



A Child's World

a childcare center

March
2010

Preparing children to make their mark on the world

We made it through our accreditation site visit and should hear results in 30-90 days.

Dates closed in 2010

Memorial Day
May 31st

4th of July
Monday July 5th

Staff Development Day
Tentatively set for
August 13th
(this date was wrong the last two newsletters)

Labor Day
September 6th

Thanksgiving
November 25

Christmas Day
Friday Dec. 24th

New Years Day
2011
Friday Dec 31st

Linda,
Center

Flood Preparation 2010

Unfortunately, the outlook for the 2010 flood season is shaping up to potentially be as big as last year if not bigger. We must work together and begin preparing now for what lies ahead.

Important Information for Parents

A Child's World will follow Fargo Public Schools for any weather related closings. However, flood related closings are different. A Child's World will remain open unless:

- ✦ The Mayor requests businesses to close and we are categorized in a group that must close
- ✦ Separating children from their family is not advised
- ✦ Enough staff are not available to maintain safe child to staff ratios

Should the center close, we will announce through both radio and news stations. From what we learned last year, we recommend utilizing our website to streamline this process. Announcements will be posted at www.ywcacassclay.org as soon as the decision is made. Additionally, the voicemail at the center will be changed and families will be emailed directly. If you would like to add your email to our email list please email Linda at lsakrisimo@ywcacassclay.org or leave a message with your email address and you will be added.

The center's flood policy, as found in the parent handbook, may be viewed below and at www.ywcacassclay.org by clicking on A Child's World and then on "Access Parent Handbook" and use the following login information:

Username: achildsworld

Password: parent

Storm, Natural Disaster or Pandemic Illness Policy for Attendance and Tuition

Should the center be closed because of local, state, federal request/recommendation, or an inability to meet mandated ratios, the first three days consecutively following the request/recommendation will be billed at 100% of the regular tuition rate. On the fourth consecutive day, only 50% of the regular tuition rate will be charged until the Center reopens. If your child is unable to attend, but the Center is open the Illness policy will be in effect as it always is.

We will do our best to the keep the center open to serve our families during the anticipated flood fight. Please let us know if you have any concerns or questions.

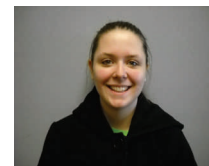
I am sadden to say the Brittney, our Preschool Teacher has decided to move to Bismarck and will be leaving the beginning of March. As sad as I am to see her go I am excited announce that Sara Gajeski will be moving back from Arizona. Unfortunately Brittney's departure and Sara's return aren't the perfect of timing so in between Miss Ashley and Miss Chelsey will be aiding Ms. Crissy in maintaining consistency for the kids.



Miss Sara



Miss Ashley



Miss Chelsey



Infant Room



March is here and hopefully spring is soon to follow! A big thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Valentine's parent social. It's always nice to visit with the families! The infants were busy this past month looking at books, shaking maracas, chewing on the rubber duckies, watching the roll-a-round zoo, crawling over the soft mats, listening to the music boxes, and of course playing with the ball popper (this was also a favorite of our older siblings).

THANK YOU:

- Everyone for the Valentine's
- Garrett for the Birthday Treats

Goodbye:

- Ian and his family
- Coryn and Wyatt as they transition to the Toddler room

Welcome:

- Abigail and her family
- Ethan and his family

— Miss Brenda & Ms. Deb

WISHLIST:

- Kid Friendly small ice packs
- Soft Kleenex
- "D" Batteries
- Snow pants/snow suits in size 12 months to 24 months (if you have some you are getting rid of those would be perfect).

Reminders:

- Please take blankets home on Fridays to be washed.
- If you haven't brought in a family photo yet we would love to have one.
- Deb will be gone March 1-5. Miss Ashley will be working for her.

Activity: Photo Album

Take a small photo album and place pictures of family members and friends inside. Then "read" it with your child!



Toddler Room



Can you believe this snow that we have! The children loved it. This month we have been playing in the snow as much as possible. We really like going out for slide rides. We also like to bring the snow inside and play with it in the sensory table. They love to use cups, bowls, and spoons to dig into the snow. We are also spending a lot of time playing with balls, cars, plunk cans, and the string game. We are also practicing naming our body parts, sign language and eating with a spoon. This month we celebrated Valentine's Day by doing lots of art projects. We enjoyed tissue paper hearts, finger paint, coloring on hearts and decorating our party bags but our favorite was making cupcakes for our Valentine's Party. Thank you to all the parents who joined us!

Goodbye & Welcome to:

We said goodbye to Ellen and her family as she moves to the two's room and we welcome Coryn and her family to the toddler room! We also said goodbye to Sam and his family. They will be missed.

Reminder

Please be checking your daily sheets when you come to pick up your child. There may be notes from teachers or other reminders.

Thank You:

- Daniel's family for the Kleenex
- Dylan's family for the Kleenex & gift card
- Samuel's family for the Kleenex
(We are using A LOT of Kleenex lately)

Happy Birthday:

- Miss Chelsea—Feb. 22nd
- Ms. Tabitha—Feb. 28th



Activity

Have toddlers tear wax paper into tiny pieces and put them into a baby food jar. Help them fill the jar with water and use super glue to tighten the lid. When they shake the jar the wax paper bits will appear to be dancing snowflakes.

— Steph & Kelly



Two's Room



February was a busy month for the Two's. We sadly said goodbye to Abby B. and her family as she transitioned to the 3's room. We excitedly welcomed Ellen from the Toddler Room.

Our favorite activities this month centered around Valentine's Day. Sponge painting our Valentine's Day bags, making "Loverflies" out of foam paper, baking & decorating cupcakes, and painting hearts were a few activities that got us really excited.

At the end of the month we happily welcomed Ms. Sheryl back from maternity leave. So Ms. Jess's hours will go back to being 8:15-5:15 while Ms. Sheryl works her regular 7:30-4:30.

Thank you to Andrew and family & Miss Leah for washcloths.

Big thank you's to all the teachers that helped out while Ms. Sheryl was gone (Mr. Duane & Miss Leah).

Special Activity:

Ask your children to imagine that they are house cleaners. Lead them in pretend activities such as dusting tables and chairs, washing and polishing windows, and sweeping & scrubbing floors.

Talk with your children about the different rooms in a house and what they are used for.

—Sheryl & Jess



Three's Room



Our themes this month were:

Safety—Friday Fun: Crazy Hair Day
Be My Valentine—Friday Fun: Valentine's Party
Once Upon a Time—Friday Fun: Costume Day
Trains—Friday Fun: Toy Day

Question of the Month: Who do you want to be your Valentine?

Ben— "Umm you" (talking to Miss Erin)
Logan— "Daddy"
Jax— "A Dragon"
Jaxon— "A Choo Choo Train"
Avery— "Logan"
Layton— "Logan"
Zachary— "Layton"
Jonathan— "For Avery"
Breck— "Jonathan"
Andy— "Daddy, Mommy & Jacob"
Abby K— "Mommy & Daddy"
Daria— "Layton"

This month we said goodbye to Ben and Logan as they move up to preschool and welcome Abby B from 2s.

Thank You's:

Logan—Tissues, Lotion, Walmart gift card

Daria—Walmart gift card
Layton— Book order books
Avery— CD player
Isabella— Air Fresheners

Reminders:

- Be sure snow gear is here daily (hat, mittens, coat, snow pants, and boots)
- Check your child's mailbox weekly
- Please check the monthly calendar for "Friday Fun" activities and Toy Days (calendars are sent home monthly and also posted with our lesson plans)

Wish List:

Wish list apples are posted on the door frame in the classroom.

- Walmart Gift Cards
- Vis A Vis markers
- Fun size Skittles, Life Savers Gummies and Starburst for our Easter egg hunt
- 4-slice Toaster

— Miss Laura & Miss Erin



Preschool Room



We started off the month with a Chicka Chicka Boom Boom ABC's theme which was really fun! We put letters on the coconut tree, decorated the whole alphabet which is now hanging in our room and read lots of great books. The week's highlight was when we used a hammer (with our teachers help) to crack open a real coconut which we then tasted and tried coconut water! Next was our Valentine/Love theme. We learned how to sign "I Love You", cut out and decorated hearts and many other fun things. We really enjoyed our V.I.P. valentines snack! It was a great turnout and fun was had by all! The third week we learned about the Chinese New Year. Anna and Sam and their families were so helpful and brought in lots of neat things to show and share with us. We all really enjoyed trying on the beautiful clothing that Anna brought and tasting the wonderful dumplings that Sam's mom Helen made especially for us! Finally, we wrapped up the month with our Numbers 1-10 theme. We counted friends, M & M's, letters in our names and practiced writing the numbers 1-10.

Welcome to:

- Evan and his family
- Asher and his family
- Sam and his family
- Logan G. and his family

Thank You:

- Anna and her family for sharing their special clothing for the Chinese New Year
- Sam and his family for the great dumplings and rice cakes for the Chinese New Year

Wish List:

- See wish list in classroom

Reminders:

* Please make sure your child has all their warmest winter gear here (hat, boots, mittens/gloves and snow pants)

Activity:

Go to the library and let your child pick out four stories to read to you. As they go along ask them to point out some of the letters that they know and what sound the letters make! Have fun!

Ms. Crissy and Miss Brittney



Jumpstart Room



It's hard to believe that February is coming to a close already! The kids have been enjoying outside time when we can get out. They love to climb up and slide down the "Snow Mountains" in the parking lot. If we could be out there all day, they would love it!! We have spent the last month learning about different dinosaurs, where they lived, what they ate and how big they were. They loved learning that some have been found near North Dakota! We have also enjoyed learning the history of St. Valentine's Day. Thank you to everyone that attended our Parent Social on the 12th. It's great to see families interact with each other and other families.

Learning about our 5 senses has been a hit also. They have explored our classroom and their teachers' hands with magnifying glasses, felt different objects through socks while trying to guess what they were, tasted different fruits, painted with scented paints and danced around the classroom to fun music! During Special Me we learned all about ourselves and how we are all special.

Happy Birthday this month to:

Sam who turned 5 on the 7th!

Ms Addy who celebrated her birthday on the 15th!

Miss. Dani & Ms. Addy

Activity: Scented Painting
Mix a bit of different cooking extracts into the paint. Enjoy the aroma as you paint lots of different things. A couple hits with this were vanilla, root beer, and banana!

Thank You:

- Jake & his family for the toilet tissue!
- Brooke & family for the Valentine's Day coloring pictures!
- Eli & family for the Valentine's Day banners, ribbon and stapler!
- Sam & Family for the prize box items!



Kindergarten Room



Dentist, and sledding, and marching OH MY! February was an extra busy month in Kindergarten. We had our field trip to the dentist and were very blessed to have Linda Mayer show us her cool tools and neat chair. We had a blast going for rides in the chair and watching those silly videos about our teeth. We also had a special visitor, Hawkeye from the FM Redhawks, come and get us started on our new reading program. We celebrated the 100th day of school and had our Valentine's party. We also raised money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and did a mini march to show our support for the foundation. Finally, we had a fun day of sledding to close out the month. Uffda!

On top of all the extra excitement in our room we were busy learning to read, do some addition and learn about some very important people from our history. We are getting pretty good at reading and we can do simple addition with ease!

We have our fingers, toes, arms and legs crossed that next month will warm slowly and we can venture outside more often.

Thank you to our fabulous families for the many items you have purchased for our class.

Activity: Read with your child every night. Have them read to you or pick out short words they can sound.

Wish List:

I Spy Books

— Miss Schroeder

Stellar Staff!!



My Name is Tabitha Strommen and I am from Arthur, ND. I have one sister, Britney who is a senior in HS and a brother, Brock who is a freshman in HS. I am currently a junior at NDSU majoring in Child Development and Elementary Education. My hobbies consist of going out to the movies, shopping spending time at the lake, baking, decorating and being with friends and family. I have been working at A Child's World for over a year and a half. I work mainly in the toddler room but also float around to other rooms. I enjoy working at a Child's World and getting to know your children each and everyday.



My name is Erin Smith and I'm the Three's Teacher. I'm originally from Parkston, SD. I am an only child and the oldest of 6 grandchildren in my family. I moved to the Fargo-Moorhead area 2 years ago after living in Brownnton, MN for 13 years.

I graduated from Concordia University in Seward, NE in December 2007. I have a degree in Elementary and Special Education. I am currently taking classes at MSUM to my Special Education license in Minnesota.

Some of my favorite hobbies include camping, swimming, biking, rollerblading, and taking my puppy for walks. I also enjoy reading, watching movies, doing puzzles, and playing games.