

Central Early Learning Center

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Spring Poem:

"The Rain"

Pitter-patter, raindrops
Falling from the sky.
Here is my umbrella,
To keep me safe and dry!
When the rain is over,
And the sun begins to glow,
Little flowers start to bud,
And grow, and grow, and grow!
~ author unknown

Spring Song:

(Tune: "This Old Man")

Let's all sing
For the Spring
It's the time when birds take
wing,
And the bees all buzz
But be careful 'cause they sting!
These are all the signs of
Spring!

Let's all sing
For the Spring
Butterflies on flowers cling,
And the grass grows green,
It is such a lovely thing!
These are all the signs of
Spring!

No Foolin', April is Here!



Summer Camp! The weather is getting warmer, the days longer, and before you know it, the kids will be out of school for the Summer. If your child has finished Kindergarten through 5th Grade, CELC will be **THE** place to be! The Activity fee of \$175.00 must be paid to guarantee your child's spot. Open enrollment for the general public is currently going on. **Remember, your account must have a zero balance to participate in the Summer Camp program.**

Clothing requests: The weather getting warmer and we're all dressing a bit lighter. Chances are, the clothing that we have on hand for your child might need to be updated. Gone is the need for sweatshirts, and shorts and tee shirts are more the norm. **Please label** everything.

We are now **Registering Pre-K 4** classes for the 2024-2025 school year. Please stop by the front office to register your child. A registration fee of \$175.00 will reserve your child's place. Spaces are limited and registration has already been opened to the public.

GRADUATION! PreK-4 and Preschool graduation will be held on Friday, May 17th, at Zoar Baptist Church. More information to follow.



Morning Check-ins:

As stated in our handbook, it is center policy that all children must be checked into the center no later than 9:00 AM each morning. Teachers have started their daily lessons and late-comers are a disruption to the learning process.

This policy will be strictly enforced.

Parents of School Age Children...

If your child usually rides the bus in the afternoons, and for some reason **WILL NOT BE ON THE BUS**, please give us a call and let us know. Knowing where your child is, and that he/she is safe, is very important to us.



IMPORTANT:



Miss Emily will be taking Spring pictures on Tuesday, April 9th. These pictures are for our Infants to PreK-4 classes, and siblings will be able to take pictures together. The cost is for the images that you will be able to save and print out as you choose. Please stop by the front office to pick up order forms and more information.

13 Benefits of Early Childhood Education

Taken from an article in the Huffington Post, Vicki Palmer asserts that after 35 years of teaching preschool, she has identified 13 essential benefits of early childhood education:

1. Socialization:

Socialization with people other than the child's family in a safe environment is an essential foundational element to the below areas...

2. Concept of Cooperation:

Learning how to share, cooperate, take turns and persevere within a safe learning environment, guided by professionals who have the children's best interests at heart...

3. Encouraging Holistic Development:

The approach taken to build a strong foundation for a child's emotional, social, physical and mental development...

4. Enthusiasm for Lifelong Learning:

...We need to inspire a thirst for learning with eagerness and enthusiasm...

5. Convey the Value of Education Through Experience:

...While parents will always be the most important influence on a child's early life, introducing [children] to a preschool environment provides them with a new perspective on the importance of education that will remain with them throughout their schooling journey...

6. Respect:

...There is no better place to learn this virtue than in a hectic preschool environment, where everything is shared and civility and manners are both taught and learned organically.

7. Teamwork:

Demonstrating and instilling the importance of teamwork that can teach respect for the opinions of others, listening, cooperation and equality...

8. Resilience:

It's important that early childhood educators and parents work together to develop resilience in children as early as possible...

9. Concentration:

During preschool years, children explore at every opportunity to discover new experiences, new friends and new environments...

10. Patience:

...Children need opportunities to be involved in an abundance of social experiences, where they can explore and practice the social skill of patience...

12. Confidence and Self-Esteem:

...A strong sense of wellbeing provides children with confidence, optimism and self-esteem which will encourage children to explore their talents, skills and interests...

13. Exposure to Diversity:

Valuing difference and diversity are crucial to a child's early development..."

Season's Celebrations

- March 29 – Friday - Good Friday We **WILL** be closed
- March 31 – Sunday - Easter Sunday
- April 1 – Monday - We **WILL** be closed

Recipe of the Month:

Dirt Cups

Ingredients

- 1 package Oreos/Blonde Oreos
- 1 package chocolate/vanilla pudding mix
- 1 container (8 oz) whipped topping
- Gummy worms
- Plastic cups

Directions

1. Put the Oreos[®] in a large plastic bag and smash them to crumbs.
2. Layer the Oreo[®] crumbs in the bottom of the cup. Set aside.
3. Mix pudding mix and whipped topping in a separate container.
4. Layer pudding mix on top of the crumbs, and go back and forth with the cookie crumbs and pudding mix.
5. Top with a gummy worm or two and "dig" in!

