



2016



CCA HIGHLIGHTS

Susie's Corner...

As always, it has been a busy month at CCA. We are in the process of finalizing summer camp and ESY services. Stay tuned for updates! I hope you enjoy this newsletter highlighting CCA's fabulous staff and students. We are looking forward to the delivery of our new bench from the Bench for Caps Project. A Toyota representative is coming to CCA next week to deliver the awesome gift. They will be proving a recycling demonstration and presenting the bench to the students. Look for pictures to follow in the next newsletter. Enjoy our weather and let's hope for no snow.

Staff Highlights:



MARY FRAZEE

Mary comes to us as a licensed Intervention Specialist. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Cincinnati and is certified to teach grades k - 12, in addition to being certified in mild/moderate and moderate/intense disabilities. Mary student taught at The Kelly O'Leary Center located in Children's Hospital and then worked at CITE services, providing in-home behavior support and education to parents, whose children have various disabilities. Mary then went on to teach as an intervention specialist in a middle school setting. She was the lead teacher in a social communication program providing intensive behavior and academic support for students diagnosed with autism, as well as mental health disabilities. In her free time Mary enjoys spending time with her children and husband. CCA welcomes Mary to the Jungle Room and has been with CCA since October, 2015.

Cooking Group



Students from Buckeye Room and the Sunshine Room are participating in cooking group. This occurs Tuesday afternoons with Karen and Woody, our Speech-Language

Pathologists! Students learn a new recipe each week and take part in the whole process from start to finish. Students look forward to this activity each week, especially the end of the hour when they get to eat and enjoy scrumptious snacks and treats. This week students learned about the Super Bowl and took part in making a delicious salsa dip for the big game this upcoming Sunday.



SUE MYERS

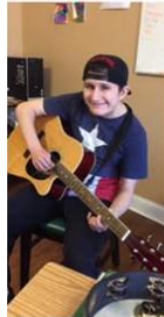
Sue received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Xavier University in 2000. She has her teaching license for grades Kindergarten - 8th grade, all subjects. She continued her education at XU, earning her masters in special education, mild to moderate disabilities in 2010. During this time she also earned her National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards, grades 2 - 6, middle childhood - generalist. Sue is a Master Senior Lead Teacher, as designated by the Ohio Department of Education. She joined the Cincinnati Center for Autism team in October of 2015. She comes to the center with over 15 years of classroom teaching and curriculum experience. Sue enjoys spending time with her husband, family, and her ex-change students from around the world! Sue is creative and enthusiastic and a welcome addition to CCA. Sue presently is in the Destiny room and will be moving to the Super Hero room starting Monday, February 1. Also congratulations to Sue for completing her Registered Behavior Technician training. Way to go Sue!!

Student Highlights

Guitar Strumming



All around the center, students have been playing and learning more about the guitar. From taking turns strumming, to learning parts and how to tune, to beginning chords,



to songwriting and working together as a group, students are staying busy while having fun during music therapy groups.

Meet Logan!



He is one of our exceptional early childhood champions! He is curious and loves to learn, especially his A,B,C's. Don't forget to ask him for his autograph, he is now writing his own name. Way to go, Logan. He also enjoys exploring in the gym where he

loves the ball pit, bowling, obstacle courses and the parachute. This year, we have seen Logan really express himself. He is using both sign language and pictures to communicate things he wants to do and eat. Some of his favorite games to play with his friends include pop up pirate, connect four, and Mr. Potato Head. It is a pleasure to watch Logan make so much progress.



A special thank you to Dugan and Meyers Construction Company, Mayers Electric, Hilltop Concrete, THP Limited Inc. and Hauer Masonry for donating and collaborating on CCA's new site lighting and building renovation projects.

Important Dates at CCA

February 10th – PTO Meeting

at CCA – 9:15 a.m.

February 12th – Parent Conferences

at CCA

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at CCA

February 15th – President's Day

CCA Closed / No Staff

March 5th – Science Fair

Time TBD

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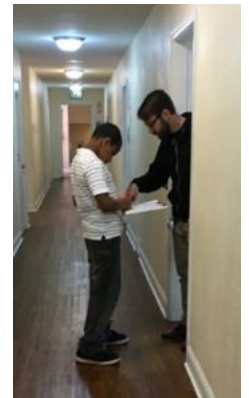
One Cool Kid



Nate has been attending CCA since summer 2015. He loves the great outdoors and animals. He has enjoyed spending time with the Superhero Room students. He has shared Xbox game tips, as well as his love for Legos and Tim Burton films with all of his friends. Nate is one cool kid!

CCA Attendance Taker

We would like to recognize Israel in his new role as the school-wide attendance taker. In doing so, he has been able to help Ms. Donna and further his social skills. With this job comes a lot of responsibility and Israel has certainly risen to the occasion. We at CCA are all so proud of him!



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