



Children's House Learning, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021



March Themes

(some may spill over into April)

- ❖ 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)
- ❖ 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

3/14 Daylight Savings - Spring Ahead!



3/17 St. Patrick's Day 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 on: March 20, 2021



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

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 area workshops or by attending meetings planned after hours at CH with a guest speaker.

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.

This year, we have planned three *in-house* Professional Development Days for our Teaching staff.

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

Friday, 3/5/21

Friday, 5/7/21

Date TBD, 9/2021



Parking Challenges



We are aware that the lines in our front parking lot are faded making it difficult to judge spacing. When you exit your car, please be sure you haven't blocked someone in.

We've seen multiple instances of cars being in a line of 3 toward the middle of the parking lot – blocking the car in the center in. We are also concerned about cars parked on the end – near the pond. If you don't pull up to the line, your back end might get hit as parents try to get around the circle. Please look for the line when you exit your car and pull up if you aren't close to it.

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 a huge safety issue.



Re-Registration & Referrals

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

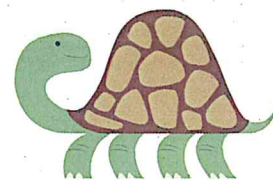
In preparation for this period, next month, we'll be asking families to commit to the new school year by renewing registration. The registration fee will be collected (\$50 for one child, \$90 for two) from all families (who are not receiving state subsidy) who plan to remain enrolled into September 2021. 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. New families on our wait list are eagerly awaiting news of a start date and we can only know those dates once current parents provide them.*

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



NAEYC Re-Accreditation

Children's House has been nationally accredited by the **National Association for the Education of Young Children** with no lapses in accreditation since 1991. Each year we are required to submit detailed documentation in an annual report. Every 5 years, a full on-site evaluation occurs. We will soon begin our re-accreditation process as we are up for renewal in 2022!

In June, we'll be asking parents to complete a confidential Family Questionnaire that is collated on an NAEYC spreadsheet. The results are referenced in our Annual Report to NAEYC.

When results are tallied, they will also be shared with families.

With NAEYC accreditation, there is the potential for unannounced visits to the program. Unannounced visits are not typical (especially during this time of restrictions), but they can happen. We can also be visited randomly by our EEC (State) Licensor.

Parents can help us remain in compliance at all times by keeping children's files up to date - medical information and general forms in the file that expire yearly need to be current AT ALL TIMES.

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