

APRIL 2017

# THE CELEBRATION TIMES

Celebration Center 2260 Jeffery Way Brentwood, CA 94513 (925) 240-5437 www.celebrationcenter.com

## Director's Scoop

As a staff we want to say thank you to all of you that came in for Parent-Teacher Conferences. We consider it a privilege to be a part of your lives. Many of the children here will be heading off to the big world of Kindergarten this coming school year—we recognize what a big step this is, not just for your child, but for you too. We understand our responsibility to prepare children, not only academically, but socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. So, what does a child need to be well-adjusted, happy and ready for the big world? I agree with early childhood expert, Carol Hillman who says, a child needs to

discover a world where play, creative freedom, self-trust, and personal responsibility opens the child's mind and heart to the excitement of learning and the enjoyment of sharing it with others." What a great perspective! Children should be excited to learn—to experiment, to know it's ok to try new things, fail, and try again. It is so easy these days to succumb to the pressures of strict academia, to assume reading and writing alone are the greatest indicators of a successful education— that pencil and paper work are more valuable than building with blocks or counting with manipulatives.

We believe the *LOVE* of learning is the biggest indicator of future success.

This is our desire, that when children leave to go to Kindergarten they do so with confidence in themselves, in their ability to learn, that they have a willingness to explore their world, and a knowledge that they are special to God.

-Tina



Lily A	3
Zamir F	4
Jonathan C	4
Nicholas G	4
Gabriel K	5
Alyssa F	5
Christian L	5
London L	6
Jayliana S	9
Reagan F	10
Stella S	10
Cameron K	16
Chase K	16
Averie L	16
Angelina G	17
Caleb B	17
Journey B	21
Annie S	21
Blake M	24
Adam S	26
Jack S	26
William P	27
Zixin Z	29
Ms. Nikki	2
Ms. Brenda	16
Ms. Lana	21

*Please Join us for Pancake breakfast Monday*

*April 10th from 6:30-9:00!*

## Upcoming Events

Monday, April 3rd

Open Enrollment

Friday, April 14th

School closed for Good Friday

May 1st-5th

Teacher Appreciation

May 11th & 12th

Mom's Day

Monday, May 29th

School closed for Memorial Day

May 30th & 31st

Last days of school

Wednesday, May 31st

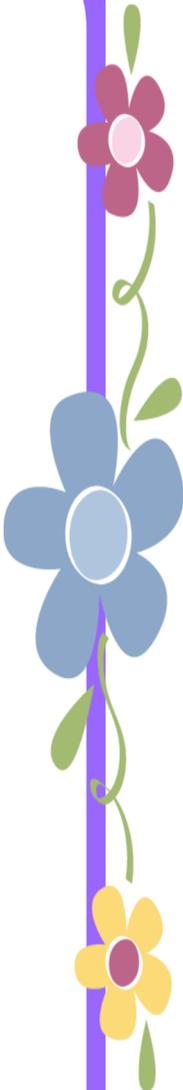
Graduation

June 1st & 2nd

School Closed for Teacher Work Days

June 5th & 6th

First Day of School for Summer



*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

As we get ready to celebrate Easter Sunday it is a wonderful time to reflect the good news of what Jesus has done for us. He died and rose again for you and me. He did this knowing we would not be perfect and will make many mistakes. The great thing about Jesus' love is He meets you right where you are. He is there faithfully and patiently waiting to have a relationship with you. If you have any questions we would love the opportunity to sit with you and talk.



## Safety Talks

Safety conversations with your children are extremely important even at a young age. We talk about crossing the street, making safe choices, what to do in an emergency or if lost, and also what kinds of touches are safe and what are not. This can be a difficult conversation for parents to bring up, but it is so important and dialog needs to begin early.

Some helpful points to remember are that this should be an on-going conversation

not a one-time talk: revisit it on a routine basis. Check out books, such as "Your Body Belongs to You" by Spelman, as a comfortable way to start talking. Practice using the correct body part language so private parts don't seem unfamiliar. Discuss with your child what to do if a child or adult does inappropriately touch him/her.

If you are concerned about your child and unsafe touch, ALWAYS consult with a professional, such as a pediatrician or

counselor. Take care of yourself as a parent since this topic can be particularly painful and overwhelming for many of us, and seek support when you need it.

Corie Schoeneberg, EdS, LPC, RPT-S, NCC

*Corie Schoeneberg is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, who specializes in counseling with children and their families.*



### Teacher Appreciation

May 1st -5th

Monday- Bring your Teacher a surprise

Tuesday-Bring your teacher a sweet treat

Wednesday-Bring your teacher fruit

Thursday-Bring your teacher a surprise

Friday- Bring your teacher a letter/card

## Curriculum Corner

This month we are looking at the mathematical reasoning domain and the skill of identifying ordinal positions. We often count with our children "1,2,3,4..." and so on, but to help them learn ordinal position you can count using 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th... This kind of counting is done when we

teach the children to identify the date on the calendar. We will say today is the 3rd day of April or April 3rd. We also use ordinal positioning to identify who is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last in line. You can help your child learn this type of ordinal positioning when you play with their cars or animals

by lining them up and talking with your child and counting in this manner. It is a fun way to put in learning when playing with those Hot Wheels!



## Warmer Weather...Cooler Clothes

As the weather is beginning to get warmer, please remember to bring in a new change of labeled clothes for your children. We will be turning on the water and bringing out those water tables very soon. The children will have so

much fun exploring in the wet sand. Also, please apply sun block to your child before you come to school. If you are a full time family, we will re-apply the sun block after nap.

If your child requires a certain brand of sunscreen you will need to provide it for the school. Please label it with their last name. For the child's safety please send them to school in closed toe shoes.



# April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>3</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  1/2 Slice Turkey/ Crackers/Milk  Peaches/Milk	<b>4</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  Fresh Veggie/SC Dip/Milk  String Cheese/Juice	<b>5</b> 1-2 Waffles/ Pancakes/Milk  Fresh Fruit/Milk  Wheat Thins/Cream Cheese/Juice	<b>6</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  1 Cereal Bar/Milk  1/2 Ham Roll-up/ Milk	<b>7</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  Rice Cake/Cream Cheese/Juice  Small Bagel/Jam/
<b>10</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  2 Salami/Crackers/ Milk  1 Gogurt/Juice	<b>11</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  Fresh Fruit/Milk  Goldfish/Juice	<b>12</b> 1-2 Waffles/ Pancake/Milk  Fresh Veggies/SC Dip/Milk  Meatballs/Sauce/	<b>13</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  1 Cheese Slice/2 Crackers/Milk  Graham Crackers/ Milk	<b>14</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  Fresh Fruit/Milk  String Cheese/Juice
<b>17</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  1/2 Ham Roll-up/ Milk  Rice Cake/Cream Cheese/Juice	<b>18</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  Fresh Veggies/SC Dip/Milk  Hummus/Pita Chips/Milk	<b>19</b> 1-2 Waffles/ Pancakes/Milk  Fresh Fruit/Milk  Chicken Salad/Milk	<b>20</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  String Cheese/Juice  Fresh Veggies/SC Dip/Milk	<b>21</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  Fresh Veggies/SC Dip/Milk  Goldfish/Juice
<b>24</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  1/2 Slice Turkey/ Crackers/Milk  Peaches/Milk	<b>25</b> Cereal/Bars/Milk  1/2 Slice Turkey/ Crackers/Milk  Peaches/Milk	<b>26</b> 1-2 Waffles/ Pancakes/Milk  Fresh Veggies/SC Dip/Milk  Hummus/Pita Chips/Milk	<b>27</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  Cereal/Milk  1/2 Slice Turkey/ Crackers/Milk	<b>28</b> Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit/Milk  Fresh Fruit/Milk  Wheat Thins/Cream Cheese/Juice
Serving size=1/2 cup milk, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit and veggies.	All cheese and meat snack served with 2 crackers			