

Park View Child Development Center

Newsletter

February-April 2021

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
1 John 5:14*

2021 received us with test and by the Grace of God Almighty we came out strong. We continue praying and asking him to bless us and protect us through the rest of the year. We cannot keep our guards down. We need to continue following CDC guidelines, keeping social distance, washing our hands as often as we can and just be mindful of what we touch and what we do. We are not exempt from getting this virus.

The enrollment has remained low, even though we have still been able to be afloat, we are going to need to make some adjustments in the following weeks. We trust God!

If you know anyone who is looking for childcare, please bring them our way. Even though at this time we do not want to have a full house, we would like to have a few more children.

There is a list of items that we are requesting for donations. If it's in your possibilities to bring some, we will appreciate it.

Thank you for your understanding and support in these unprecedented times.

Stay Safe,
Laura Austin-Feagan

happy
Birthday

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| Feb 1 st | Matthias |
| Feb. 18 | Grant |
| March 9 th | Karl |
| March 18 th | Franklin |
| April 9 th | Kamina |
| April 6 th | Jayden |
| April 15 th | Justice |
| April 20 th | Ms.Kijah |



Feb. 12th Love Party (information will be posted)
Feb. 15th President's Day (Center Closed)
Feb. 19th Dress as your favorite African American Person
March 3rd Dress up for Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 29th Spirit week
3/29 Make Easter Baskets
3/30 Crazy hat day
3/31 Wear something Disney
4/1 Easter egg hunt
April 2nd Good Friday (Center Closed)

Use of Face Mask in Childcare

Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Children MDH/MSDE requires the following:

- Children age 5 years and above who can wear a cloth face covering safely and consistently must wear a cloth face covering while in the child care center or family child care home;
- It is recommended that children less than 5 years of age who can wear a cloth face covering safely and consistently also wear a cloth face covering while in the child care center or family child care home;
- Cloth face coverings should not be worn by children under age 2 years and anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

For young children without a medical problem that makes use of a cloth face covering unsafe, parents and staff should work together to maximize the use of cloth face coverings in child care settings. Staff and families should teach and reinforce proper use and removal of cloth face coverings, including the use of behavioral strategies as necessary to assist children with becoming comfortable wearing cloth face coverings. (Taken from MSDE COVID-19 Guidelines for Childcare Centers)



At Park View CDC we are encouraging all children 2 to 5 years old to wear face masks. We are asking parents to make sure to send the children with more than one face mask daily. After the children eat they stain them. Some children have a tendency to chew on their masks through the day making them stay wet. In the case of the disposable masks, there are children that like to play with the elastic band popping them and we have to replace them. These are normal things with children that age so we are just asking for additional mask.

Please be mindful of the different sizes of children face masks. Not all children's faces are the same; therefore children one size does not fit all. Make sure that they fit their faces the right way. Face masks should cover the areas from the nose down to the chin with no gaps. The best ones we have noticed to work well with children are the ones that have the seam in the middle.

Remember that the mask should be changed DAILY.

Books of the month

One love by Cedella Marley

How many do I love by Cheri Love Byrd

Cat in the Hat

Green eggs and ham

I Love you Funny Bunny

Psalm 23: Jesus Storybook Bible

Scripture of the month

We love because he loved us first 1John 4:19

DONATION



We are asking for donations of items we use on a daily basis. . Thanks!

- Hand sanitizer
- Lysol Spray
- Lysol Wipes
- Kleenex
- Bleach
- Construction paper



Infant/Toddler news

We would like to say thank you to all the parents that gave us Christmas presents we appreciate the thought.

We would like to say Happy 1st birthday to Matthias who turns one on the first of February.

We would like to stress the importance of making sure that your child has all of their supplies on a daily basis.

We will continue to work with the children on the four developmental areas. The older children have been introduced to circle time in which they are learning to sit down and learn their numbers, shapes, alphabet and other first words. They have also been working on walking up and down the steps hopefully you are working with them as well. The teachers are also working on using the spoons to feed themselves hopefully they are doing the same thing at home.

Team work between parents and teachers are the key to getting your child on the right path. The children should also be working on drinking from a regular cup because there are no Sippy cups allowed. A month before your child 2nd birthday we ask that you start introducing the use of face masks so that it won't be a hassle when they turn 2 and we required for them to wear a face masks the majority of the day.

In the upcoming months we will work on many different projects from Valentine's Day, Black history, Dr. Seuss as well as some other cool projects. Stay tuned and see what they will bring home.

As the Infants and Toddlers Teachers, we will be stressing on a few things:

- that your child has 3 complete outfits (tops, bottoms, and socks),
- 4-5 bibs if your child is teething, feeding bibs,
- 3 – 4 bottles, 3 meals and 2 snacks if you are in the infant room,
- diapers/pull-ups,
- Sippy cups start around 13 months in the infant room,
- Please make sure that you bring enough and a variety of food to last a whole week that can stored in the cabinet.

Thanks for your support,

Mrs. Eronda Just Buddy Wilkerson
and
Mrs. Charlene Ward

Potty Training

One of the most difficult process parents experience with their preschool children is potty training. The million dollar question "How and when did you potty train your child?". There is no right or wrong answer for t his. All children give signs of potty training at different times. Some as early as 18 months and some late as 2s.

Here at Park View our teachers begin the potty training process when they notice a child stays dry for a long period of time. That means that the child is learning to manage sphincter control or bladder control. When we see that we talk to the parents so that they can start the process at home and then we will follow here.

After we see that the child keeps their pull-ups dry for a long period of time we suggest to start transitioning from pull up to underwear. When that is achieved, we can say that the child is almost potty trained. When a child starts wearing underwear fully, it is not recommended to go back to underwear. This interferes with the bladder control process that was already under control. This regression to the pull up gives a signal to the brain that says "relax, you don't have to worry on peeing on your underwear, you have a pull up on".

It is normal that children will have accidents when they start wearing underwear without pull-ups. The longer they wear the underwear by itself, the sooner they will stop having accidents.

Through the year we have noticed that "Potty trained" children arrive at the center with pull ups on. We take the pull ups off when they get here. They stay dry all day. When the parents pick them up, the child leaves the center with a pull up on. This process does not work. Children need to have accidents in order to master it.

In a childcare setting is expected that when a child is entering the Preschool classroom, he/she is potty trained. We know that there are going to be exceptions to the rule because not all children develop the same way.

Let's try to do this together to save your pockets on buying pull-ups and helping us potty train your child.

Please Remember...

- Temperature checking is still done upon arrival to the Center. Please have your thermometer in hand to speed up the admitting process. The thermometer reading needs to be shown to the staff that is opening the door for her to verify it.
- When you or anyone that comes to the Center on your behalf needs to wear a proper face mask. Covering your mouth with your shirt is not an acceptable face coverage.
- If you, your child or anyone in your household has any COVID-19 like symptoms please refrain from coming to the Center or bringing your child until a test has been done and/or the person/child is cleared by the doctor. Better be safe than sorry.
- Make sure your child has all items needed for the day/week. We suggest bringing supply enough for the week. When a child is in need of items (pull-ups, food, change of clothes, etc) the staff will send a note home. Please bring the supplies requested the next day.

Preschool Edition

Hello parents!

We would like to say thank you to our parents for the Christmas gifts we received during the Holidays. We really appreciate it!

We are working on many developmental areas with the children to see where they need help with to be ready for school. In the next months we will continue to introduce different sight words, continue to work on learning how to hold a pencil, practice how to color inside the lines, etc.

In the last months we have been teaching all the children in the Center to say the Lord's Prayer. Some of the older children are starting to be able to say it with no problem. Please practice saying the prayer at night with them so that it becomes a habit to pray.

We are still working on first and last name recognition and spelling. We have also introduced teaching the children their parent's first name and phone numbers. This is very important for them to know in case they get lost.

In the next months we will be making different projects based on the themes of Valentine's Day, Black History and Dr. Seuss.

The children still receive homework based on what they are learning daily at school.

As a team we need you to continue to work with your children at home as well. We, the teachers, are trying to help your children be the best they can be.

Team work makes the dream work!

Ms. Tiffanie Dennis and Ms. Kijah Hendrick

Love Party

On Friday, February 13th we will be having our Love and Friendship celebration.

The teachers will send home a list with items (s) that your child is ask to bring for that day. The due date will be Wednesday, February 10th.

Please have your child wear something red or pink.

Your child is welcome to exchange valentine's cards with each other.



February has been designated as the month to celebrate Black Culture.

We do not want to let this month pass by without having our own celebration. On Friday, February 19 we want all children to dress up as a famous African American. Take this as an opportunity to talk to your child about famous African Americans to look up to. We will have a price for the best dress up. So let's use our imagination.

The children will also have an assignment to turn in on that day. For this they we will need their parents help. It will be the perfect time for parent and child to have a special time together. The assignment is titled "When I grow up I want to be..." . A note will be sent home with the assignment rules.

Let's enjoy and celebrate our heritage!!