



CECC News—November 2009

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Let's Bring the Outside In!!

Join us on Thurs., Nov. 12th

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This is a great time to see what your child has been learning in their class, meet other families, spend some FUN time with your child – and not even have to clean up afterwards!!

We'll provide the refreshments and fun activities, and you'll get to spend some quality time with your children learning how to bring the Outside In for some educational activities.

Thanksgiving Break

NO SCHOOL

Wed. , Thurs., & Fri.

Nov. 25-27th

*Have a safe & happy
holiday!*



Central Early Childhood Center

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Save the date- Feb. 26, 2010!

Jazz it Up!

Several CECC parents met with Donna and Trina this past month to begin planning for CECC's 2009-10 Silent Auction and Fundraiser Dinner and we have set a date for Friday, February 26th 5:00—7:30 p.m. ! We are going to use a Jazz theme for this event, so plan to bring the whole family for an evening of Jazzy fun! Watch for more information to come.

Help is still needed!

We have had some productive first meetings, but there is still lots more to be done! We are looking for people who can contact potential donors by stopping by their business and dropping off a letter of request. We have a list of donors to contact, so if you could help us out, just contact Trina in the CECC office.



Operation Christmas Child (a mission opportunity)

Operation Christmas Child is a worldwide outreach of the Samaritan's Purse Organization. This group hand-delivers decorated shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, candy and other gifts to needy children all over the world.

YOU CAN HELP !! Shop with your child, fill and decoratively wrap a shoebox for either a boy or girl, age 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old. Be sure boxes can be opened for inspection at the distribution center. Check out the list of suggested gifts in the brochure. Bring it back to CECC the week of November 9-13 and we will deliver it to the Operation Christmas Child headquarters for you. Remember to include \$7.00 cash (or more, if you like) for shipping and a note or family photo.

YOU can make a big difference in the life of a child, and help your own child experience the joy of giving at the same time. **Boxes are due November 9-13**

Hats, Mittens, and Coats - Oh My!

With the weather turning chillier, please remember to send your child in outerwear appropriate for outside play. We try to go outside EVERY DAY*. It is also helpful to label all articles of clothing, as some children have similar items. (*Please refer to your Parent Handbook for CECC's outdoor policy).

Please send a change of clothes with your child in their backpack daily, or be sure that we have a set to stay in the classroom for those unexpected spills and accidents. If you already have a bag of clothing for your child at school, it is time to switch out the shorts and t-shirts and add some long pants and long sleeved shirts that are more suitable for the colder weather.

Do you have extra clothes that your child has outgrown? CECC could use a few extra pants, shirts, mittens, hats or jackets to have on hand as well.



Calendar Dates for November:



- Nov. 2nd: Central Child & Family Advisory Board meeting
- Nov. 5th: Butterfly, Rainbow & Dinosaur—Art w/ Donna Yeager
- Nov. 6th: Photo Orders & Proofs due
- Nov. 9th-13th: Operation Christmas Child boxes due
- Nov. 12th: Bringing Outside In Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13th: CECC Staff Inservice—NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 18-21: NAEYC National Conference
- Nov. 24th: Dinosaur & Rainbow classes Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 25, 26, 27th: THANKSGIVING BREAK—NO SCHOOL

November Birthdays

Ivan Burns	11/2	Panda
Merryn Rupp	11/6	Kangaroo
Aria Cutelli-Keller	11/7	Kangaroo
Beck Forristal	11/8	Panda
Ella Alexander	11/10	Zebra
Elhora Dalzell	11/12	Panda
Gloria Hronek	11/12	Zebra
Diane Welch	11/14	Support Teacher
Margaret Martin	11/15	Dinosaur/Zebra
Amelia Bridges	11/16	Zebra
Kairos Im	11/16	Panda

Gloria Wetzel	11/24	Dinosaur
Cormac McKenna	11/25	Panda





News of the Classes

This is a monthly feature. Be sure to read about all the happenings in all the classes!

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

The Ark classroom is crawling with activity! The month ahead will find the class actively moving and developing their Gross Motor skills. Floor time in the Ark and visits to the larger Kangaroo classroom will encourage their movement. To balance the active mornings, there will be quiet moments to introduce board books and cloth books, showing colorful pictures and encouraging language development. This is a good age to discover the joy of reading. Sitting together, turning pages and talking about the pictures will encourage an interest in reading and contribute to a longer attention span. The class continues to enjoy music and finger plays, including the classic, "Eensy-Weensy Spider".

Kangaroo Class (7 -12 months, KDO) *Carla Warriner*

Climbing steps, sliding on slides, and gathering mulch and leaves are the Kangaroos favorite activities outdoors. As the weather cools even more, we'll be climbing the cubes inside. In November, we will explore things that roll - wheels, cups, our toys, and ourselves. We will get messy with water and goopy substances. And we will play peek-a-boo with various objects - plates, mirrors, blankets, and more. We will also be identifying the parts of our faces and furthering our kitchen play.

Panda (12 - 24 months, KDO)

Pam Cutelli and Marti Miller

In November, Pandas will be developing their social skills for all the get-togethers that are enjoyed by friends and family during the upcoming holidays. They will be picked up and hugged by "strangers" they don't know (or haven't seen in a long while), so this can be a scary time for young children. We will practice using our words like, "please", "thank you" and "stop". We will also explore our own faces so that other faces will not be so surprising to us. We will explore emotions and see if there is a difference between sad and mad. We will practice Dr. Becky Bailey's STAR (Stop, Take a deep breath, And Relax) for stressful social situations.



Koala (24-36 months, KDO)

Katie Lane & Jevette Link

October was filled with lots of fall fun! We made ghosts with glue and our feet. We took a few nature walks to explore the wonders of fall. We even brought nature inside! The children have had lots of fun experimenting with pumpkins and gourds. They talked about the texture, the colors and the weight of the fall cornucopia. They even tried to roll the different pumpkins to see if they would go straight or roll to one side. October finished off with an exciting trip across the street for Trick-or-Treating!

In November we will be talking about things for which we are thankful and discussing family holiday traditions. We will also be building vocabulary as we do some fun activities using the colors of the season.

Zebra (2 ½ - 5 year olds, KDO)

Bob Kiefer and Adriane Van Cleave

We had lots of fun in October in the Zebra room, exploring changes in plant life outside as fall began. In November, we will continue to explore the outside world, talk about Thanksgiving and even begin to get ready for the Christmas program. We also have started looking at and exploring seeds—so watch for lots of seed activities to be growing in the Zebra classroom!

Butterfly (3 year old, Preschool)

Linda Ann & Kate Willaredt

The Butterfly Class has been doing all sorts of fun things with sticks. We are going to continue having fun playing with our homemade drumsticks and drums.

In November, we are going to explore softer things like feathers. What differences can we discover comparing sticks and feathers? How do feathers feel? What can we do with them? Where do feathers come from? We might learn a little about birds and turkeys.

The Butterfly Class will also be exploring sand. Visit the Butterfly Classroom during the evening family event for fun wet sand play the natural way.

The children are learning to compare and measure, and to observe cause and effect. They are having sensory experiences, feeling the various textures. Fine motor skills are strengthened when using tools to play with the wet sand.

Rainbow (4 year old, Preschool)

Christian Pearson

Fall is here and the Rainbows are truly enjoying it! Jumping in leaf piles, going on nature walks, and carving pumpkins. The Halloween parade was awesome this year, we had two Scooby Doo's, a



Mermaid, a Good Witch, Optimus Prime and a Stegosaurus! What is new? We are still making observations on our insects but given that the cold weather has come, fresh interests are starting to arise such as: character play, puzzles and "train rides". Come by our room and see what is happening. For this month, the Rainbows will talk about giving thanks and the many ways we can show our thanks to the people we love. We will also share stories about Family traditions, enjoy some yummy fall foods and celebrate a Thanksgiving feast with our Dinosaur friends.

Dinosaur

(4- 5 year olds, Preschool)

Louisa Weinrich

The Dinosaur class is having a great time experiencing and learning about all of the things that happen in Autumn. We have been to the apple orchard and the pumpkin patch. We have taken nature walks around the area to look for signs of fall. In November, we will continue to learn about animals and what they do when the weather gets colder. We will also continue learning about nocturnal animals and their habitats. Our alphabet adventure is helping us to collect hundreds of words in the room. Finally, November will culminate with our Thanksgiving Feast with the Rainbow class and our families. If you are in our neck of the woods, be sure to come by and see how exciting it is to be a Dinosaur!

Please remember -

Monthly tuition is due the first week of each month. Be sure to **clearly** mark your check payable to "CECC" with your child's name & class in the memo line.



CECC Openings

Currently we have openings in the following classes: **Zebra** (Wed., or Thur.), **Butterfly** (meets W & Th), **Rainbow** (meets T, W, & Th) or **Dinosaur** (meets T, W, & Th). Check with Trina or Donna if you would like to add a day in your child's Zebra class, or know of someone who may be interested in one of our preschool classes.



There is **STILL** time!

Have you been thinking

about signing up for our automatic payment plan, but just haven't gotten around to it yet?? **It is NOT too late!** Need a form? Stop by the office or pick up one at the check-in table! Have questions? See Trina—she will be happy to answer any of your questions. It is fast, painless, and easy!

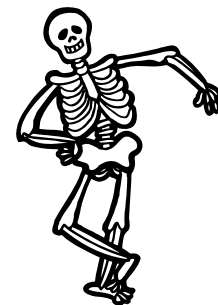
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a GREAT success! All of the classrooms were blessed to receive all of the books (and more) from their wish lists. We appreciate all of you who purchased books—either for your own family or your child's classroom—sales were even up from last year, totally over \$1,200.00! Which means we earned over \$750.00 in books. Thanks again to everyone for your support!



Movement Class Notes (Preschool classes) *Kate Willaredt*

We spent the month of October getting in touch with our "creepy" side in Movement class! We had fun learning songs about "Dem Bones" which helped us learn about our body parts - most of the children were surprised to know that we all have skeletons under our skin! We learned some Halloween finger plays and did the Monster Mash, and played the "freeze" game to scary music, which is always a crowd favorite! If you're ever looking for a fun way to get your children moving, especially in the colder weather, turn on some fun music and when you yell "freeze!" pause the music. The kids love watching for silly poses - and we try to freeze with silly faces as well! This month, we also used rhythm sticks and our hands to clap out the syllables in our names. In November, we will be thankful for yoga and ballet! The children will learn basic yoga poses as well as some basic ballet steps and positions of the feet. This is a great way for them to be exposed to something new while also working on balance and coordination!





Did you know...

Once your child is enrolled in CECC you may sign him/her up to use any of the Extended Day times—even on days he/she is not regularly scheduled to attend? We have some openings on some of the days of the week that are available for you to either enroll your child, on a regular basis, or to use off and on as needed—and it doesn't have to be a day that they regularly attend! We prefer advance notice for scheduling drop-in care as it is only available as space allows, so that ratios are maintained. Please contact Trina or Donna for availability or to schedule your child to attend the Extended Day Program.

Just a reminder...

Please remember to park only in the undesignated parking spaces on the west and south ends of the parking lot. The Senior Pastor and Director of Music do



use their parking spaces, as do many of Central church's seniors members, so please leave them available for their use. Also, the drive-through lane in front of the west entrance is only for drop offs. Please do not park and get out of your car in this lane, as it needs to remain accessible in the event of an emergency. *Your cooperation is most appreciated!*

Extended Day Hours:

AM Care: M-F 7:30–9:30 a.m.

PM Care: M-F 2:00 -5:30 p.m.



Goodbye Ms. Angela

Koala Teacher, Angela Bergner, has decided to resign from CECC to pursue other endeavors. We wish her all the best. Current Koala teacher, Katie Lane, has agreed to expand her schedule to work M-F in the Koala class. We hope this will make for a seamless transition.



It is here!!

The 2009-10 edition of the Central Yellow Pages is ready and available! Hopefully you have received your copy via email. There are also a few printed copies available at the check in table. This is a great way for Central ECC families and Central UMC members to connect and support one another!

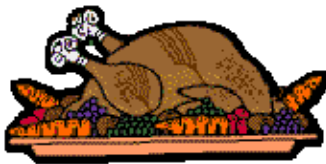


Welcome Interns and Practicum Students!



You may have seen a few new faces around CECC lately. We have a student intern, Brandy McKnelly from UMKC School of Education joining the Dinosaur class, and Marquita Williams is in the Zebra room as she works to complete her practicum at Penn Valley. We hope that they will feel welcomed by our families and that your child's classroom experience will be enriched by their being with us!

Most Fowl Congregation Contest



St. John's gobbled up the Most Fowl Competition award in 2008, collecting 1.7 turkeys per capita or 105 actual turkeys and \$2235 for Harvesters. Central donated 44 turkeys and \$2361, earning us the Giblet award!! (You can view the award in the table in the church lobby!) All together all 3 churches have given 3028 turkeys and \$87,277 to Harvesters in our 16 years of competition. **Help us get to \$100,000 for our 17th year!** Can we do it???

This year, the turkey collection will be held on Sunday, November 22 **CECC families—please bring in your turkeys no later than Friday, Nov. 20th to put in the freezer.** So mark your calendars to bring a frozen turkey or write a check on that day. CECC families can bring a turkey early or give a check to the office. Make checks payable to Central UMC, with "Harvesters" written in the memo. In these tough economic times, it is even more important that we support Harvester's and all the important work they do in Kansas City. If you have questions, just call Maggie Holley 816-942-1297.



Did you hear the news?

The members of Central United Methodist Church held a Church Conference on October 11th and voted to pursue a Capital Campaign to work towards raising the funds for the redevelopment of the Ministry Plan. This plan calls for renewed and redeveloped ministry facilities to improve access, hospitality, circulation, energy efficiency Watch for more details to be shared as the building committee progresses with this very important project.

Organ Recital

Monday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the church Sanctuary



Winter Escape Camp is Back!



at Central Early Childhood Center

Dec. 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(offered for children 12 month to 5 years)

**Do you need a safe, fun environment for your child
while you...**

...take some Mommy and/or Daddy time?

...prepare for holiday visitors?

...recover from the holiday?

...count your blessings?

***You may enroll for every day
or just one day.***

***Enrollment starts NOW
and***

***must be received by
November 20th.***

***Space is very limited so
enroll early!***

Please bring lunch and beverage.

We will provide snacks.



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