

# Children's House Chatter

February 2023



## Upstairs Class:

Thank you to all the parents who sent goodies and remembrances for Valentine's Day. Please look on our FB page for pictures. We are pleased to see our little ones creating from lessons they have learned and using them with care. Also, many are making booklets as they work with geography, botany, weather, geometry, and zoology lessons. The more they do this, the more they want to write and read about the world. Some of the 5 and 6 yr. olds are learning multiplication tables with the bead chains and others didactic materials. We appreciate your continued help with Grace and Courtesy (good manners,) not interrupting, care at the table, speaking softly indoors listening etc.

## Outside Class:

We want to thank all parents for making Valentine's Day "a day to share with friends"; kids loved passing their goodies to their friends at group time.

We are happy to announce that more than fifty percent of parents signed up for conferences and got updates on the progress of their child. If you have not had a conference, ask at drop off and we will send you a form with dates and times we are available to meet.

If your child is 4 years old and up you might be getting their work on Fridays, we are continuing to encourage children to work on their writing (letters and numbers), recognizing symbols and sounds.

Our 2.5 and 3 years olds have been working on Sensorial and Practical Life lessons as well as mastering Grace and Courtesy such as walking in the environment, using soft voices, observing without interrupting, and so much more.

We also want to welcome Sayla, Jeremy, Julien, and Robert to our class, they have been learning from their peers and have been enjoying play time. As spring approaches, we will be having a biology project, so if you have empty glass jars at home, please save them for us and drop them off with teachers. We will use them to grow a plant from seed and will need at least 20 of any size.

Thank you for all your support, from Mrs. Tina and Mrs. Vicky.

## Toddler Class:

The children enjoyed their Valentine's party. Thank you for sending little treats for snack and their bags. If you did not to bring your child's crib sheet, blanket, extra clothes, diapers, and wipes this week, please be sure to bring them ASAP. We continue to practice our classroom rules:

- Use Walking Feet
- Use Inside Voices
- No Throwing Things
- Clean Up/Put Away Lessons
- Use Words to Ask for Help

Please encourage your child to practice these at home as well.

## Infant Class:

We welcome Ryker, Koda, and are happy to have them in our class. The little ones have been working on crawling and mastering sitting up unassisted – they are doing well. The older ones are working on and mastering pulling up, standing, and walking. They have also been learning to use their words more like please, thank you, and more. If you have received supply slips please send in the requested supplies as soon as possible. Our hearts are broken with the loss of baby Hazel; please continue to keep Ms. Destanie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## New Staff Highlights

**Mrs. Courtney** is a new teacher assistant in the Toddler Class. She completed a Biology Degree at the University of Arkansas and hopes to pursue her Montessori Certification in the future. She comes to us as an experienced Montessori teacher assistant.

**Ms. Amelia** is a new teacher assistant in the Infant Class. She is currently a student at Mount St. Mary Academy. She has worked as a life guard over the past two summers and enjoys working with children.

**Ms. Aimsley** Recently joined our staff as a teacher assistant float. You may see her helping in our Primary classes. 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. **Classes 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.
- Thank you to all the parents who participated in the conferences on Monday. If you were not able to meet with your teacher but would like to, please feel free to request an appointment. Teachers are available to meet in person or over the phone.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
  - **March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Monthly Tuition & Fee Payments Due. *Send a statement request to [childrenshouse1973@gmail.com](mailto:childrenshouse1973@gmail.com)*
  - **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Re-enrollment Forms and Payments Due (Information & Forms will be sent home next week)
  - **March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm-7pm. Free Pizza! Free Child Care!
  - **March 20-24** – Spring Break! We will be open for Child Care Only. If your child is already signed up for child care, they may attend all day as they normally do at no extra cost. If you do not pay for monthly child care, your child may attend but will be billed per day of attendance.
  - **April 1<sup>st</sup>** – PTO Campus Work Day –Projects: Leaf Cleanup and Painting! Free Coffee & Bagels! Free Child Care!