

# Central Early Learning Center

February 2015

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## February Happenings



### Valentine's Poem:

#### I Know You Little, I Love You Lots

I know you little, I love you lots,  
my love for you could fill ten pots,  
fifteen buckets, sixteen cans,  
three teacups, and four dishpans.

~ by Shel Silverstein

### Valentine's Song:

#### A Red Heart

(Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

I have a red heart, a red heart, a red heart.  
I have a red heart;  
That I will give to you.



**Grits for Grandparents!** This Wednesday, February 4, our THREE year olds invite their grandparents to have grits with them from 7:30 to 8:30 AM (each class will have 30 minutes with the grandparents). The next day, Thursday, February 5, grandparents are invited to join our FOUR year olds, also, from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. Please RSVP so we can prepare enough food.

**Mardi Gras!** On Wednesday, February 11, our Twos, Threes, and Fours will be learning about our Louisiana culture with a small Mardi Gras celebration.

**Valentine Parties** will be held Friday, February 13. These parties will be 'low-key' and will be held at the end of the day. Please see your child's teacher for information.

**CELC will be CLOSED** for Mardi Gras on Monday, Feb 16, and Tuesday, Feb 17. We will re-open at 6:00 AM on Wednesday morning. Happy Mardi Gras!

**2014 Tax Statements** are now available, by request, in the front office.

**Parent Handbooks** – our new, updated, handbooks are available in the front office.



### Safety Matters!

- \*Always drive slowly in the parking lot.
- \*Be sure to lock cars when dropping off **and** picking up your children.
- \*Never leave small children unattended in the vehicle.
- \*Never allow children to cross the parking lot alone.
- \*Always walk children to their classes.

### Reminder!

**Our new policies and regulations, stated in our current CELC Handbook, will go into effect on February 1, 2015. That first Monday, February 2, children MUST be checked in by 9:00 AM. Only children with a doctor's note will be allowed into their class after 9:00 AM.**



## Upcoming Events



Soon, we will begin our Fall Registration for our Preschool and PreK-4 classes. To hold your child's spot, we will need the Registration Fee, upfront. This fee is *non-refundable*, but in September, when school starts, you will not be charged this fee again.

Also, in March, we will begin registering for our Summer session. More information coming soon!



## Strong Emotions...

The Office of Head Start in the US Department of Health and Human Services, offered this [advice](#) to parents:

"Young children have very strong emotions. In the process of learning to express them in words, they sometimes lose control. When you help your child manage feelings, you teach self-control and social skills. Both are important for school success." Here are some tips they offered:

- Use words — in English or your home language — that your child understands.
- Encourage your child to talk about feelings. Respond with empathy.
- Use books and pictures — or songs and videos — to talk about how people look and act when they feel different emotions.
- Discuss new ways your child can respond when feeling stressed.
- Describe positive ways to help calm down when emotions feel out of control.



***You and your child are important to us.***

Should you wish to share something good a teacher has done or if you ever have a concern, please:

Call: Bob Lansing Telephone: 225-261-1743



## Season's Celebrations

- **Valentine's Day**  
February 14, 2015
- **Mardi Gras**  
February 17, 2015 (we will be closed Monday, Feb 16 and Tuesday, Feb 17)

## Meet our Staff:

- **Patricia Ratcliff** works in our Nursery and has been taking good care of our babies since August of 2013. Ms. Patricia has three children of her own and is excitedly waiting on her first grandchild! In her spare time, she likes to exercise and keep fit.
- **Linda Robinson** is our Young Twos teacher and has been with us for over 5 years. She has her Child Development Associate credentials and is in school, earning her Associates degree in Early Childhood Development. Ms. Linda has four children and loves spending time with her family.

## CELC a Quality Center:

- **100% of our staff have taken Birth to 5 Developmental Standards Training**
- **100% of our Lead teachers have been trained in Teaching Strategies GOLD, a child assessment tool**