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East Tenth United Methodist

Children
AND Youth Center

Happy New Year!

December was full of exciting events to celebrate the holidays. We were able to support 67 families through The RTV6 toy drive had an adorable Nativity Play, went on fun field trips, and Santa came!

We also have had many great new staff members join our team. If you see any of them the in building say "Hi," they would love to meet you.

This month we are excited about the opening of our second pre-school classroom at Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School, The Conscious Discipline Parent Open House and kicking off the new year with lots of learning, fun and getting to know our families better.

Thank you for being a part of East Tenth UM Children and Youth Center and Happy New Year!



Big THANK YOU to our friends at St. Marks for bringing Santa & providing gifts and refreshments to our families for Christmas. Your gracious support throughout the year is so appreciated.

January Events

January 1st- Center Closed for New Year's Day

January 15th - Center Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23rd- Parent Night Conscious Discipline Open House 7am-8am & 4:15pm-5:15pm

Mother's Shop-Diapers and Baby Clothing Every Tuesday, 11:00am - 1:00pm
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
2525 E. 11th St.

New Staff

Ms. Kay,
School-Age
Coordinator



Ms. Ana,
Preschool 6
Teacher



Ms. Liz,
Multi-age
Teacher



Ms. Victoria,
Preschool
Teacher at
Thomas Gregg



Ms. Gabby,
School-age
Staff



Ms. Marleth,
Preschool
Teacher at
Thomas Gregg



Please remember to keep a warm change of clothes in your child's cubby!

Conscious Discipline Spotlight

Did you know that when you make physical and emotional connections with your child you are helping their brain develop? One of the ways we connect with our kids at school is through "I love you rituals"

Try this at home:

"Twinkle, twinkle little star" (Wiggle your fingers with Child's fingers)

"What a wonderful child you are" (place hands on child's shoulders)

"With big bright eyes and rosy cheeks" (touch near child's eyes then cheeks)

"You're a talented person from your head to your feet" (touch child's head and feet)

"Twinkle, Twinkle little star," (touch and wiggle fingers) "What a wonderful child you are!" (hug)



Checking Life Cubby is a great way to stay informed about your child's daily activities! If you are not connected, ask us how to sign up.

Infants & Toddlers

Studies have also shown that children who were read to as newborns have a larger vocabulary, as well as more advanced mathematical skills, than other kids their age. There's also a direct link between how many words a baby hears each day and her language skills. One study found that babies whose parents spoke to them a lot scored higher on standard tests when they reached age 3 than children whose parents weren't as verbal.



Hearing words helps to build a rich vocabulary in a babies' brain. But perhaps the most important reason to read aloud is that it builds the connection between you and your baby.

Preschool

Classroom Study / Area of Focus		Literacy Focus	Family Partnerships
Preschool Room 6	<p>Ball Study Resumes</p> <p>What are the different ways we can move a ball from one side of the classroom to another without touching, hitting, or kicking it?</p>	<p>Name Writing Practice (first name, last name)</p> <p>Concepts of Print (cover, back, spine, author, illustrator)</p>	<p>Where do you live?</p> <p>Does your child know where they live? Practice saying your whole address (state and zip code included!)</p>
Preschool Room 7	<p>Clothes Study Resumes</p> <p>What is fabric and where does it come from?</p> <p>What is a clothing pattern?</p> <p>How is clothing made?</p>		

Before & After School/Breaks

School-age students were busy in December! Over winter break we were able to take trips to All Star Bowl, The Legacy Center, The Children's Museum, and The Fair Grounds for ice skating. We also had a lot of fun doing crafts, learning new skills, and playing games at the center.



The Afterschool/Break staff have been working creatively to incorporate some fun clubs into our school-age program! Each student has chosen to be in either Lego Club, Drama Club, or Sports Club! Ask your child about their club of choice and what they are learning!

Ms. Kay, our new School-Age Coordinator, would love to have access to all of our student's report cards in order to provide some subject based tutoring in those areas that students are struggling and recognize those students who are working hard to do their best. We would also like to have all of our parent's email addresses to communicate updates and activities that are happening at the center. Ms. Kay is excited to meet all of our wonderful parents and talk with you more about her vision for the school age program!