



The Village News Spring 2015



The University
Child Care Center

What in the world are ECERS and ITERS?

These days we are very focused on our work preparing for our Star Rated License Renewal and Environmental Rating Scale evaluation. This is something that happens every three years and we work hard preparing in every classroom in order to get a great score that reflects all of the wonderful work that our program is doing. We will be evaluated by a team of assessors who will use the ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) and the ITERS (Infant and Toddler Environmental Rating Scale), which are evaluation tools used to evaluate program quality. The assessors will come sometime during a 3-week window in the late spring. They will stay all day for two days in four or five randomly picked classrooms and score everything from materials to teacher-child interactions, room arrangement and more. We use this opportunity to review our practices, update materials, and hone our skills, also using the ECERS and ITERS as training tools to review “best practice”. We have a Technical Assistant from Child

Care Services Association who helps us with training and preparation. All of the staff are working hard and thinking about all of the many, many details that will be reviewed during the visit. Everyone is very much vested in the process, which can be a little bit stressful simply because it is so comprehensive. Please show the teachers your support by letting them know what a great job they do every day!



Congratulations!

The following teachers have anniversaries this spring:

- Ana—Mar 1—10 years
- Claudia—Mar 8—10 years
- Latee—Mar 28—10 years
- Kapila—Apr 1—28 years
- Mina—Apr 7—1 year
- Nicole—May 17—2 years
- Charles—May 20—2 years
- Carina—May 20—10 years
- Krishonda—May 28—8 years
- Tabatha—May 30—7 years

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Special points of interest:

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BIRTHDAYS:

- March 3—Ms. Shirley
- March 11—Ms. Sam
- March 15—Ms. Claudia
- March 27—Ms. Genobia
- April 6—Ms. Meg
- April 14—Ms. Krishonda
- May 2—Ms. Jamie
- May 4—Ms. Miriam
- May 14—Mr. Charles
- May 18—Ms. Tracey
- May 24—Ms. Houria
- May 24—Ms. Angie
- May 25—Ms. Mary
- May 27—Ms. Tabatha
- May 30—Ms. Brittany

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Spring



Scholastic Book Fair



We will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of April 13th. You may purchase quality children's books directly from the fair. The center receives up to a 60% (of sales) bonus in books for the classrooms by doing the fair. Also look for classroom Wish Lists, where you may purchase and donate books that the teachers have requested for their rooms.

Did you know?

Our center can make referrals for professional screenings and assessments of children who may need services to help them with developmental, behavioral, or speech/language needs. You may request a referral if you have concerns about your child in any of these areas. You may ask your child's classroom teacher, or the Center Director for more information. In most instances, the screenings are done free of charge.

REMINDER:

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TO WASH THEIR HANDS WHEN ENTERING THE CLASSROOM EVERY DAY



Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember



- April 3rd—Center Closed—Spring Break
- April 9th & 10th —Picture Days
- April 11th—Playground Workday
- April 12th—18th —Week of the Young Child
- Week of April 13th—Scholastic Book Fair
- May 15th—Graduate and Group Photos



The Week of the Young Child



The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The 2015 Week of the Young Child™ is **April 12-18**. We will have a variety of family events and special activities that celebrate children, families and teachers. Look for more information about those events coming up soon.

New Quarterly Themes

In conjunction with Teaching Strategies, we use center-wide quarterly thematic units to enhance our program of activities. These broad topics provide a framework for activity planning. The themes and timeframes are very flexible, so that teachers can branch off into areas of learning that are of special interest to the children in their groups. Books and special materials enhance the thematic units.

Themes for March—April—May are:

Spring Themes
Plants/Flowers, Gardening
Insects and Bugs
Birds
Pets
Dinosaurs



Say Cheese!!

Spring portraits of the children will be taken on

April 9th & 10th

Thursday - Infants, Tods & Siblings

Friday - Twos & Preschool



SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: Spanish/Chinese

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Art with Evan

Thursday: Yoga

Friday: Kids in Motion

