



Children's House

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015



March Themes

- ❖ Lions & Lambs
- ❖ How Things Are Made
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ Wind
- ❖ Rainbows
- ❖ Frogs & Toads
- ❖ Turtles and Tortoises
- ❖ Doll's Day & Boy's Day (a Japanese Celebration)



...and/or any other special topics of interest voiced by the children.

If families have any materials or would like to share information on themes, please feel free!



Upcoming Events

3/7 Daylight Savings - Spring Ahead!

3/17 St. Patrick's Day Party!

Nut-free snacks are welcome with all ingredient lists. Items sent in without full ingredient lists will be left in the lounge for the



staff. Healthy treats are encouraged (yogurt, fresh fruit, fruit bars, etc.). Thanks!

3/31 FIA (Family Involvement Association) Meeting 4:30-5:15 at Children's House

The T2 Room Rep, Leah Ramirez, will host the meeting. Please send any agenda items to Pam Flowers at pflowers@childrenshouseinc.org.

One of the topics will be some recent revisions to our Multiple Permission form. Another topic will be the planning of Week of the Young Child events (April 13th-17th).

Contacting Families in an Emergency

Please let your child's teacher know if you will not be reachable using your regular contact numbers on any given day.

If there is an injury or illness, we need to be able to reach parents/guardians. If the center needs to be evacuated or closes early for weather or any other reason, we need to know which families must be

contacted by phone instead of email.

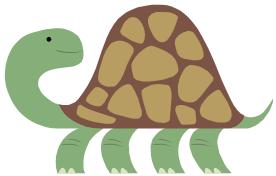
It would be best to leave a note on your child's Daily Information Sheet (Infants/Toddlers) or to jot something quick into the Communication

Notebook – located in all Preschool and Pre-K classes. That way, teachers don't have to go by memory – especially if there's an emergency. Thank you!

Staff Workshops and Inservices

Each year, all teaching staff are required to attend a minimum of 20 hours of outside training on topics relevant to their position. Some of this training can be accomplished by reading materials or obtaining information on the internet and writing a short report on the information gained. Most of the training is done through attending area workshops or by attending meetings planned after hours at CH with a guest speaker.





Recently, various staff have attended workshops on CPR, First Aid, Choking, Dual Language Learners, and some staff have taken correspondence inservices or webinars on topics such as Positive Discipline in the Classroom and Family Diversity.

When staff attend these varied workshops, we encourage them to share info gained with each other. They motivate one another to sign up for similar workshops or correspondence courses and the result is a wealth of great information gained that truly benefits the children in our care!

**Spring FINALLY Begins
Officially on:
March 20, 2015**

**Now Enrolling
for
Spring & Summer**

**Please tell your friends,
relatives and colleagues
that Children's House is
now accepting deposits**

**for spring and summer
vacancies.**

**Remember that there is a
Referral Bonus for currently
enrolled parents who refer
a new family* to Children's
House.**

**A \$50 gift card or a \$50
tuition credit will be given
to the referring family after
the new child has been
enrolled for one month.**



**Please help us get the
word out!**

*Some restrictions apply

Library Books & Center Materials

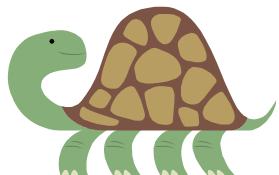
Staff and administration work very hard to provide the children with a wonderful variety of materials on a daily basis. It has always been a little bit of a challenge to keep items in classroom centers or library areas because children pick them up to look at and sometimes end up taking them from rooms.



As a general rule, staff do not allow the children to borrow library books or other classroom materials. They MAY allow children to borrow one of their own personal books, but only if they are aware the child is taking it home. Teachers are completely financially responsible for the books and other materials they borrow from the libraries. When they cannot return a missing book, they are charged for replacement. Often times, hardcover books run in the neighborhood of \$15- \$20 each and this can certainly add up.

Please check your child's back pack and books at home fairly often to be sure no books (or other items) from the center/library have accidentally gone home. If library or staff books are found, please leave them with the appropriate teacher (if labeled with a staff member's name) or leave in the office if stamped by a library.

The staff very much appreciate your assistance!



Front Door ~ Door Bell Request



We have been experiencing some doorbell issues over the past month. It apparently is getting “stuck” and not sounding to our phone system every time so some parents have been left outside a little too long. We apologize for the problem!

Our maintenance person tells us that it could be from people pressing the bell too hard, children hitting it with their hands and also from the angle at which a child would press the button (in a upward direction – sometimes multiple times!), making it catch at an angle that doesn't allow it to easily release. For these reasons, we are asking that **only parents ring the bell.**

Teachers will be discussing this with the children to assist parents in implementing this request. Thank you!!

Happy Spring!