



# 2020 CECC NEWS

Central Early Childhood Center

## WE WANT TO STAY CONNECTED!



In an effort to help families stay connected to what is happening in children's classrooms, we will be using two bulletin boards in the Connect for teachers to display children's artwork, photos, newsletters and more!

We will try to update these at least monthly, so be sure to make a (brief) stop during pick-up or drop-off to see what's new!



**CECC will be closed on Friday, Sept. 4th for Staff Inservice and Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of Labor Day**

*Classes will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.*



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**J**ust a few reminders

## Will your child be absent from school?



Please be sure to always let your child's teacher(s) or a director know!

You can call to leave a voice message or email us 24/7!

## board meeting

### What is CFAB?

Did you know that Central has a Children and Family Advisory Board? The Child and Family Advisory Board (CFAB) is the support and governing body for the \*Central Early Childhood Center (CECC), and other \*\*faith formation ministry functions of Central United Methodist Church. CFAB objectives are to establish policies and make decisions in accordance with program and church goals. CFAB is made up of Central Church staff (Senior Minister and/or Children's Coordinator), At-Large members (CUMC & CECC), CECC staff (Directors and Teachers) and Parent representatives, both CECC and CUMC). Jacob Morlok (Room 105) is CECC's current Parent Rep.

\* The Central Early Childhood Center (CECC) is an outreach program, offering high quality early childhood care and education in a Christian environment as well as a supportive network for staff and families.

\*\* Faith formation groups – Central Church strives to provide multi-generational formation opportunities that are relevant to the needs of the congregation and community and related to the worship and service life of the congregation. These groups include but are not limited to: Nursery care on Sundays and for special events, Children's Sunday School, Couple's Ministry, and Youth Ministry.

CFAB meets about once every other month. Contact a director for the next scheduled meeting date and time. Central member and past CECC Co-director, Maggie Holley is the current CFAB Chair. Feel free to contact her at [maggieinkc@hotmail.com](mailto:maggieinkc@hotmail.com) or # 816-582-1393 with any questions or concerns regarding any of the above children or family programs.

# CLASSROOM NEWS



## Room 104 (infants) Michelle Garcia

With a new school year, there will be new faces and connections with new people and I want to make this as easy as possible with the babies. We will work on our Social and Emotional Development skills. I will try several different things with them such as mirror play to give children the opportunity to see each other, watch their own movements and facial expression, as well as others around them. I will also use this opportunity to talk to the babies, play peek-a-boo and sing songs. To help them gain another perspective, we will have tummy time. This helps to strengthen neck muscles. I will hold bright, colorful, and sound-making objects in front of them so they will be motivated to lift their head to see. I might also place a mirror in front of them, so they can see themselves, place interesting items in front of mirror, move the mirror slightly to different positions to encourage baby to turn their head.



Also, we will work on some of our Cognitive skills by laying them on their back, then I will call their name, sing, and talk to them to encourage them to lift and turn heads to look at me. Tummy time is also important as babies spend time on the floor on their tummy



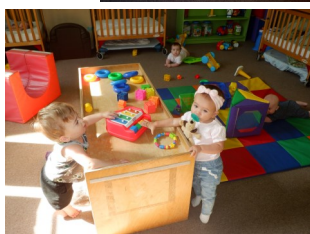
## Health Forms and Immunizations

If your child is newly enrolled in our program, we need to have a **Health Form** on file that is signed by your child's pediatrician.

We also need to have an official copy of child's current immunizations. **Please bring in, fax, or email updates as they occur** to assure we have your child's most current records. Your doctor can fax those directly to us. The fax number is 816-756-1553.

## Room 101 (Infant/toddlers) Sara Noreña & Kerra Wilborn

The school year has just begun and we are excited to get to know each other. Children are exploring the classroom that is full of new toys, new books, and most of all new friends and classmates. Most of our days are full of naps, bottles/solids, buggy rides when the weather outside is nice and most of all cuddles. Some of the children are already eating solids and it has been an exciting adventure. As children are self-feeding, they practice using their fine motor skills to hold utensils, pick up food, and navigate their food to their mouths as they eat.





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## Room 107 (Toddlers) Erin Guthrie

We're so excited to be starting the school year here in 107! Our focus this month is getting acquainted with our new friends and catching up with old ones! There are so many new toys and books to play with and read! There are baby dolls to care for and a play kitchen to "cook" in, bristle blocks and duplos to build with, musical instruments like xylophones, drums, and bells to play, cars and balls to roll, and puzzles to solve! We are also getting used to our new routine, which includes daily playground time, and walks. We are all sleeping on cots at nap time and sitting in chairs at the table for snacks and lunchtime, just like "big kids"! Every day we are becoming a little more comfortable in our new class with our new routine, and each day is filled with new and exciting things! We can't wait to learn and grow this year!



## Room 105 (Toddlers/Twos) Joyce McKelvy & Shelby Walz

With all the changes that have taken place this year, we are happy to report that the children (and teachers) are adjusting well. The children have been exploring in the classroom, playing with new toys and establishing new friendships. Next week we will be introducing more creative activities through art and music. Please look for our display in the Connect. It will keep you updated about what we are doing in the classroom.



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## Room 203 (Older Twos/Young Threes) Jerri Taylor & Carla Warriner

The children in 203 are realizing that they're getting bigger. They have moved upstairs from the first floor. It's a big deal!

Their cots are bigger. They each have a basket with their own art supplies. They often say, "I'm big."

Since we are big, we have worked on wearing masks in our class. We don't usually wear them on the playground. We don't wear them when we eat or sleep. So far, we only wear them at circle time. Some of us keep them on longer than others, but the goal is to have children wearing them most of the time they are in the classroom. The CDC recommends masks for everyone age 2 and up to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, so we will do our best.

We are exploring with watercolor paints, water and pipets, insects, worms, and tree bark. We are taking risks jumping from log to log on the playground. We have a dinosaur theme in our class. We enjoy listening to books. We are using the "How Do Dinosaurs..." series to help the children remember our classroom routines.

In September, we would like to do cooking projects. We know children will have to make their own individual items to eat, so we are thinking about different ideas and figuring out how we can do that.

## Room 201/207 (Preschool, 3s, 4s, & 5s) Angela Bowers & Adriane LaCaze

We have been learning all about new routines, new friends, and new classrooms! The first week, we talked about germs and the new ways we have to stay safe at school. The end of the week we made a self-portrait. We asked children to draw themselves as best as they could. We will continue these get-to-know-you activities during the month to come. A new tradition that we are going to start in the weeks to come is building a group tower every day. The children have worked on sanding and painting a wooden block. As they enter the classroom for the day, they will take their block and stack it on the tower. We need everyone's help making our tower tall!





## There Is Still Time To Sign Up For Electronic Payments



See Trina in the CECC office to get an Authorization Form to set up monthly electronic payments for

your child's tuition. It is quick and easy and one less thing to think about each month!



## **Happy Work Anniversary Ms. Kerra & Ms. Pam!**

We are think our staff are awesome and we are especially happy to celebrate each teacher's milestones with us.

Ms. Kerra teaches in the 101 Infant Room and Ms. Pam is in Room 207 for PM Extended Day.

This is Ms. Kerra's 1st year anniversary with us and Ms. Pam has been with CECC 20+ years!





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## September Birthdays

Zahra Clock-Cavazos	9/3	Room 105
Sara Noreña*	9/12	Support Teacher
Luka Ravkin	9/26	Room 203
Henry Aversman	9/28	Room 203

*\*CECC Staff*



### Birthdays are special at Central ECC.

It is fun for the children to bring a simple snack (such as cookies) to share with the class. Please try to keep treats and celebrations simple. Sorry, no home-baked goodies. Accreditation guidelines require that food brought from home for sharing among children must be “commercially prepared in factory sealed containers.” Decorated napkins are fun to have, but please don’t bring fancy favors, decorations and **NO BALLOONS** as these may cause injury or become a classroom distraction. Please discuss and coordinate with the teacher in advance if you plan to bring in something special for a birthday. Please do not plan to have your child’s birthday “party” at school. To assure no hurt feelings we will only distribute party invitations on your behalf if you are inviting all children enrolled in your child’s class.

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