



Comstock Community Learning Center

2018 Newsletter October-November

It's hard to believe it is already 2018-2019 school year!! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer with your family and maybe even got to sleep in a little!! We missed all of you, and especially the sweet smiles and warm hugs from your children! We are glad to be back with them and are ready for a great year.

We had a great summer with our summer fun program. The children enjoyed their field trips to various locations throughout the area as well as a few that took place in other cities. Our preschool children were also able to share in the field trips this year. We had great teachers that joined them as well as a few parents who shared in the fun. You can check out some of our pictures and videos on our facebook page. They enjoyed the exhibits at the museum as well as learning about the Underground Railroad.

This year we are working hard to plan many family events at the center as well as a few fundraisers we will be adding to our program at the center. We love seeing our families getting involved with the children and hope this gives most an opportunity to be a part of their activities while at school. We understand that not all families can participate during the school hours, so we have planned a few that parents can do at home with the children as well.



Welcomes

We would like to welcome some of our newest staff members joining us this year. Ms Dawn and Ms Wendi will be joining our GSRP classrooms. We are lucky to have them join our already fantastic staff. Ms Wendi will be working in our newly opened bilingual room. We are excited for this new addition to our center. We also have expanded by adding a Preschool-Prep toddler room. This room is to help our toddlers in the transition to the preschool classroom. This room can be beneficial for children who are still struggling with potty training as well as a more structured environment. In this room children will begin a more advanced schedule as well as begin playing in the bigger playground with our preschool children.

A Little About Our New Staff



Ms Dawn has a BA from Olivet College in Elementary Ed as well as an ECE from WMU. She has been teaching for over 17 years, is married and has four children of her own. She will be teaching with Ms Brandi alongside her in one of our GSRP classrooms. Ms Brandi is married and has been at our center for 6 years and has worked in other areas of the center prior to moving into the GSRP classrooms. She has worked in the childcare area for 14 years and has her associates in ECE.



Ms Wendi is our lead teacher in our newly added bilingual classroom. She has an associates, masters and bachelor degree in ECE. She has taught for 16 years now in the Middle East, China and the U.S.A. She has extensive experience in ELL (English language learning) and early childhood curriculums; including High/Scope, Mastery Learning and Creative Curriculum. She is married and has one daughter, Rosalee who is 15, whom she adopted at 11 months old from China. She will be working with Ms Elizabeth (Liz) alongside her. Liz has a CDA and is currently attending Kellogg Community College and working towards her associates in ECE. She has 7 years experience in working with bilingual/immigrant families. She is married and has a 17 year old who is looking to follow in her footsteps as an educator.



Mrs. Natalie is the lead teacher in our third GSRP classroom. She has been married for 12 years and they have 3 children together. She has a associates in Arts as well as a bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education with endorsements in Learning Disabilities; Cognitive impairments; K-5 all subjects; K-8 self-contained; Integrated Creative Arts and Early Childhood Education from WMU. She also has completion of Introduction to Autism through ACE-The autism Collaborative Endorsement at Grand Valley State University and courses towards a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Inclusive Classroom. She will have Ms Chazelyn working alongside her.

Upcoming Events

In the next few months the center will be having a few events going on that we welcome the families to come and enjoy. The classrooms will all have their own little costume parties (Halloween) and even a parade. The children love to dress up and walk around the school showing off their costumes for the year. Parents are welcome to join in this event for a few hours or even the day. If bringing in treats to share please limit the sugar and ask about any allergies in the classroom.

For the Thanksgiving holiday, our center will be shutting down for November 22 & 23, 2018. We will reopen again the following business day.

Child Friendly Activities

As the weather begins to change, the children will begin to see the colors changing on the trees. The staff will begin to take them out to collect leaves and branches for crafts, go on walks around the building and have special visitors come in the building to read to them from the library, amongst other things. The children enjoy spending their time outside as the weather cools off. We talk about the weather change as well as the activities that can be done both at home and while at school. We look forward to all our upcoming adventures here with the children.