



The Campus Chronicle



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GETTING PHYSICAL!



Liam and Natalie tread steadily on the balance beam at *Tumble Bees*.

Hailey and Alex kick around the soccer ball during a Friday Physical Education class.

News, Events & Reminders



Valentine's Party

Save the Date

1st Annual Valentine's Lunch Date

Thursday, February 14th

11:15-12:15

ALL families are invited to our Valentine Lunch Date...even if your child doesn't typically attend *The Campus* on Thursday. Look for an invite with more info soon!

Lunch Menu

Our lunch menu is always posted on the *Campus* bulletin board located directly inside our secure door. We are on a four week rotating menu and you can find the dates that correspond to each week on the menu.



Facebook

The Campus at Kids First now has a Facebook page...and you can stay updated on all the happenings, as well as, check out our latest art projects, lessons, physical education activities, etc.! 'Like' us to check it out!

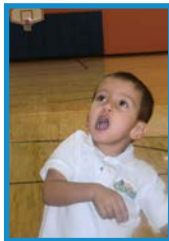
Check In/Check Out

Don't forget to check your child in and out using our pin pad AND classroom sign in sheet each morning and afternoon/evening. We appreciate your help as we all begin to make this a habit.

Winter Weather

'Tis the season for snow! Please use the weather button at www.kidsfirstsports.com as your primary source for closure info. An email will also be sent out (when possible) notifying of weather-related closures.

Welcome to the First Edition of *The Campus Chronicle*! Let us start by saying Thank You! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for entrusting us to educate and love your child. Our first month has been a wonderful learning experience for all of us and we genuinely hope that your child is having as much learning fun as we are teaching! Our number one priority is to make each day exciting, engaging and such fun that your child truly *wants* (begs, even!) to come to school every morning.



As for our newsletter, you will find a brand new edition of *The Campus Chronicle* full of color pictures, bright smiling faces, and helpful reminders each month. The first few newsletters will be sent home as a paper copy and then we will transition to an online newsletter housed on our website (currently under construction) which will allow for more pictures, stories, and exciting info from your child's busy days at *The Campus*! Enjoy, and as always we love your feedback!



Campus Kid-isms

Kids do say the darnest things, right? So each month in this spot we'll showcase one of those wonderful, fully innocent kid-isms overheard at *The Campus*. We hope you get the same chuckle we did :)

Ms. Semia: (showing the children different bean bags with various pictures stitched on them) "What does this bean bag have on it?"

Toddler: "A dinosaur"

Ms. Semia: "And what about this one (showing a yellow bean bag with a smiley face on it)?"

Toddler: "A COOKIE!"





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Infants



Our babies have been busy exploring the world around them! The Magic Mirror Box in the infant room has been a huge hit for itty-bitty babies all the way to toddler age...the kids are amazed

at their

reflection peering back at them countless times! Ms. Tammy loves to get creative bringing in finger paint from time to time, allowing even our littlest learners at *The Campus* an outlet to express their creativity.



Aside from the visual and sensory exploration, our babies have had plenty of time to develop gross motor skills as they make very regular use of the baby *Tumble Bee* area; balancing on beams and climbing up soft mats.

Preschool

“Play is a child’s work” as Jean Piaget said. And our preschoolers take their work very seriously! Ms. Beth and Ms. Stephanie encourage learning through play in the classroom with plenty of center time and free play.



The beginning weeks in *The Campus* preschool room are filled with getting to know one another while figuring out how we can work

together to achieve more. More important than $2+2=4$, our kiddos are learning that in order to happily coexist in the preschool classroom you must work cooperatively with new friends.

In addition to all the wonderful play our three and four year olds have been busy working on letter identification. Using art manipulatives to stamp, paint, build and draw focused letters.

Toddlers

“Ms. Semia, what is that?”
“How do I make this toy work?”



These are the kind of questions we love in our Toddler Room (and everywhere at *The Campus*!) because they mean spongy little minds are hard at work— learning the ins and outs of toys, classmates, and life in general.

The first month our Toddlers are busy getting to know one another and their new classroom. Ms. Semia is working to reassure the kids of their new environment and encourage sharing with new friends. Growing accustomed to a classroom full of other curious, active little people is no easy task for a two year old and we work hard to make the transition easy and worry-free. Walk in to this classroom at any time and you will see toys scattered, music playing and voices talking as our Toddlers bounce from center to center excitedly exploring every detail of their second home.

PreK

Take a peek inside the PreK classroom and you’ll see walls full of artwork, sight word Post-Its stuck to the white board, a young plant about to sprout and a flower growth chart hanging near by. Ms. Jaime has created an environment that is the perfect marriage between a beautiful classroom and a place where children really, truly *want* to learn.

Students of PreK have learned that when primary colors are mixed together they make new, familiar colors. And they have worked hard to put this knowledge to good use; creating artwork that is full of color mixed by their own artistic hands. Art combines with social studies as the students learn about Martin Luther King, Jr., creating handprint art. Discussion ignites about how each handprint is unique and similar at the same time; just like we are.



Happy Birthday to YOU!

January (sorry we are a bit late!)

January 25th - Ms. Anne
January 26th - Ms. Beth



February

February 3rd - Ms. Stephanie
February 9th - Charlie (Infant Rm) + Mr. Jeff (Co-Founder)
February 15th - Baden D. (PreK)
February 18th - Abby V. (Preschool 3’s)