



Children's House NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016



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



3/13 Daylight Savings - Spring Ahead!

3/17 St. Patrick's Day Party!



Nut-free snacks are welcome with all ingredient lists. Healthy treats are encouraged (yogurt, fresh fruit, fruit bars, etc.). Thanks!

3/25 Good Friday - Center Closed

3/27 - Happy Easter!



3/30 FIA 12-1 at MM in the Hemlock Room - The P2/P3 Room Rep, Kelly Maguire, will host the meeting. Please send any agenda items to Pam at pflowers@childrenshouseinc.org.

If you are not an MM employee but would like to attend the meeting, please contact Pam Flowers. There is also a call in #: 1-844-545-5962. Use the ID #: 826383 when you make the call.

Contacting Families in an Emergency

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

If there is an injury or illness, we need to be able to reach parents. 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 (I/T) 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

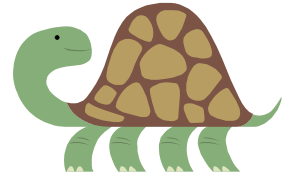
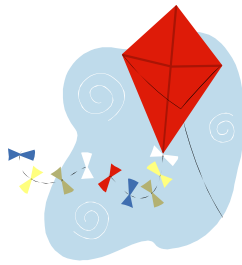
Each year, all teaching staff are required to attend a minimum of

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 (some done by Deb Murphy - certified Instructor and Director at our Chapin Terrace site), Asthma - Recognizing Symptoms and Info on Treatment, OSHA Standards, Allergies and Anaphylaxis, and some staff have taken correspondence inservices 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!





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.

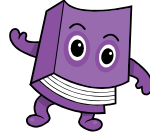
A \$50 Wal-Mart gift card OR \$50 tuition credit will be given to the referring family after the new child has been enrolled for one month.



Please help us get the word out!

* Doesn't apply to new state subsidized enrollment.

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. 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 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 backpack 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 office if stamped by library.

The staff thank you for your help!

A Few Last Reminders...

- For Toddlers through Kindergarten - Children should not bring *any* food to the center. Food allergies and choking issues are a big concern. Children cannot bring their own breakfast to eat or "finish up" here unless a parent stays with the child in the staff lounge. Food items cannot be brought to the classrooms.
- The snow is melting away nicely for the most part, but the children still need their snow gear because it's so wet out. Children need to have all their snow gear here daily. The group will go out together even if children in the group are ill-prepared. We have some "extras", but children really like to have their own "stuff".
- Children should not bring any hard toys in to the center. This causes issues in the classroom and upset for the child if the toy is lost or broken.



Happy Spring!

*Spring Begins Officially on:
March 20, 2016*