

# THE CHALLENGER

## MARCH CURRICULUM

Feb. 27 – Mar. 3	Dr. Seuss
Mar. 6 – Mar. 10	What Big Teeth You Have – Fairy Tales
Mar. 13 – Mar. 17	Rainbows, Leprechauns, & Gold
Mar. 20 – Mar. 24	The Joys of Art
Mar. 27 – Mar. 31	Music to My Ears



## MARCH INTO OUR SPECIAL DAYS

### Art Show – March 23

Parents are invited to visit our Early Challenges' Art Show from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 23rd. Please feel free to pick up your child from his/her classroom and browse our hallways filled with our/your child/children's artistic treasures.

### Music to My Ears – March 27 – 31

As we learn about rhythm, types of musical instruments, movement, song, and musical genres, we would like to invite families and friends to participate. If you or someone you know would like to share your musical talents with our children, please see Cathy or Casey.



## THINKING AHEAD

Parent Conferences will be held April 3 – 7. Details and sign up opportunities coming soon!

### On the subject of parent teacher communication...

Brief parent teacher interaction and communication is wonderful for the classroom settings. However, extended conversations can be overheard by children and other parents, often distracting the teachers from providing care to the children, and limiting the staff's ability to give the parents ample input or interaction. If questions or concerns regarding your child arise, please feel free to schedule a time to meet with the teacher and/or Cathy.



## CENTER CLOSING

The center will be **CLOSED** on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for staff development day. The State of Virginia requires all child care employees to receive 16 hours of annual training. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding of our need for our two annual staff development days!

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change. - Carl Rogers

## THANK YOU BASELINE SOLAR

After two years of hard work and patience, we have finally realized our goal of installing solar panels on our buildings! A special thanks to Chris and Patrick at Baseline Solar for their patience with the process as well as with the installation. Baseline Solar will also become a partner in educating our children to the world of renewable energy and how to become a good caretaker of our planet. Plus the science is just plain cool! The savings to our electric bill doesn't hurt either!



A big thanks to USDA for the Renewable Energy Grant funds Early Challenges received to help finance this project as well as Kelly Kendrick at First Bank and Trust and the Virginia Small Business Finance Authority. All these people worked hard to make this project happen for our center.

Thanks to our wonderful parents for patience and understanding during the noise and adjustments necessary for the installation process!

We will soon be providing a shade canopy for our small playground and hope to build a pergola on the large playground to provide additional shade to our older children during the hot summer months. We are excited to see what Mary (our garden lady) comes up with!

We are always thinking of your children; their education, health, safety, and well-being. We are honored to serve your family as you **ARE** part of our family!

## SPRING PICTURES

Time for spring pictures!! Clix will be taking pictures on March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Classrooms Babyland, Tummy Tumblers, Tenderhearts, and Raindrops along with sibling pictures will be taken on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Starlights, Comets, Twilights, Rainbows, Sunbursts, and Stargazers will be taken on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everybody get those smiles on!!!

## ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to meet Lisa Reeser, our new program director. We are excited to welcome her to our Early Challenges' family as a support liaison for our classrooms.

Please be assured that I will be continuing as Center Director. Due to my chemotherapy and immune suppressed system limiting my classroom exposure, Lisa Reeser's additional assistance and guidance is greatly needed and appreciated.

Once again, thanks for your continued support, thoughts, understanding, and kind words and deeds during this time. You all are amazing!!

Cathy VanLear, Director

## TICK TOCK ... TIME CHANGE

Just a reminder that time changes on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to spring forward!

