

Children's House Chatter

November 2022



Upstairs Class: The upstairs class is working hard on learning their numbers and letter sounds. Our older children are labeling their maps, making words with the removable alphabet, and creating site words. The older children are studying Spanish with Ms. Antonia 3 days a week. Lively Science visits our classroom once a month and brings animals for the children to observe and learn more about their natural habitats. We are also working on grace and courtesy with our classroom. Friendly reminders: Please no glass containers or open containers for lunch or breakfast. Be sure to label all your children's clothes and jackets. Please assist us in reminding our students to keep their hands to themselves and use their words to ask for what they want and need. Be sure to send snacks with your child on their assigned snack day, a snack calendar is sent home monthly with each student. Be sure to send enough snacks for thirty (30) students. Thank you.

Outside Class: We welcome Ms. Tina to our class; we love having her! This month we will have two new students so please take note and send snack for fourteen kids from now on. Our 4- and 5-year-old students have been working on tracing and practice reading the alphabet and numbers 0-10. Our 2.5-3.5-year-olds have been practicing grace and courtesy as well as sensorial lessons. All kids love group time where they get to share what they did the day before and play games while learning numbers and control of movement. We encourage all parents to send fruits and vegetables for snack as it is a wonderful way for our students to learn more about the produce we have been talking about in class. This month we are planning our class Friendsgiving where each student can bring their favorite food to share with the whole class (14 kids + 2 teachers). Please bring a small amount of food as this will be our morning snack. If we have leftovers, we will finish it for afternoon snack.

Toddler Class: The weather is changing, so please send a jacket with your child's name in it. Also check your child's spare clothes bag to make sure they have weather appropriate clothing. We have a tradition that when your child has their birthday, you send a book with their name in it. You can write a message inside if you want. Our library is full of books from students in the past. Remember there is no school Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Thanksgiving week. Please let me know if your child will be here Monday and Tuesday, so we can make staffing arrangements. Thank you.

Infant Class: The children have shown so much growth in reaching new milestones and goals. The little ones have been mastering rolling over, sitting up, crawling and eye hand mouth coordination by reaching and grabbing different items in the classroom as well as with eating solid foods. The older ones have been getting to go outside to enjoy the nice fall weather and mastering/working on walking and pulling up. If your child is on solid foods make sure they have a sippy cup at school for them to practice drinking out of during meals. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and have weather appropriate spare clothing; the older ones need to have a jacket and shoes for school. If you have received supply slips and have not brought those in, please do so.

New Staff Highlights

Ms. Congyun "Tina" is co-teaching with Mrs. Vicky in the Outside Class. She recently moved to Central Arkansas from Saipan, is fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese. She worked as a Teacher Assistant since 2018 and completed the International Montessori Teaching Diploma from NAMC in 2020.

Ms. Susan is a new teacher assistant in the Toddler Class. She was an EMT for the past 7 years and is currently working on her BA.

Ms. Alexis Recently joined our staff as a morning teacher assistant float. You may see her helping our Primary classes. She has completed early childhood development courses and is working on a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Miss Rosie is our newest teacher assistant float. She graduated from Joe T. Robinson Highschool in 2021 and has worked as a teacher assistant prior to joining our team.

School-Wide Helpful Tips & Dates to Remember...

- Please have your child to school on time. **We begin at 8:30AM** and answering the door after that time takes a teacher away from lessons with the children. If you bring breakfast, be there by 8:00 AM as this also requires an adult to be out of the classroom to supervise the children eating in the kitchen.
- Mrs. Nancy, our founder, owner, and Upstairs Class Guide has been out on medical leave for the past month and will be out for at least another month. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - **Wednesday, Nov 16th** –Food Drive End Date. Donate nonperishable food, canned meat, & shelf stable milk!
 - **Thursday, Nov 17th** – All Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders and Payments Due.
 - **Wed-Fri, Nov 23rd-25th** – Thanksgiving Break. No School. No Child Care.
 - **Wednesday, Nov 30th** – Last Make Up Photo Day (For Real) 😊
 - **Friday, Dec 2nd** – Poinsettias will be delivered to school – Plan to pick up your plants this day.
 - **Saturday, Dec 3rd** – PTO Volunteer Campus Work Day. Please contact Jack for more info and to sign up: jack.w.lamoreaux@gmail.com or ptochildrenhouse@gmail.com