

Children's House Chatter

Upstairs Class:

Upstairs class is busy in every area. Practical life lessons (coffee grinding is a favorite) send us beans and kiddos will grind for you! Also making snacks, polishing EVERYTHING. Lots of maps, botany and land form booklets are in the making. We are excited about planting in our wicking gardens soon! We bid a sad farewell to Faith Swanzee who has moved to So. Dakota. Hoping to get her address soon so older ones can write to her! Ms. Antonia has taught us several new songs in Spanish, adding to our extensive repertoire... we have some fine little musicians in our midst!

Outside Class:

In February, we had a little party for Chinese New Year in which the children made dumplings and they received traditional Chinese red packets with a surprise inside for them. Then, they hand painted a dragon for their art session; there was one small and one large dragon. At group time, we talked about Chinese culture during the new year, and what kind of specialty food is typically consumed on New Year's Eve by most of the Chinese people. We also learned some Chinese New Year songs as well. All the children are really enjoying learning new lessons. On valentines all the children received a treat from their fellow classmates.

Toddler Class:

We are loving the beautiful weather! Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their spare bag and send more for accidents. We are working on our school rules: Walking feet inside, gentle hands, completing the work cycle, and good hygiene- washing hands, wiping our noses, and toileting. Please reinforce these things at home, especially nothing goes in our mouth except food. I would encourage getting rid of the pacifiers. The children go all day at school and nap without one. We are trying to keep them from putting lessons and books in their mouths. A big thanks to everyone who attended parent teacher conferences. Let me know if you would like one. I sent home all the progress reports this week. Thank you!

Infant Class:

The infant class welcomes our newest student, Tristan. We are happy to have him join us. The Littles have been working on sitting unassisted, pulling up by using the pull up bar in our classroom, learning how to roll over as well as rolling side to side, eye hand coordination by practicing grabbing different items around them and crawling. The Olders are working on mastering walking, practicing their words by learning "more," "please," "thank you," "stop," and "all done." They are learning additional words such as "my work" "milk" and "water". If you received supply slips for your child, please bring those needed supplies in as soon as you can. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and have weather appropriate spare clothing here at school.

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New Staff Highlights

Mrs. Jasmine White has recently joined our team as a teacher's aide in the Toddler Class. She has previously worked as a PRN at Baptist Hospital and teacher's aide at a local child care center prior to that. Children are her passion, and she is pursuing a future in education. She will soon be starting course work for an associate degree in early childhood development.

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

- Please bring plastic milk or juice cartons with caps for us. Every child will be planting in the front garden, and we want to start seeds indoors asap. This will be for one yr. olds and up!
- Doing some spring cleaning? Donate your gently used, unwanted items to our Rummage Sale. Kitchen items, household items, unwanted gifts, toys, clothes, shoes, etc. Also looking for volunteers. Contact Deacon for more info: CHMSCoordinator@gmail.com
- 2024-2025 Reenrollment and Summer Registration forms will be sent home later this week. Please complete and return those ASAP.
- **There Is SO Much going on! SAVE THESE DATES:**
 - **February 28th** – Make Up Picture Day starting at 8:30am & 50th Gala Planning Meeting 6-7pm
 - **March 1st** – Monthly Tuition & Fee Payments Due.
 - **March 4th** – Sugar Llamas Spirit Dayz
 - **March 15th** –Re-enrollment Forms and Payments Due (Information & Forms will be sent home this week)
 - **March 16th** – Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm-7pm. Free Pizza! Free Child Care!
 - **March 18th-22nd** – Spring Break! We will be open regular hours but 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 your child is currently enrolled in half day or full day only, your child may attend but will be billed per day of attendance.
 - **April 6th** – School Spring Clean Up with the CHMS PTO
 - **April 8th** – Total Solar Eclipse! School Closed. No Child Care.
 - **April 13th (Rain Date April 20th)** – Rummage Sale
 - **May 18th** – Far Out, We're 50! Gala. Make Donations: <https://chmlr.org/donation-agreement/> Purchase Tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/far-out-were-50-gala-tickets-849725340367?aff=oddtcreator>