

Children's House Learning, Inc.



Welcome Spring!



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2026

March Themes

(some may spill over into April)

- ❖ Lions & Lambs
- ❖ How Things Are Made
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ Wind
- ❖ Rainbows
- ❖ Celebration of Spring
- ❖ Doll's Day & Boy's Day (a Japanese Celebration)
- ❖ Dr. Seuss's Birthday



...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

3/8 Daylight Savings - Spring Ahead one hour overnight!



3/17 St. Patrick's Day & Celebration of Spring Party!

Pre-packaged/Factory Sealed, Nut-free/Artificially flavored-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.) along with the sweet favorites.



Other items that make the party day more fun include festive paper table cloths, holiday napkins and cups or holiday stickers.

Thank you!

Spring FINALLY Begins Officially at 10:46am on March 20, 2026



Contacting Families in an Emergency

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

If there is an incident, injury or illness that arises, 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 give

your child's teacher a handwritten note at drop-off. That way, teachers don't have to go by memory – especially if there's an emergency.

Thank you!

Professional Development Day 3/6/26

Center Closed

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 is accomplished by reading materials or obtaining information online and then writing a short report on the information gained. Most of the training is done through attending Professional Development Days planned 4-5 times each year where staff attend a regular work day without the children on site, collaborate on projects, share expertise they have in certain areas, complete state required trainings and participate in team-building activities.

When staff attend these varied workshops/Professional Development trainings, we encourage them to share info gained with each other and implement new ideas in their classrooms. Our Educators motivate one another to sign



up for similar workshops or correspondence courses and the result is a wealth of great information gained that ultimately greatly benefits the children in our care.

The center will be closed on the following dates to allow our Teaching staff to be on site for trainings:

**Friday, 3/6/26
Friday, 5/8/26**

Parking Challenges



We are aware that there are peak parking lot times daily causing some hassles for our families. To help get through this busy time, we have asked staff to accept children into classes quickly and to assist children in gathering their belongings to leave in a timely manner at the end of the day.

It is sometimes hard to see the parking lines, but please try hard to verify that others aren't being blocked. We've had a few instances of cars being triple parked. Also when parking closer to the pond side, if cars are sticking out too far, it is causing issues as parents try to circle around or exit the loop.



Parents have also voiced concern about vehicles exiting the lot going in the wrong direction. **Please follow the traffic pattern around the loop staying to the right and going all the way around to depart (no matter where you park)** so accidents can be avoided.

As always, we continue to ask that parents NOT park along the sidewalk/patio or along the front of the building.

Also, we know it's still pretty cold out there, but parents **must turn off vehicles** in our lot. It's another of our frequently mentioned safety issues.

Re-Registration & Referrals

Summer is our busiest enrollment time and it will be here before we know it!

In preparation for this period, toward the end of NEXT month, we'll be asking families to commit to the new school year by renewing registration. The registration fee will be collected (\$50 for one child, \$90 for two) from all families (who are not receiving state subsidy) who plan to remain enrolled into September 2026. For families who plan to withdraw before September, we do not collect a registration fee and ask that those parents give us their withdrawal date as soon as possible – even if it's the last day of August. New families on



our wait list are eagerly awaiting news of a start date over the summer and into September and we can only know those dates once current parents provide them to us.

We are so appreciative when parents help us to fill vacant slots. Brochures are available to the left at the front door. Feel free to take a brochure or two to work or to friends and relatives!

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.**



***Does not apply to State Subsidized Slots
** Some restrictions apply**

Teacher Requests for Health and Safety

Please do not allow children to have hand sanitizer at the center. This violates state safety regulations.

Chapstick can be used by children at the center only if the item is handed to the staff for storing and has the child's first and last name on the item. Children cannot have chapstick-type items in their backpacks, pockets or cubbies. This also violates safety regulations. Children can



choke on covers and they also sometimes attempt to share, which is a health concern.

We ask that children not wear their snow boots all day in the classrooms. Please bring slippers or sneakers to change into.

Please check your child's back pack to verify it has weather appropriate and size appropriate full set of clothing for unexpected changes needed during the day. We don't have a lot of extra clothes to have children borrow. So if we have no extra clothes in the right size and the child has no extra clothes in their bag, it is certainly a problem.

Postings on Doors

Please watch for postings on your child's classroom door. This helps families to stay informed. Feel free to take a picture of a date posting if that helps or ask for a hard copy. We are happy to do whatever is needed to help parents stay informed.



Regarding Outdoor Play...

The children really need to get a chance to go outside, but the amount of snow has really hindered this. As the snow melts and the temperatures rise a bit, we will begin to use the playgrounds again.

Children need their snow boots (it will be snowy, icy and as the month progresses, it'll be muddy) and other outdoor weather gear every day the temp goes above 30 degrees (including wind chill).

The group will go out together even if children in the group are ill-prepared. We don't have staffing that allows for any child/children to remain indoors when their group goes out.

We have some extra boots and mittens but children really like to have their own items so we ask that parents to be diligent about providing needed items daily.

Please have a conversation with your child's teacher to express your wishes around having your child wear his/her hat/gloves and heavy coat if it's sent in.

Some parents tell staff to have their child wear every item brought in and some parents tell staff to use their best judgement.

Feel free to bring a lighter fleece jacket for warmer afternoons, if that seems like a good option. Please help us to follow through on what you prefer by communicating parent/guardian preferences.

