - they have learned some great things to do when we're stuck inside on cold days!

making your summer plans??



Sign your child up for CECC's Summer Camp!

Children 12 months to 2nd grade can enroll for summer fun, special activities and meaningful learning experiences in a center you already know and trust! Classes are forming now, so get your enrollment in early!

Classes will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and will begin June 7 and end on July 29, 2010. Extended hours available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an additional cost (discounts available). Watch for a flier to be out soon, or contact Donna or Trina with any questions.



Volunteers & Food Donations Still Needed!

We are still in need of volunteers to help out to set up, run some of the children's activities, close tables for the auction and clean up duty on the day of the Silent Auction and Dinner.

We also are looking for some food donations.

Please check out the sign up forms at the Check-In table.

We can't do it without YOU!!

Recycling 4 Cash!

CECC can earn \$\$ collecting empty inkjets, laser toners, laptops and i-pods!

Bring in electronics or ink cartridges from home and CECC will turn them in for

\$\$\$. Go to www.advantagecartridge.com to see if your inkjet or toner cartridge is listed. If so, bring it to CECC and put it into the collection box. We will take care of the rest! This is a great way to help the environment and CECC all at the same time! Questions? Contact Trina or Donna



2010-11 Enrollment begins soon!

Watch for enrollment packets to be sent home soon. Currently enrolled families will be given the opportunity to re-enroll their child starting on **March 1st**. Community enrollment will begin April 1st—so don't delay getting your contracts turned in.

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