



THE CHILDREN'S CENTER
OUR SAVIOUR'S CELEBRATION
COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER



From
The CHALKBOARD



January 2012

Children's Center Registration

Fall 2012,
Open For The Wider Community Saturday,
January 14.
Click our website link in the left-hand column
for all the details.

.....and pass this news along to
friends and neighbors !!!

"Manna Monday" January 23 and February 6

Don't forget Valentine's Day is coming. Shop for your Valentine with Manna gift cards. Or, slide one of the gift cards into that Valentine you spent a half an hour picking out! Orders are due to the Children's Center by noon on Manna Mondays.

January Theme:

The Big Blue Sky

Inviting you to imagine

OUR SAVIOURS

IMAGINE YOURSELF DEBT FREE

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a 13-week, video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before.

FREE Previews
February 4 - After the 5:00 pm service at Main Campus
February 5 - After the 9:00 and 10:30 am service at Main Campus
February 5 - After the 10:00 am service at Celebration! Campus

Call For More Information
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This is cordially open to families and staff of Celebration Children's Center.

Eating Out For The Children's Center, Wednesday, Jan. 18



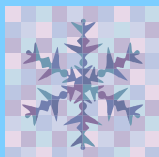
...on 75th St. ... All Day!
Come for lunch, snack, or dinner; **BUT don't forget the Buffalo Wild Wings Flyer.** Click the link on The Children's Center website to print a flyer. Then put it in your purse, pocket, or glove compartment of your car. You'll need to present the certificate at the restaurant for The Children's Center to benefit from 20% of your food purchase.

This offer is good on dine-in as well as carry out orders!

Snow Days:

Please watch the weather and the internet if ever you think school may be canceled. We honor the decisions made by

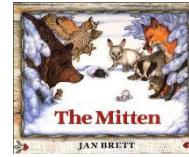
District 203. If they call school off for a snow day, we also have the day off. If they call a late start day, we are canceled for the whole day. We will also send an "Email Blast" to you informing you that school is closed. So check your email or the internet before heading to school on a snowy day!



January Learning Through Literature

January 13

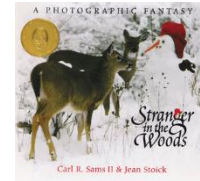
The Mitten adapted by Jan Brett and Jim Aylesworth



We'll start 2012 with an introduction to folktales. This oral Ukrainian folktale is retold by Massachusetts author Jan Brett and Illinois author Jim Aylesworth. How does Jan Brett's foreshadowing help us predict the next event in the story? How are the stories the same? How are they different? How will WE retell the story? I think I hear giggles.....

January 20

Stranger In The Woods by Carl Sams and Jean Stoick



This beautiful nonfiction book features nature photography and is the recipient of ten literary awards. All of the woodland animals are curious because there's a new creature in the woods. Where did he come from? What clues can we find?

January 27

The Jacket I Wear In The Snow by Shirley Neitzel

We'll be introduced to the genre of a build up book and rebus pictures, too. Layers of winter clothing are put on and taken off by a loving mother on a wintry day. We'll discover rhymes along the way. What connections will we make to the story?



Literacy in Nature

"When children are first learning to read, they seem to use all of their visual ability to essentially 'photograph' words, seeing print as a whole. They next begin to understand that words can be broken into parts (letters or graphemes) and that those parts represent spoken sounds (phonemes). As children figure out the process of connecting letters to sounds, experiences in the outdoors can support their understanding of these whole- to-part relationships, which occur in abundance in nature.

Experiences in the natural world can also facilitate letter discrimination, which is an important step in developing both reading and writing fluency. Encouraging children to recognize patterns and shapes in nature is an especially effective early reading and writing activity. It is interesting to note, as Ellen Galinsky does in her book Mind in the Making, that all the world's languages have an amazing regularity in the number of times that intersections (like Ts, Ls and Xs) are present in the shape of letters.



Fascinatingly, those shapes with intersections occur at the same rate in natural scenes as they do in written language. So, an activity like taking young children on an outdoors 'shape walk' not only helps them to see patterns in the natural world, it also helps with later letter recognition. Providing natural materials such as twigs and logs (that contain many naturally occurring shapes) is also a great way to help children think about the alphabet."

- Growing with Nature

So the Children's Center Staff suggests you play with your preschooler outside in the snow this winter ... when it arrives ????

See if you can find any letters of the alphabet in the bare trees where branches intersect; or make letters and shapes in new fallen snow using your boots as your pencil:)



The Children's Center Offers

- Parents' Day Out (for 2s and 3s) as well as
- Preschool Programs (for 3s, 4s and 5s) and
- Learning Through Literature (for the kindergartner or preschool child with a year of preschool experience).

In all our programs, early learning and faith development join hands, and young families are walked with on their parenting journeys. We're happy you're a part of our family.

The Children's Center admits children of any race, color, creed, and national or ethnic origin. God's world is beautiful because of its many different colors, and we welcome the same diversity in our children and their families.