



Children's Chatter Newsletter

<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>February 12 - Classroom Valentine's day celebrations</p> <p>February 15 - President's Day Holiday Pre-K, TCPS, TA all closed Mother's Love OPEN KIDZ KLUB OPEN</p> <p>February 23 - Celebration & Growth Parent Meeting 5:30 - MLCC</p>	<p>EMPLOYEE of the MONTH AND THE WINNER is.....yet to be announced. Our webmaster is collecting the reviews from the various sites so that we will be able to announce this very soon! The teachers are anxious to hear. Thank you to all who participated in going online and rating the care you receive. Because of your responses our Google Rating is 4.9 out of 5. It is never too late to upload a review! Give your teacher a big pat on the back!</p>	<p>Volunteers Needed Our 25th BIRTHDAY is on the horizon and we are so excited that we want to begin planning! We are meeting on February 23 at 5:30 p.m. to begin both the planning and the review process. We want to brainstorm ways to celebrate and begin to decide on how to provide the most fun for our families, honor the staff and thank the community for its support over the years! We will also look at areas of growth suggested by the group members. Please make arrangements for someone to pick up your child because we will work for about 1 hour.</p>
<p>March 1 - Pre-K Registration For Fall 2017 OPENS</p> <p>March 11 - Pre-K & TCPS closed for Teacher Workday Mother's Love OPEN KIDZ KLUB OPEN</p>	<p>GET GEORGIA READING "Right now, only 34% of Georgia's third graders are reading proficiently by the end of the school year. This means 2 out of every 3 third graders cannot read proficiently in Georgia. Why does this matter? Because third grade is when children make the shift from learning to read to reading to learn. And if they cannot read, they won't be able to understand nearly half of the fourth-grade curriculum. As a result, these children fall even farther behind in school." Learn more about how to "Feed your Child's Brain" with language rich adult-child interactions www.getgeorgiareading.com.</p>	<p>PARENT LOCKS REQUIRED A new Parent Policy has been developed for children in the School-Age programs. All electronic tools that are allowed in the Center must have Parent Locks which disable all content that is not considered to be "E". Parents must sign a document stating that this condition has been met.</p>
<p>April 1 - REGISTRATION for KIDZ KLUB Summer Camp</p>	<p>At Mother's Love, as we prepare for a re-accreditation visit at each Center, we will be assisting the teachers as they polish their skills in enriching their verbal interactions all day, every day with the children.</p> <p>LISTEN UP! THIS IS IMPORTANT!</p> <p>STEM Through Play Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are the watch words in the educational system. How do you encourage development in these areas at home? Of course, simple arithmetic can be done at the dinner table, but did you realize that you can carry this further with concepts like balancing peas on the spoon? Might even tip over into the engineering side of the equation if you carry the thought far enough. Of course, we must remember our table manners but where there is a will there is a way (like after dinner as your child helps clean the table...). Look at what you provide your child in the way of toys. Can creative construction and design be worked into Lego play (You can get pink Lego's, too – I have some saved for my granddaughter from her aunt's childhood toys!) REMEMBER, a key component is not to take over the child's play, but interject thoughts, words, ideas when they are welcomed. Creating your item next to their creation can stimulate experimentation!</p>	<p>What does the American Academy of Pediatrics have to say about developmentally-appropriate expectations for 3 & 4 year olds? A lot! Here is a sub-set:</p> <p>Hand and Finger Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies square shapes • Uses scissors <p>Language Milestones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands concepts of "Same" and "Different" • Speaks clearly enough for strangers to understand <p>Social and Emotional Milestones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in new experiences • Increasingly inventive in pretend play <p>Want to learn more? Check out healthychildren.org</p>
<p>PLEASE NOTE – PRIVACY ISSUE Please help us guard the privacy of the families by emailing your photos of events in the Centers that have children or persons not in your family and letting us select which can be posted. We are unable to share personal family situations and can better determine whose picture is o.k. to post. THANK YOU!</p>		

Mother's Love Child Care and Learning Centers
MONTHLY MENU

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SNACK
#4	February 1 - 5		
Monday	Whole grain cereal bar, Diced Peaches, Milk	Tortilla Roll Ups, Tater Tots, Diced Pears, Milk	Strawberry-Kiwi Juice or seasonal Fruit, Vanilla Wafers
Tuesday	Apple/Cinn. Muffins, applesauce, Milk	Chicken/Noodle, Brocc/cheese, Sweet potato, Roll, Milk	Citrus Juice, Animal Cookies
Wednesday	Cereal, Bananas, Milk	WOW Butter Sandwich/Jam, Cheese slice, Mashed Potatoes, Salad/Ranch Dssg., Milk	Seasonal Fruit or Vegetable/dip, Butter Crackers, Water
Thursday	Toast/jelly, pears, Milk	Turkey & Cheese Pizza, Creamed Corn, Sweet Peas, Milk	Fruit Punch, Cheese Nips
Friday	Biscuits/gravy, Blue Applesauce, Milk	Tuna Sandwich, Tossed salad/Ranch Dssg, Mixed Fruit, Milk	Milk, Pudding cup w/ cookie crust
#5	February 8 - 12		
Monday	Whole Grain cereal bar, Pears, Milk	BeefyMac/Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Field Peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Fruit Punch 100% Juice, Grahams
Tuesday	Muffins/ sprinkles, Applesauce, Milk	Teriyaki chicken, Tomatoes/Rice, Sweet Peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Cherry Juice Blend, Vanilla Wafers
Wednesday	Cereal, Bananas, Milk	Nacho w/ taco meat & cheese&refried beans&salsa with chips, Tossed salad/ranch, Pear crisp, Milk	Apples, Wow butter/chocolate Flavor, Water
Thursday	Cinnamon Toast, Peaches, Milk	Chicken Pie/peas & carrots, Pears, Baby Limas, Roll, Milk	Strawberry Yogurt, Animal Crackers, Water
Friday	Oatmeal, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk	Pizza Pockets, Buttered Broccoli, Potato Tots, Milk	Milk, Homemade Choc. Chip Cookie
#6	February 15 - 19		
Monday	Whole Grain Cereal Bar, Pears, Milk	Chicken Tetrazinni, Cal. Veg. Blend, Sweet Peas, Roll, Milk	Milk, Graham crackers
Tuesday	Apple/Cinn. Muffins, applesauce, Milk	Turkey/Cheese Sandwich, Potato Tots, Peas/Carrots, Milk	Fruit Punch, Cheese Nips
Wednesday	Cereal, Bananas, Milk	Cheese Pizza, Sweet Potatoes, Zipper Peas, Milk	Broccoli and Carrot sticks/dip, Butter crackers, Water
Thursday	Toast/jelly, Blue Applesauce, Milk	WOW Butter sandwich/Jam, Cheese slice, Tossed salad, Butter Broccoli, Milk	Citrus Juice Blend, Vanilla Wafers
Friday	Buttered grits, peaches, milk	Spaghetti/meat Sauce, Creamed corn, Green Beans, Roll, Milk	Milk, Mother's Love Butter Cookie
#1	February 22 - 26		
Monday	Whole grain cereal bar, Peaches, Milk	PizzaBurger (whole wheat), Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Milk	Peach Juice, Graham Crackers
Tuesday	Blueberry muffins, Blue applesauce, Milk	Turkey/cheese sandwich, Buttered Cal. Blend, Tossed salad w/Ranch Dssg, Milk	Fruit Punch, Cheese nips
Wednesday	Cereal, Bananas, Milk	Chicken/Rice, Green Lima Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Roll, Milk	Milk, Cheese biscuit
Thursday	Toast/jelly, Pears, Milk	Wow butter /Jam, Brocc./Cheese, Cheese Slice, Milk	Sliced Apples, Choc. Flav. Wow Butter, Water
Friday	Grits/butter, Orange applesauce, Milk	Spaghetti/Meat sauce, Kohlrabi salad, Squash Cass., Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Citrus Juice, Trail Mix
#2	February 29 - March 4		
Monday	Whole Grain Cereal Bars, Pears, Milk	Chicken & Pasta, Carrots/Glazed, Green Beans, Cornbread, Milk	Apple Juice, Cheese Nips
Tuesday	Strawberry Muffins, Red Applesauce, Milk	Nachos (beef, shred.cheese, refried beans, salsa)with corn chips, Tossed salad, Pear crisp, Milk	Strawberry Yogurt, Vanilla Wafers, Water
Wednesday	Cereal, Bananas, Milk	Baked chicken, Tomatoes/Rice, Field peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Veg/dip or Seasonal Fruit, Butter Crackers, Water
Thursday	Cinnamon Toast, Peaches, Milk	WOW Butter sandwich/Jam, Cheese slice, Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dssg, Creamed Corn, Milk	Fruit Punch 100% juice, Animal Crackers
Friday	Grits/cheese, Green Applesauce, Milk	Fish nuggets, Kohlrabi salad, Black eye peas, Cornbread, Milk	Milk, Whole Wheat Sugar Cookie -fresh baked
#3	March 7-11		
Monday	Wh. Grain cereal bar, Red Applesauce, Milk	Grilled chicken sandwich, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Milk	White Grape Juice Blend, Graham Cracker
Tuesday	Plain muffins, Applesauce, Milk	Tuna Melt on Whole Wheat, Seasonal Fruit, Tossed salad/Ranch, Milk	Citrus Juice Blend or seasonal fruit, Animal Crackers
Wednesday	Cereal, Fruit, Milk	Parmesan Chicken, Cabbage, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Milk	Apples slices, Wow butter Flav/Caramel, Water
Thursday	Cheese Toast, Pears, Milk	Hamburger/bun, Potato tots, Kohlrabi salad, Milk	Seasonal Fruit, Vanilla Wafers, Water
Friday	Cinn./Brown Sugar Oatmeal, Peaches, Milk	Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Broccoli/Cheese, Creamed Corn, Whole Wheat Roll, Milk	Milk, Mother's Love Butter Cookie w/choc chips