

# Grandview Heights Christian Daycare & Academy

January 27, 2012



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

<b>Favorite Sports Team Day</b> Wear the clothing of your favorite sports team!	<b>Friday Feb 3</b>
<b>Crazy Hat and Hair Day</b> Come to school with your craziest hairstyle or hat!	<b>Friday Feb 10</b>
<b>Valentine Day Parties</b> Check your child's parent board for more information.	<b>Tuesday Feb 14</b>
<b>Teddy Bear Picnic Day</b> Bring your favorite teddy bear OR stuffed animal to enjoy a picnic at school!	<b>Friday Feb 17</b>
<b>SUNBEAMS AND KINDERGARTEN -</b> 1st Snow Make-up day	<b>Mon Feb 20</b>
<b>Pajama Day!</b> Wear your jammies, slippers and robes to school! Don't forget to bring shoes to play outside.	<b>Friday Feb 24</b>

Handicapped parking spaces are for those with Handicap tags **ONLY**. They are **not to be used** for drop off and pick up. Please keep them available for those who truly need them.

Tax statements are available during office hours. Please stop by the office if you would like a 2011 statement printed or give us a call and we can place one in your child's

### SPANISH!!

The preschool classes have been enjoying learning the numbers in Spanish. We will continue to learn the numbers up to ten. We are also reviewing the colors in Spanish. The kindergarten and Sunbeams class have been learning the numbers and will learn the numbers up to 15 in the upcoming weeks. Numbers eleven to fifteen are once (11), doce (12), trece (13), catorce (14), and quince (15). The Turtles started Spanish class with the new year and are learning some common use vocabulary such as coma (eat), mas (more), ya (finish) por favor (please) and gracias (thank you).



### Kindergarten ~ Mrs. Raezer

This week in kindergarten we read the book Three Little Kittens. With this story we concentrated on the "k" sound. We talked about summarizing and adjectives. We also read the book Five Little Ducks. We concentrated on opposites. Then we reviewed beginning sounds and also on predicting outcomes. Next week we will start to send some other books home as well as the readers. It is important that your child reads them and returns them to us. Thank you.

In math we continued to work on the language of addition and started to work on the language of subtraction. We listened to stories and made subtraction problems from the stories.

In Bible class this week we started a two week study of Daniel. This week we learned about his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. We learned how they remained faithful to their beliefs even when they were away from their homes and learned how God protected them when they were thrown into the fiery furnace. They obeyed God when it was hard to obey. Our verse this week is "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid, because the Lord your God will go with you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Please be sure to notice that we have decorated the bulletin board outside of the office with our addition facts.

Our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school will be on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. We have been counting the days all year and are looking forward to some activities centered on the number 100. I am asking that each child bring a small baggie of 100 items to add to our 100<sup>th</sup> day snack. In other words, bring 100 small pretzels, 100 m & m's, 100 pieces of cereal, etc. Please count the items at home with your child. **Also, please do not send any peanuts or peanut products.** If anyone has 100 piece puzzles that we could borrow for the day, we would appreciate if you send them in with your child on Monday. We will return them to you Monday after school. Thank you.

My email is [craezer93@gmail.com](mailto:craezer93@gmail.com).



## Sunbeams

The letters of the week for 1-30 and 2-6 will be Ww and Xx. The themes for the next two weeks will be "Ground Hogs, Shadows, and Burrows" and "Valentine's Day". Show and Share themes will be: (1-30) Children's Choice; (2-6) something to do with Valentine's Day.



For the "Ground Hog, Shadows and Burrows" week we will be learning about "Ground Hogs Day", experimenting with making shadows, reading books about shadows, and discussing animal burrows. We will also talk about human shelters and make comparisons to animal homes. We will accomplish this through literacy, math, and science experiments.

For the week leading up to Valentine's Day we will be doing some fun crafts and talk a lot about God's love for us as His children. We will be having Valentine's Day parties on the following days: **3-Day Classes (PM class should join us in the morning) - Monday, February 13; 2-Day class - Tuesday, February 14.** I will have sign-up sheets posted on the Parent Board soon.

I can hardly believe how fast the winter is going. It will be spring before we know it!

## Honeybees

For the next few weeks we are going to be talking about art appreciation and book appreciation. We are going to be talking about what it means to be an author and an illustrator. During the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading It Looked Like Spilt Milk and we will be creating an art project to go along with that story. One of the activities we will be doing the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> is, reading several Eric Carle books and voting on which was our favorite. The retell center has been going splendidly.

Last week we read Freight Train written by Donald Crews. This week the children will be retelling the story with each other. Since we read It Looked Like Spilt Milk the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will then use it in the retell center the week of the 30<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to donate to our retell centers please see our parent board.

Some important dates to remember are:



Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Show and Share something that begins with letter X.

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, Show and Share something that begins with the letter A.

## Butterflies

Next week we will be focusing on the letter Cc. We are going to be making cats for our alphabet book. I will be doing some assessments this week with the children and what they have learned so far this year. Show and share for January 25<sup>th</sup> is to bring something that starts with the letter Cc. We are going to

work on counting and more and less.

The week of January 30<sup>th</sup> we are going to start focusing on caring for our bodies and Valentines Day. Show and share for January 30<sup>th</sup> is to bring in something that helps us take care of our bodies (ex: brush, wash cloth...). We will be making special Valentines Day card holders and other Valentine's activities. Look for a list of names and a sign up sheet for our Valentines Day party on February 14.



## Kangaroos

For the week of January 30<sup>th</sup> we will talk about hibernation. We will also focus on what animals do in the winter time. The letter of the week will be Hh and show and share will be something that starts with Hh.



For the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> we will start a two week unit on the north and south poles and all the animals that live there. The letter of the week will be Ss and show and share will be something that starts with Ss.

## Teddy Bears

As we end the month of January, we will be looking forward to thinking more about Valentine's Day. The Teddy Bears have already been working on cutting out hearts for our bulletin board. They did a great job cutting. We will also be adding pictures of them with their friends.

As we begin the first full week in February we will learn more about Valentine's Day. We might even write letters to each other and have the mailman deliver them now that we have a mailman outfit in our house area.

Also in February we will be having Fun Fridays and a Valentine's Day party. Keep your eyes on the parent board to find out when all those different events will be taking place.

Have a nice weekend and we'll see you again on Monday.



## Turtles

Over the last few weeks, the Turtles have been learning about our colors. We have also learned about mixing colors, and have experimented with ice painting and finger painting. The Turtles have also enjoyed our first Show and Share, which we will continue to have every Wednesday. For the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>, our letter for show and share will be "F" for Food. The week of February 6<sup>th</sup> will be "H" for Healthy.

The Turtles will begin learning about health and nutrition, which not only includes learning what healthy foods are, but also things that are good for our body, like exercise. After this unit, we will begin learning about Growing Bodies and Things That Grow. For our growing bodies, we will learn how our bodies change when we get

## Preschool cont'. & Infants/Toddlers

older, and also parts of our bodies, like our hair, feet and eyes. After we have learned about our bodies and how they grow, we will learn about some other things that grow, like plants. For Valentine's Day, the children will also be doing some redeco-rating around the room, and we hope you can come stop by to see the work they have done!

### Chipmunks



The Chipmunks have had a great time playing and exploring the room together. The Chips have shown us that we really enjoy Circle Time and focused learning. Next week we will spend a little more time working on the colors and we will finish up with patterns in colors and seeing if we can find them around our world. As we continue learning about each other's personalities and likes and dislikes, we will begin a learning theme about how special God made us, and figuring out how our senses work as we play and learn.

The children will be introduced to our Circle of Friends in which we will be looking for things each day that we do for each everyday so that we can put our paper people on the wall in a fun Circle of Friends. I will be introducing them to fun new finger plays and continue teaching them the songs and movements from Kids in Motion. As they show interest, we will also introduce them to small, medium and large. Be listening for new songs and stories as we share our favorites and they develop their own!

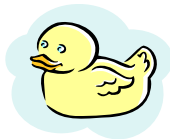
### Ducklings

The Ducks would like to welcome our new friend Magnolia. We are glad to meet and play with you. The Ducks are starting a new theme called "From Home to School". During the next two weeks we will be talking about "our school" and "my home".

Some of our upcoming themes over the next few weeks will be "safe riding", "back pack fun", "around our homes" and "who's in the family". We will be learning new songs like "this is the way we go to school" and "we can play". We will also play some tossing games, and have fun with blocks.

On Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> we will be talking about "My favorite toy from home". If your child has a favorite toy, please bring it in to show their friends. Please label the toy with your child's initials so that it doesn't get lost.

**Please check your child's cubby and make sure that they have extra clothes. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to talk to talk to one of the Duck teachers.**



### Bullfrogs

The last couple of weeks we have been talking about African animals. We painted elephants and created a tall giraffe. Then we built homes for our animals out of blocks. This week we are talking about pets and then feathered friends and fish. We are playing lots of games like hide n



seek and I spy in our room. Check out some of the great pictures hanging on our wall. In the next couple of weeks we will be talking about healthy foods and will be focusing on the color pink. For art we will be making heart mobiles and heart people. Then we will be making stone soup and painting with some fruit. Have a great weekend!

### Busy Beavers

This month we have been exploring our five senses. We tasted sprinkles and salt when making our cupcakes, ice cream and pretzels. We practiced listening as we used our dot markers to decorate our star papers and made our noise makers. Then we used our sense of smell when we colored our star papers sprayed with perfume and our cinnamon sticks dipped in cinnamon spices.

Over the next two weeks we will continue exploring our sense of smell and reviewing all of our five senses. During circle time we have been talking about our senses. We look around our room to find our cupcakes and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches hanging from the ceiling, and to find our pretzels and ice cream cones on our wall.

We have a Family Board in our classroom to display our family pictures above our Cozy Corner. Please send in a photo or two of your family for us to add to the display. The children love to see pictures of their families and friends throughout the day.



### Cougar Cubs

This week the Cougars used their imaginations. We pretended our babies were real and dressed and took care of them with nice gentle hands. The Cougars also learned some new ways to play with their toys like using a blanket for a parachute and bouncing balls on them. We also did some art work. Please come in our room and check it out.

Next week the Cougars will continue their unit on pretend and fun things we can do. We will enjoy dressing up in costumes and pretending to deliver mail and then do a painting activity. This week we are hoping to get back outside and explore how we can use sliding boards.



The following week we will start a new unit on colors and our bodies. We will explore our faces in mirrors and review body parts with vocabulary pictures. The Cougars will also get to glue facial features on body cut outs. Have a wonderful weekend.

Bunnies



The Bunny class and their new teachers Mrs. Jewel, Mrs. Nancy, and Mrs. Donna are still adjusting to all of the new changes in the classroom. The one year olds are getting to play with their other one year old friends in the gym during morning gross motor time. We are working on a unit called, "Building." The children will be creating various types of building creations with different types of toys. We will be including art during the week. Sometimes we will use crayons, markers, chalk, and even paint. Many of these projects will be done one on one. Many of your children's belongings are not labeled. EVERYTHING must be labeled. With many new staff and children it is easy to get bottles and bibs mixed up. Please keep your child's teachers up to date on any changes with your child's schedule. Especially with any new foods you are trying at home. We are working on puffs as an afternoon snack for those children who are not eating school snack. If this is something your child is able to eat, please let one of your child's teacher know. Have a great weekend.

Lambkins

Hello from the Lambs! We would like to welcome our new friend Ellis to our room. In continuing our look into the story of Noah's Ark, we will be using a spice jar filled with water to imitate rain on our hands and feet. Our blankets will double as the rising water while we are on our pillow boats with our animals. We will really be using our imaginations! The following week we will talk about Noah's faith in the Lord that led him to obey and kept him safe until the journey was over. We will take a look at the Noah mural outside of our room and talk about the different animals and the noises they make. As a friendly reminder, please be sure that your child has enough extra clothing for each day and that their nails are trimmed so they do not scratch the other children in the room. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you enjoy your weekend! See you on Monday!



*From the American Academy of Pediatrics....*

**Winter Safety Tips**

Whether winter brings severe storms, light dustings or just cold temperatures, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has some valuable tips on how to keep your children safe and warm.

**What to Wear**

Dress infants and children warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them dry and warm. Don't forget warm boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.

- The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.

Blankets, quilts, pillows, bumpers, sheepskins and other loose bedding may contribute to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and should be kept out of an infant's sleeping environment. Sleep clothing like one-piece sleepers or wearable blankets is preferred.

If a blanket must be used to keep a sleeping infant warm, it should be tucked in around the crib mattress, reaching only as far as your baby's chest, so the infant's face is less likely to become covered by bedding materials.

**Hypothermia**

Hypothermia develops when a child's temperature falls below normal due to exposure to colder temperatures. It often happens when a youngster is playing outdoors in extremely cold weather without wearing proper clothing or when clothes get wet. It can occur more quickly in children than in adults.

- As hypothermia sets in, the child may shiver and become lethargic and clumsy. Speech may become slurred and body temperature will decline in more severe cases. If you suspect your child is hypothermic, call 911 at once. Until help arrives, take the child indoors, remove any wet clothing, and wrap him in blankets or warm clothes.

**Frostbite**

Frostbite happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen.

This condition tends to happen on extremities like the fingers, toes, ears and nose. They may become pale, gray and blistered. At the same time, the child may complain that his/her skin burns or has become numb.

- If frostbite occurs, bring the child indoors and place the frostbitten parts of her body in warm (not hot) water. 104° Fahrenheit (about the temperature of most hot tubs) is recommended. Warm washcloths may be applied to frostbitten nose, ears and lips.
- Do not rub the frozen areas.
- After a few minutes, dry and cover the child with clothing or blankets. Give him/her something warm to drink.

If the numbness continues for more than a few minutes, call your doctor.

**Winter Health**

If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, try using a cold a humidifier in the child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petrolatum may help keep nasal tissues moist. If bleeding is severe or recurrent, consult your pediatrician.

Many pediatricians feel that bathing two or three times a week is enough for an infant's first year. More frequent baths may dry out the skin, especially during the winter.

Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the spread of colds and flu.

Children 6 months of age and up should get the influenza vaccine to reduce their risk of catching the flu.