



## CCA HIGHLIGHTS

### Susie's Corner...

This month has been busy with all of the Valentine Events. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, parents were invited to an evening of fun, crafts and snacks. The Destiny Room's, Poisonous Band performed in the afternoon entertaining the students. As we begin March we are looking forward to our new Bench and a recycling presentation from Toyota on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Camp information should be out in a couple of weeks. The Board has approved two sessions each for three weeks. This year camp will be very different. The first session will run June 13<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and the second session July 11<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There will be 3 summer programs: Camp Ability, Extended School Year (ESY) and Functional Analysis Session. Campers must attend the three week session either full days or half days. I will be sending more information in the next two weeks. I will also be discussing camp options at the next PTO meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Look What's Happening in Music Group



The Buckeye room has begun playing recorders! Students are learning proper breath support, flow of air, as well as playing exercises and notes using up to 4-fingers.

Wow! So awesome to see Cara and Jonathon working together (on their own!) during a new sand block chant during the Jungle/Sunshine music therapy group.



### Valentine Parent Event

CCA held its annual Valentine Family Event on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. What a success! The children and parents had the opportunity to make the following crafts:



Heart People, Heart Door Hangers, Necklaces, Cupcake Liner Flowers and Iced Cookies & Pretzels. The evening ended with sweet treats. The families departed with goodies, valentine decorations, full stomachs and big smiles. A great time was had by all!

### Super Hero Room Chemistry Experiment



During the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Super Hero Room was learning about gases, chemical and physical changes and the properties that represent each state of matter; solid, liquid and gas. Literature books, art

activities, as well as writing activities were presented throughout the week. The culminating activities were held on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Each student measured out appropriate amounts of baking soda and vinegar and placed them into a zip lock baggie. We were able to see the gases expand and ultimately POP the baggie! WOW! It was fantastic! We were true scientists who made observations, a hypothesis and records of what occurred.

An art activity that also discussed chemical and physical changes that the Super Hero Room did on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> was making play-dough! Every student was able to measure out appropriate ingredients and take turns at the stove. Individual "baggies" filled with play-dough were the end result.

These activities were true examples of hands-on learning. They were meaningful to the students' individual learning and fun was had by all!

## Poisonous Band Concert



Poisonous' live concert was extraordinary. The band includes the five students in the Destiny Room. The band performed on February 12<sup>th</sup> and played 6 songs. There was one song that was original, but the rest were from other bands. Everyone loved every

moment of it. The band is going for a new name, so there will not be any more concerts for a while. The band has been together for about a year, growing to four band members and a band manager. They want time to work on new songs. A quote from the lead guitarist, Tobey, "If we get more famous than we already are, we will keep our new band name. We love each other like family and if we keep that love, then we will get along and if we get along, we can make songs faster and will be big!" We here at CCA wish them the best of luck in their off season and thank them for a great season of rock!  
(Written in collaboration with Austin and Tobey)



## Valentine's Day Party...Super Hero Style!

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> the Super Hero Room celebrated Valentine's Day! Celebrations included exchanging of valentines, candy, cupcakes, Love Punch and Monkey Juice! The students were able to enjoy an afternoon filled with snacks, drinks and socializing with friends. Much fun was had by all students, parents and staff members!



## Important Dates at CCA

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting**  
at CCA – 9:15 a.m.

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – Staff Inservice**  
No students

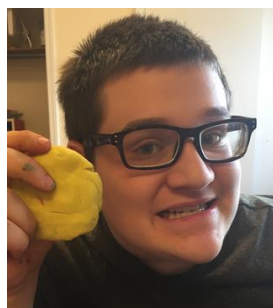
**March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break**  
No students or staff report

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent Conferences**  
at CCA

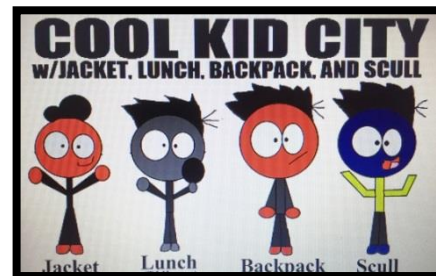
## D.E.A.R.

The Super Hero room has D.E.A.R. every afternoon after lunch. This stands for **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead! The children are able to relax, unwind, and calm down after lunch with a favorite book. The children love to cozy up on the bean bag chairs and carpet. Flowers, imitation candles and lighting create a peaceful and serene environment to relax after lunch!

## Meet Rob...



Rob is an awesome artist! He has a unique style with the characters that he draws. Rob's inspiration for his artwork comes from the people he meets at school, in the community and also from various logos that he sees on books and objects. Rob is able to draw the characters and will often times replicate them on the computer.



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