

# The CH Connection

September 2020

**“Education is not something that the teacher does. It is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being. It is not acquired by listening to words, but in virtue of experiences in which the child acts on his environment. The teacher’s task is not to talk, but to prepare and arrange a series of motions for cultural activity in a special environment made for the child.” ~Maria Montessori**

## Classroom Happenings

The children are settling into the routine of the morning and they are very busy with learning and practicing the ground rules. It is interesting to observe old friendships being rekindled and new friendships being formed.

### What's going on in each area?

**Practical Life:** Lessons of grace and courtesy, care of the environment, care of self.

**Language:** Sound of the week, labeling the classroom, matching, classifying, sequencing, and simple patterns.

**Math:** Individual math activities 1-5; -10; teens and tens.

**Geography:** Elements of the earth (land, air and water), introduction to the land and water globe.

**Science:** Introducing and classifying living and non-living/plant and animal, parts of the fish (CH class) and parts of the horse (Church class)

Individual, small group and large group lessons are given in all areas of the classroom on a daily basis. Often an introduction to these lessons is presented to the children on the line at the morning meeting. Ask your child about Mat Man! Mat Man helps us learn about spacial awareness and of course there is a fun song!



### FUN FACT:

Did you know the Church Class Children named their fish "Mr. Bubbles?" The CH chose the name, "Blubby" for their fish. We've had fun caring for and feeding our fish everyday!

## Sound of the Week

Beginning next week, we will introduce a new sound each week through April. Every week we will focus on a single sound calling it the "sound of the week". This sound is introduced in the form of a specific sandpaper letter and a box of small objects that begin with the sound of the letter. The sound is a pure consonant sound and not a blend for example, "t" as in turtle, not "tr" as in truck. The sounds and their schedule can be found on the good calendar as well as outlined here each month in the newsletter.

### Here's how you can help...

\*Objects beginning with the sound of the week may be brought in and shared in our "sound basket". Please be sure these objects fit in the palm of your child's hand (fist closed). We prefer these objects be representative of real things. \*Due to Covid-19-please put all objects in a small ziplock bag. Items will stay in the ziplock all week and will only be handled by the teachers when showing them at the line for our morning meetings. All objects will be returned to the child at the end of the week. Get creative...make a Sunday or weekend routine of finding objects to take to school on Monday. It just might help your child with anxiety or separation issues on Monday mornings. You could even cut out pictures from magazines or print them from the internet if you can't find an object that begins with the sound.

## Birthday Spotlight:

Otis Barton- June 1st- 3 yrs old  
Kenzie Fairley-June 8th-5 yrs old  
Coral Biber- June 18th-3 yrs  
Roman Fikes- June 23rd-4 yrs old  
Quinn Houck- July 9th-4 yrs old  
Lennox Milstead-July 22nd-5 yrs old  
Afton Miller- July 30th-5 yrs old  
Opal Sparks- Aug. 31st-4 yrs old  
Cooper Teichert-Sept. 17th-4 yrs old



## Important Dates to Remember:

Week of September 14th-  
Full days begin/Kindergarten  
Afternoons begin

October 8th-9th- Fall Break  
(No School)

## Sound of the Week Schedule:

Week of Sept. 14.....a (astronaut)

Week of Sept. 21.....t (turtle)

Week of Sept. 28.....m (mouse)

Week of Oct. 12.....n (nutmeg)



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