

# Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Child Development Center

February, 2017



## From the Director's Office . . .

February is here and is all about love! Everyday we are greeted with smiles, hugs, and even small hands tucked into ours. Your children are so precious and we appreciate you sharing them with us!

February's unit is **"My Neighborhood."** If you have an occupation or a hobby that you would like to share with your child's class, please let us know!

A special emphasis for February is **"Kindness Counts."** This focus serves to help our children to learn how to be kind to each other. A calendar with suggestions will be sent home for you to read. When you 'catch' your child being kind, fill our Kindness Tree in the foyer with colorful hearts. I know we will have a full tree by the end of the month!

February is a busy month! Just look at the following dates:

- ◇ February 2: Tooth Fairy visits
- ◇ February 14: Classroom Valentine Parties
- ◇ February 16: Preschool Three Parent Meeting
- ◇ February 20: CDC Closed for Teacher workday
- ◇ February 24: Community Helper Day! Dress like your favorite helper!

Have a LOVE-ly month!



*Ms. Jennifer*

**Happy  
Birthday**

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| February 7  | Leah       |
| February 22 | Easton     |
| February 2  | Ms. Kiara  |
| February 23 | Ms. Roslyn |

## Classroom Spotlight!



This month we are focusing on Preschool Two. What a busy year they have working on so many important skills. Ms. Cynthia and Ms. E'Dana guide them through the steps of potty training as well as other self-help skills, practicing good manners, independence and positive self-esteem, literacy and language exposure, and knowing that God made each one unique and special. Ms. Cynthia and Ms. E'Dana are a new team and are providing a wonderfully united presence in the classroom. Join me in thanking them for all they do!



## Parent Life



### "HOW TO SHOW LOVE TO YOUR CHILD"

February is the month of love! Parents are the child's first teachers and teaching children to love is a top priority - love of self, family, others, and God.

**L**—Look for ways to model unconditional love for children. Parenting with grace demonstrates that we love our children, no matter what.

**O** — Offer appropriate choices. Setting boundaries is a way to show your child they are loved by providing a secure environment, both physically and emotionally.

**V**—Value time spent with your child. Listen to them. Step into their world and observe your infant or toddler, discern their likes and dislikes. Get to know YOUR child!

**E**—Encourage appropriately. "I like the way you shared your toy with your cousin." "I am so proud of you for picking up all your blocks." Bringing attention with specific words to their actions when they work hard is more beneficial than a generic comment, such as "You are a good boy."

*And always, pray for your child, each day as they grow and develop, through the good AND the challenging times!*

# From Our Classrooms...



## Infant I

Well, it's finally here! The month of February! This month we will focus on "My Neighborhood." We will place emphasis on being kind to one another (Eph. 4:32) and love.

We have a lot of fun activities planned for this month and we look forward to sharing each one of them with you.

A reminder that the CDC will be closed on Monday, February 20, for Teacher Workday.

We hope all our families will enjoy this month of February as we celebrate love for one another and our neighborhood friends.

~Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Victoria, Ms. LaShundra

## Infant II

January was a good month. Everyone in our class came back after Christmas happy to be back at school! Caroline joined our class in January and we are very happy to have her.

Now it is already February. Our unit for this month is "My Neighborhood." We will be talking about loving and being kind to our friends at school. This will tie into Valentine's Day also. We will be telling the class that Jesus loves them, we love them, and their parents love them. We will also be learning about Community Helpers. February 24 is Community Helper Day. On that day the children can dress like a favorite community helper.

It is going to be a great month! Happy Valentine's Day!

~Ms. Laura and Ms. Edna

## Toddler One

Love is in the air Toddler One! This month we will learn about friends, community helpers, shapes and how being healthy is so important. Our special days this month will be: Valentine's Day (2/14) - our class party will be during lunch time. Sign up sheet will be posted soon

Teacher Workday (2/20) - the CDC will be closed

Community Helper Day (2/24) - dress your child as a community helper

Please remember to check your child's cubby and red bag. Also please remember that nap mats go home on Friday to be washed and returned on Monday. This is especially important during cold and flu season! Also, we provide cups for your child so please take home any extra cups.

Remember to hug your loved ones everyday!

~Ms. Kiara and Ms. Erika



## Toddler Two

Toddler II had a ball in the month of January learning about winter—snow, arctic animals and clouds in the sky. We are so excited about the month of February where we will learn about so many different things—learning to share with friends, how to eat healthy, Valentines, and community helpers. Parents, help us reinforce the monthly themes at home!

Happy birthday to Meredith and Davis

who both had birthdays the last week of January.

Parents, thank you for all that you do for Toddler II. We are excited to have your children!

~Ms. Roslyn and Ms. Charlette

## Preschool Two

What a love-ly month! February will be filled with lots of heartwarming activities. On February 1st we will start our unit on healthy habits. This unit will include hand washing, healthy foods, and brushing our teeth. On February 6th we will begin a unit of friendship. We will practice working together and complete several group art activities. February 13th we will kick off the week of Love! We will study the heart shape and the heart organ. Our Valentine's party is on the 14th. Sign up will be soon.

February 20 is Teacher Workday and the CDC is closed. On Feb 21, we will begin our study on Community Helpers. Firemen, police officers, mailmen, doctors, nurses, and the dentist will take spotlight in our room during this week. Please remember to check daily notes and reminders for upcoming events.



~Ms. Cynthia and Ms. E'Dana

## Preschool Three

I cannot believe we are in the second month of the new year! Time has gone by fast, yet our class has already achieved some amazing things as we worked diligently in the month of January to improve their letter and number recognition abilities, as well as their fine motor skills.

Our unit for February is "My Neighborhood." Four key topics which our class will cover include: oral and physical health; friendships; geometric shapes; and community helpers.

Important dates to remember:

February 14—Valentine's class party; February 16—Parents meeting; February 20—CDC closed for Teacher Workday; February 24—Community Helper Day (dress like your favorite helper!)

We welcome Ms. Terri to our classroom! Glad to have you!

As always, thank you for your support and communication. Positivity is the key and I believe February will be a month of continued success.

*Remember the Parent Meeting on February 16th, to hear about the upcoming year in Pre-K 4!*

~Ms. Niki and Ms. Terri

## Pre-K Four

January was full of fun. We learned and experienced winter weather, how animals change in the winter, and what we do to help them. We especially loved our cozy hot chocolate story time.

February will be a busy month. We will learn about how God planned for community helpers and learn to appreciate all they do for us and our friends.

We will also help each child become familiar with other people in the world. Although other people may look differently, God made us all.

Valentine's Day will be an opportunity for communication. We will learn that people communicate in different ways, and how it is important to the way we live.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

~Ms. Donna and Ms. Tye



| February 2017   |   |  |  |   |
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| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|   |   | 1<br>Hot dogs<br>French fries<br>Mixed fruit<br>Milk | 2<br>Taco salad<br>Pineapple<br>Milk                           | 3<br>Chicken and Broccoli<br>Jello salad<br>Rolls<br>Milk           |
| 6<br>Bologna Sandwich<br>Chips<br>Diced peaches/<br>Milk      | 7<br>Beef & Egg noodles<br>Carrots<br>Rolls/Milk            | 8<br>Chicken & dumplings<br>Fruit<br>Rolls/Milk      | 9<br>Fish sticks<br>French fries<br>Apple/Orange<br>Rolls/Milk | 10<br>Spaghetti<br>Applesauce<br>Rolls<br>Milk                      |
| 13<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Chicken soup<br>Diced peaches<br>Milk | 14<br>Meatloaf<br>Mac & cheese<br>Peas<br>Cornbread<br>Milk | 15<br>Ravioli<br>Applesauce<br>Rolls<br>Milk         | 16<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Potatoes<br>Green beans<br>Rolls/milk | 17<br>Ham Sandwich<br>Fruit<br>Potato Chips<br>Milk                 |
| 20<br>CDC CLOSED FOR<br>TEACHER<br>WORKDAY                    | 21<br>Corndogs<br>Niblet corn<br>Applesauce<br>Milk         | 22<br>Beef & Gravy<br>Rice<br>Carrots<br>Rolls/Milk  | 23<br>Pizza<br>Jello Salad<br>Carrot sticks                    | 24<br>Turkey Roast<br>Potatoes/<br>Cheese<br>Broccoli<br>Rolls/Milk |
| 27<br>Veggie soup<br>Cheese sand.<br>Banana<br>Milk           | 28<br>BBQ sand.<br>Fries<br>Fruit<br>Milk                   |  |  |   |