



West Allis Kids Chronicle

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Coordinator's Corner

Hello Families,

Happy winter to you all. It is hard to believe we are already one month into 2023! We have had warmer than usual weather, which is nice, but please be sure your child has boots, hats, gloves, snow pants and an outdoor jacket daily.

We will have a Cookie Dough fundraiser this month, so please ask family, friends or co-workers to order. The dough is very yummy and very easy to use. We thank you in advance for helping us meet our fundraising goals since we are a non-profit organization.

Friendly reminder that tuition is due every 2 weeks, so be sure your payment is made timely. We do offer a free ACH program to auto-pull tuition timely. Please see the office for an application form if interested.

Lastly, we are excited to be unveiling our new indoor gross motor space, located at the top of the 2nd floor for our 2 year old's and up. Stay tuned on the details of that happening!

Open Positions:

We are still hiring, so if you know of anyone that wants to work in the Early Childhood field, send them our way and you can earn a referral credit towards your tuition!

- Ms. Sarah & Ms. Abby



February 2023 Center Happenings:

EBT Transfer Due:

February 3rd

Tuition is Due:

February 13th

February 27th



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Time to Celebrate!

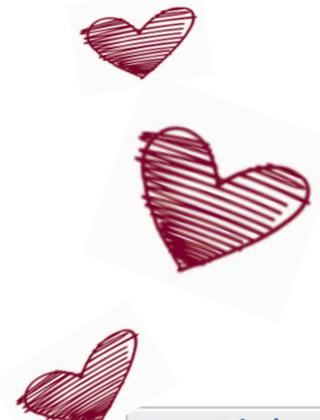
February Birthdays/ Anniversaries:

Staff Birthday: Jenny B. Staff Anniversary: N/A

Turning 1-
 Nolan
 Thomas

Turning 3:
 Elliot
 Harrison

Turning 4:
 Lilliana



Curriculum Corner

- Dana Brumm, Curriculum Specialist

Toilet Training in Early Care

When and how to help your child learn to use the potty depends on how ready your child is, as well as your own beliefs and values about toilet training. There is not one “right” way or one “right” age to learn. Here are some questions and thoughts to keep in mind as you help your child learn to use the toilet.

- Parents and teachers should discuss and decide upon a process that will be carried out at home as well as at the child care center.
- Your child’s clothing should be easy for him/her to quickly remove when using the toilet. Part of the process is helping your child to be independent and pull down their own pants and underwear to use the toilet. Onesies can be frustrating to a child and may discourage him/her from wanting to learn.
- Deciding on pull-ups or underwear can be a challenge. You first need to look at if your child can quickly and easily remove the pull-up to use the toilet. If not, underwear may be the better choice. Pull-ups are great during rest times in the early stages of training. Once your child builds confidence in his/her training, your child can be weaned off of using the pull-ups.
- Accidents do and will happen frequently. Provide your child’s teacher with many changes of clothes, including socks and shoes.

Remember, this is a learning process and will take some time. It typically takes about three to six months to potty train a child who is ready. But, this is just an average, and each individual child needs his/her own time to understand the process.



Staff Highlight

Ms. Elaine -Assistant Toddler #2 Teacher

Ms. Elaine has been in the field of Early Childhood for over 20 years and has an Infant/Toddler credential. Elaine has been with Ebenezer since 2019.

Ms. Elaine loves getting down to children’s level and having fun with them.

Ms. Elaine believes the goal of Early Childhood Education is to activate a child’s own natural desire to learn and grow.

Ms. Elaine’s goal is to be the best teacher she can be by being kind, loving and caring to all.

Ms. Elaine had two boys and they are her world. She also has a dog.

Thank you Ms. Elaine for all that you do for Ebenezer families and children, we appreciate you!





Virtues of the Month: Love & Loyalty

Ebenezer's Virtues of the Month Program is about empowering adults and children to live by their highest values. The mission of the Virtues Program is to provide empowering strategies of excellence that inspire the practice of virtues at our child care centers as well as at home. This month's virtues are:

Love is the connection between one heart and another. Attraction, affection and caring for a person, a place, an idea, and for life itself

Loyalty is an Unwavering faithfulness and commitment to people and ideas we care about, through good times and bad.

For more information on virtues, visit www.VirtuesProject.com.

February is Children's Dental Health Month!



Oral hygiene is important. Make sure you are replacing your toothbrush every three months, storing it upright to prevent bacteria growth, and keeping it away from other brushes. Here are some other hygiene tips:

1. Make sure your child's toothbrush isn't too large for his/her mouth, and that it has soft bristles as well as a flexible neck.
2. Only use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste.
3. Brush in gentle, circular motions starting in the back and working your way around your mouth.
4. Floss daily between every tooth.
5. Rinse your mouth with antiseptic mouthwash to kill germs to complete the process.
6. Brush twice a day, two minutes each time.

Follow us!



Happening this Summer at Ebenezer

Children will explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and Nature in a variety of ways. They will do this by using a map to guide their way into a summer filled with exciting adventures.

SCIENCE While playing-children will be experimenting, analyzing, predicting, and hypothesizing.

TECHNOLOGY While playing-children will explore tools of the trade, make their own inventions, and examine robots and cause and effect.

ENGINEERING While playing-children will learn about designing and building, take apart and put together all sorts of machines, and develop problem solving abilities.

ART While playing-children will discover the many layers of music, varieties of dance, and have an opportunity to delve into their hidden dramatic talents as well as utilize a variety of art materials.

MATH While playing-children will understand that math is not only about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. They will be discovering spatial concepts and pattern relationships. They will be measuring, sequencing, and analyzing data.

NATURE While playing-children will locate (maybe even visit some) lakes, rivers, and streams. They will participate in recycling, and perhaps uncover their joy of landscaping and gardening.

EPIC ADVENTURES



SUMMER PROGRAM

Ebenezer's EPiC Adventures Summer Program will be held at our following locations:

Downtown Center
340 W. St. Paul Avenue

Oak Creek Center
220 W. Forest Hill Avenue

West Allis/Wauwatosa Center
1136 S. 108th Street



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February's Parenting Tip: Building Better Brains

Do you want to give your children the best opportunities for success in life? Your children's early years are very important to their lifelong development. One of the most important ways you can support your children is what you are already doing: being their first and best teacher.

According to Dana Brumm, Curriculum Specialist for Ebenezer Child Care Centers with locations in downtown Milwaukee, Oak Creek, and West Allis/Wauwatosa, "When babies are born, the parts of their brains that handle thinking and remembering as well as emotional and social behavior are undeveloped. This means that the relationships and experiences they have will greatly impact the way their brain develops and is 'wired' for success." Consider following these simple tips to help build your baby's brain power.

Never Underestimate the Power of Snuggling

Because babies experience the world through their senses, Brumm points out that it is extremely important for parents and caregivers to nurture young children in order to help foster their brain development.

"Holding, rocking, smiling, and talking to your baby, strengthens the emotional connections that lead to secure relationships which is critical for brain development," says Brumm.

"Research has proven that children who grow up in a secure environment, where they are nurtured and know that they are a loved, are better able to cope with difficult times when they are older, are more likely to get along better with others, and ultimately perform better in school."

Why Reading Is Critical

Brumm says, in addition to nurturing your baby, it's never too early to begin reading to your children. Reading sparks children's curiosity, stimulates their imagination, and starts them down a positive path of learning. She says babies are mesmerized by brightly colored books with rhythmic language, and they learn speech development through the repetition of words. Plus, reading is the perfect way to introduce new concepts, ideas,

and places.

Anderson recommends that parents spend a minimum of 20 minutes each day reading out loud to their young children. She also encourages parents talk and sing to their babies on a regular basis to help stimulate brain development.

Encouraging Learning Through Play

In addition to reading, Brumm says play is a wonderful way to help a baby's brain develop. It is important to let children simply play and explore to encourage brain development.

"There is a great deal of research out there that says that children under the age of four learn best through play," says Brumm. Play might be a game, talking, or singing to actively engage your child's brain. "Peek-a-boo" and holding toys out to watch help a baby's brain develop. Talk to your baby about what you are doing. For young children, sing songs with actions (like "Wheels on the Bus"), encourage pretend play, color, and build with blocks and toys. These activities foster imagination and creativity.

Ebenezer Child Care Centers is a not-for-profit, locally based agency committed to providing early care and education programs from the heart. The agency prides itself on being different from other child care providers in that it offers a home-like atmosphere; individualized, nurturing care; and a structured curriculum that is virtues-based for every child's developmental stage.

Every Ebenezer Child Care Center focuses on all aspects of a child's development: cognitive, physical, emotional, and social. In addition to providing quality early care and education, the agency also offers other educational programming all aimed at helping parents.

The agency has locations in downtown Milwaukee, Oak Creek, and West Allis/Wauwatosa. The agency's main office is located at 1138 S. 108th Street, West Allis. For more information, please call 414-643-5070 or visit the agency's website at www.ebenezerchildcare.com.