



Chattanooga Children's
Program

Kid Connection February 2012

Dear Families,

Remember to notice and encourage your child's curiosity about the world around them. Experts in the field of Child Development and Early Childhood Education agree the curiosity demonstrated by young children is stronger than at any other time in the human life span. According to the book *Powerful Interactions: How to Connect With Children to Extend Their Learning* (2011), young children continuously display indications of their interest and wonder. Before they can use oral speech, children observe and reach for objects, reach for attachment figures, and make choices. Let children know you are interested in the things *they* are interested in. Follow your child's lead in play. Tell them you notice their curiosity. Show excitement about their curiosity. Help them notice and talk about the details they are observing. Support them with the vocabulary they need to talk about their world and their findings. As the authors explain, when families and teachers "celebrate, encourage, and promote curiosity in children, they lay a foundation for them to be learners - both now and throughout their lives."

Dr. Graham Parker
Director, Chattanooga Children's Program

Please help us welcome new staff member to Signal Centers Children's Program

Please welcome our new Special Education Teacher, Adrienne Chancey, to our Signal Centers' family. Adrienne is a recent graduate from Lee University with a Bachelor's degree in Special Education. She also has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Adrienne has lots of experience working with children of all abilities. Please stop by Room 10 and meet her!



Keri McKay-Classroom Paraprofessional

Important Dates

February 3
Tailgate Party
9:30-11:30
Hallway

February 7
Parent Training
"Literacy"
8:15 am- 9:15 am
Parent Café

February 10
Sweethearts Dance
5:30 pm—7:00 pm
Playground/Boardroom

February 13
STEPS- "Basic Rights for Children
with Disabilities Workshop"
Lifeline Ministries
1609 McCallie Ave
6:00pm-9:00pm

February 17
Parent Teacher Conferences
PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED AT 12:00
EARLY INTERVENTION/ CHILD
CARE - TYPICAL DAY

February 20
President's Day
CENTER CLOSED

February 27-March 2
Dr. Seuss Week
See inside for details



From the Nurse's Desk

National Children's Dental Health Month

Everyday ways to prevent Tooth Decay

Tooth decay is the most common chronic children's disease in the country. Check and clean your baby's teeth as soon as they come in, using a clean, soft cloth or a baby's toothbrush. Clean the teeth at least twice a day. At about age 2, most of your child's teeth will be in. Once your child can spit and not swallow the toothpaste (usually around ages 2-3), begin using fluoride toothpaste and follow the directions below.

BRUSHING

Dentists recommend a child-size brush (small enough to reach each tooth) with rounded-end bristles to protect delicate gum tissue.

Use a pea-size amount of fluoride toothpaste, and spit out the remaining toothpaste when finished brushing.

Brush at least twice a day, morning and bedtime, for about 2 minutes each time.

Toothpaste works with a combination of fluoride to help repair and strengthen tooth enamel; gentle abrasives (such as silica) to help remove stains and plaque; and other ingredients to help whiten teeth, freshen breath, etc.

Flossing

Helps remove plaque between teeth and below the gum line, and helps prevent gum diseases, such as gingivitis and periodontitis.

Children should floss as soon as their teeth begin to touch

Until about age 9, most children need parent's help because they don't have the dexterity to floss. A plastic-handled "flossier" can make it easier.

Floss once a day.

Rinsing

An antiplaque/antigingivitis rinse can kill germs that cause plaque, gingivitis, and bad breath.

Children 6 years to 12 years of age can use a rinse with adult supervision.

Rinsing for 30 seconds, twice a day, can reduce more plaque than brushing alone.

After rinsing, spit the rinse into the sink (don't swallow it).

Rinsing is not intended to replace flossing or brushing. It should be part of a complete oral care program.

Remember to visit your dentist regularly and avoid sugary snacks!

Children's Program

Wish List

Pom poms-all colors

Large beads

Ink pads & Stamps

Stickers

Batteries, all sizes

10 gallon Aquarium Hood

10 gallon Aquarium Pump



**All About Me:
Family & Friends**

We all look forward to welcoming our friends and families on Friday, February 10th, from 5:30 pm -7:00pm, for our Sweetheart Dance.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR. SEUSS**

**Join us for a silly week in celebration of Dr. Seuss!
Please dress your child in the following:**

Dr. Seuss Week

February 27– March 2

Monday: Green Day

Tuesday: Silly Sock Day

Wednesday: Polka Dot and/or Stripes Day

Thursday: Crazy Hat Day

Friday: Pajama Day

"Lovey Bug"

(Tune: Bringing Home a Baby Bumble Bee)

I'm bringing home a baby lovey bug.

Won't my mamma give my bug a hug.

I'm bringing home a baby lovey bug.

Oops.... he(she) kissed me!

