

Cathedral House News

February 2011

Important Dates



Wed., February 2nd
Ground Hog Day



Thurs., February 3rd
Chinese New Year
(Wear your pajamas!)



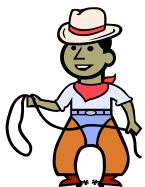
Fri., February 4th
Jersey Day
(Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 6th)



Mon., February 14th
Valentine Classroom
Parties



Mon., February 21st
President's Day



Fri., February 25th
Go Texan Day!
(Wear your cowboy gear)

Art Grows On

Our theme for February is *Art Grows On*. The children will learn about Black History Month, famous artists, and authors. Look for lots of activities and art work to show what your child has learned this month. Also, look out for new lessons in your child's classrooms. This month is full of fun activities and events!



Friendly Reminders

- ◇ Parents that need classroom lists or directories, may request these items at the front desk.
- ◇ Please remember to check your family folders often. Doing so will ensure that you are up-to-date on all school activities and events.
- ◇ Children will be going outside daily even as the weather gets colder. Please check your child's cubby for appropriate extra clothes and send in hats, gloves, or scarves as you see fit.



Administrative News



CHES Auction

The date is set for the
CHES Annual Spring Auction

Join other Cathedral House parents for a fun-filled evening benefitting all the staff of CHES. Don't worry about your children, leave them with us!

Place: Hotel Icon
220 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Date: Friday, April 29th

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

CHES T-shirt Sale

Cathedral House T-shirts are now on sale for all parents and students. The price is \$15.00 per t-shirt. The sizes come in 12 mo., 2T, 3T, 4T and Youth Small. Please see the front desk to order your very own CHES t-shirt!



Illness & Over the Counter Medication Policy



At this time of year, we see many different illnesses. Help us minimize the spread by:

- ◇ Alerting school administration ASAP so Parents Alerts can be posted.
- ◇ Taking home bedding to be washed weekly or as needed.
- ◇ Keeping your child home if he/she is running a fever of 100.4 or higher until he/she is fever-free without medication for a full 24 hours.
- ◇ Having no incidents of vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours prior to returning.

****Please Note: Tylenol and Motrin may only be given to your child by the school if a doctor's note is provided.****

CHES Garage Sale



CHES will be hosting its 2nd Annual Garage Sale benefitting our Auction. Please bring clean and new or gently used items to the front desk by Friday, Feb. 18th.

Nursery I

Whew! What a great month! We have had SO many new friends join us this month! Lots of our new friends have siblings in other classes! It's always fun to see all the big brothers and sisters wave hello to their siblings! New to the classroom are Paul (Emmett & Lyle's brother), Kelsey (Caleb's sister), Sara (Trey's sister), Jack (Aubrey's brother), Levi (Jake B.'s brother) and Frank (Ella's brother).

All of our Nursery I babies love our circle and story time. They follow along and look at the pictures in each book we read.

Arts Alive is always a big hit with our class! We love to see our parents come and participate while we learn lots of new activities.

When new babies come in, some of our veterans have to move on. Jack and Annabel will be moving to Nursery II at the end of this month. We are going to miss the duo!

Happy New Year to all! We are glad to be back from our extended Holidays!

This month, we had some new friends join us from Nursery I. Stephen & Caroline have moved over and are excited to use all the equipment in Nursery II.

Our friends Abigail, Charlotte and Cecilia have moved over to Movement I. We are really going to miss their smiling faces!

Our Nursery II class had an eventful month as we had a lesson on colors. We used colored water in water bottles to show all different colors. This is a great way to teach abstract concepts. If we can touch, feel and see the colors, we are more likely to remember them! Can't wait to see what exciting new things await us next month!

Movement I

We got off to a GREAT New Year! One of our favorite things was this month was Silly Hat Day. Many of our friends donned their most silly hats and we thought they were a hoot!

Our friends Abigail, Cecilia and Charlotte joined us this month from Nursery II. They have really come into their own in our class! We hope that they love learning in their new environment.

Speaking of learning, we worked on a few new lessons this month. One new lesson is the stacking lesson. The stacking lesson is a great lesson that helps with grading sizes. What a great way to work our fine motor skills at the same time.

Another great lesson that works the fine motors is the sorting lesson. Sorting objects is a good way to learn about classifying objects that look the alike. Let's give our friend Abby a great big 'way to go' for becoming our newest walker!

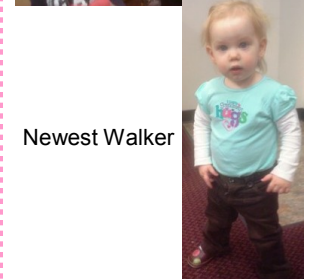
Nursery II



Color Lesson



Silly Hat



Newest Walker



New Additions

This month we got into the groove of things. We were hard at work in the Language area with the sounds s, m, and t. Try sounding out words that begin with these letters and see if we can tell you what sound we hear. Our s, m, t lesson has lots of objects beginning with these letters that we use to match the sounds to. This is a great way to work our fine motors at the same time.

Movement II



During circle time, we focused a lot of attention on the months of the year. We learned that there are twelve months in the year and the names of each month. Creativity was sparked as we colored our lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year. Did you know that this year is the year of the rabbit? May this year bring health and happiness to all!

Toddler I

Toddler I was busy, busy, busy! Our teachers kept us quite entertained with lots of new lessons. This month, we focused on our fine motors as we worked a lot in the Practical Life area. Practical Life is a great area to strengthen those pincer fingers with lessons such as bead stringing, clothes pinning, and sorting.

We also worked in the Language area with a lesson on big, medium and small.

Ground Rules were enforced as well! We learned the importance of The Bell and that we have to pay attention to the teacher when it rings. What a productive month!



Bead Stringing



Sorting



Clothes Pinning



Small, Med, Lg.

The Bell



The month of January was filled with review as we started off the New Year.

The children were excited to be back and told us about all their new toys and all the fun and exciting activities they did while they were at home.

In the classroom, we focused on re-establishing ground rules and presenting Montessori lessons on the shelves.

During circle time, we talked about animals that hibernate and sleep through winter.

As we celebrated Dr. King's birthday, we saw that even though at times we look different, people are often the same in many other ways.

We give a special welcome to the Folsom & Wooldridge families and a sad farewell to the Frazier, Chenoweth, Fuller and Hopkins families.

Toddler II

What a fun filled month we have had! We started our **Primary I** month welcoming a New Year on our calendar. The children were excited to see the new numeral year displayed.

We learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream of everyone being kind to everyone even if there are differences in what we look like. We loved looking and dancing to the marching bands at the MLK parade (some of us thought we might of spotted Dr. King.)

Primary learned that in Houston, it can get cold, but does not snow like in the Arctic. We learned about some of the clothing, animals, temperature and daylight in the Arctic. It would be a fun place to live! We practiced lacing and pinning mittens. We even made snow and an Arctic box with snow and figurines of some of the Arctic animals. Did you see our class decorated with snowflakes and snowmen? We cannot wait for all the wonders of February!



Lacing



Snowman Art

We are certainly trying to stay productive in 2011! This month, we find our schedule full and busy. All month long we will be focusing on Black History and touching on a few who've made their mark. From the lady who led the underground train, to the man who could do just about anything with a peanut. To tie into our study, we'll also learn about being a better friend and caring about each other no matter how different we are. Keep an eye out for postings of special events coming through the month. A few examples are Pajama Day, Valentine Card Exchange, and Go Texan Day. We'll also do a short story on cowboys and Texas history.

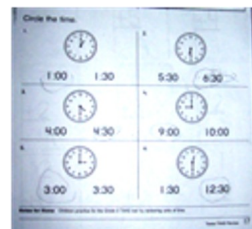
Primary II

We are also adding a little health on our calendar. It's time for heart healthy and dental hygiene month. We will be incorporating this study as well.

Ground Rule tips for this month:

"Inside Voices"- We like to keep an ear on our voice level; "Chairs"- We always like to tuck in our chairs. Parents, children learn better by example. So let's all set great examples and follow the Ground Rules.

Kindergarten HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Kindergarten class welcomed the New Year with a lot of new lessons. Telling Time and 2 and 3 digit addition has really sparked the children's interest. Just take a look at this awesome work.



Telling Time

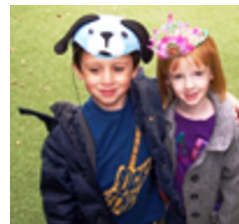


Addition Work

Hat Day was a lot of fun too. Check out our silly hats!

The bands during the Martin Luther King Parade made us move and groove.

Also this month, we experienced some pretty chilly weather. Please keep in mind that children still play outside on these freezing (This is what the children say) days.



Hat Day



MLK Parade

Spanish Corner

Here are some of the Spanish vocabulary we will be working on throughout the month of Febrero (February):

Review Quantity (Cantidad):

Same	Igual
Different	Diferente
More	Mas
Fewer	Menos

Direction (Dirección):

Left	Izquierda
Right	Derecha

Vocabulary (Vocabulario):

Heart	Corazón
Cupid	Cupido
I Love You	Te quiero
Love	Amor
Pajama	Pijama
Teddy Bear	Osito
Rose	Rosa
Boots	Botas
Lasso	Lazo
Hat	Sombrero
Cowboy	Vaquero

¡Bravo!

¡Sí!

¡Bienvenido!

¡Brillante!

¡Buena Idea!

¡Perfecto!

¡BUEN TRABAJO!

¡Fabuloso!

¡Increible!

Good Morning Song (Buenos Días Canción):

To the tune of 'Frere Jacques'

Buenos días, buenos días,

¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?

Muy bien, gracias,

¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Good Afternoon Song (Buenas Tardes):

To the tune of 'Frere Jacques'

Buenas tardes, buenas tardes,

¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?

Muy bien, gracias,

¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Good Night Song (Buenas Noches):

To the tune of 'Frere Jacques'

Buenas noches, buenas noches,

¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?

Muy bien, gracias,

¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Cathedral House Birthdays



Barrett S. - February 2nd - 5 years old

Anna B. - February 3rd - 3 years old

Sophia O. - February 8th - 2 years old

Trey E. - February 10th - 3 years old

John E. - February 14th - 3 years old

Coen C. - February 17th - 1 year old

McCain S. - February 24th - 1 year old

Cathedral House Staff Birthdays



Ms. Linda - February 2nd - Nursery I

Ms. Sandra - February 11th - Primary

Ms. Sherri - February 11th - Kindergarten

Ms. Kathy - February 13th - Primary

Ms. Glenda - February 19th - Nursery II

Ms. Karen - February 23rd - Primary