



THE FAMILY TREE

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News from the Infant and Toddler Room

Hello from the room of fun!!! December is a short month for us here at The Family Growth Center due to the Holidays, but we will still be packing in the fun. Please take a look at the calendar on the back for our schedule. PLUS, I hope it snows this month!!! Yes, I sure love snow. I hope we have enough snow to bring some into the classroom to play with. Please bring in some mittens or gloves for your children to play in the snow with. We will be working on enhancing our small motor skills with puzzles and finger puppets and playing the toy pianos. I plan to engage in some singing and dancing as well. Have a GREAT December. Merry Christmas from me to you!

Angela Bunker,
Infant/Toddler Teacher

News from the Preschool Room

It's the holiday season there is lots of hustle and bustle all around us. This month, we're going to talk about being kind. Everyone celebrates the holidays differently but kindness and smiles are the spirit for all. Together, we'll make cards and pictures for people who are in need. Along with our project, we will be practicing kindness amongst each other with social games, conversations and stories.

Brighten someone's holiday season- Give a smile :)

Beth Mannausa,
Preschool Teacher

What is the Family Growth Center?

It is a place for children to enjoy FREE drop-in childcare for children 6 weeks through 5 years of age. A nominal fee is charged to higher income families. **Family Growth Center** is a program of **Child Abuse Prevention Services**, which is a division of **Child and Family Charities**. Reserved childcare is available for children whose parents participate in parent classes at FGC. For more information on childcare call (517) 371-1347. **Parents may use our childcare services twice a week!!**

Our schedule:

Mondays-

East Lansing FGC

517-351-6641

1120 S. Harrison

East Lansing, MI 48823

(University United Methodist Church)



Tues-Wed-Thursdays

Mt. Hope FGC

517-371-1347

549 E. Mt. Hope

Lansing, MI 48910

(Bethlehem Lutheran Church)

Dear Parents,

This holiday season is very rushed and now highly commercialized. My advice for a gift for your child is **your time**. Your special attention is worth more than any present. Take time to make cookies, make seasonal decorations, go for a walk, read a book, or play with your child – this they will remember and value in future years.

As far as presents – **simple** is best. Have it be something a child can play with – that needs his or her action or imagination to work.

Have a happy and healthy holiday. See you next year!! We will re-open **January 3rd, 2017!!**

Happy Holidays,

Kathy Kelly, Director of Family Growth Centers,
A program of Child and Family Charities

December 2016 Family Growth Center Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11/28 East Lansing FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm	11/29 Mount Hope FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm	11/30 Mount Hope FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm	12/1 Mount Hope FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm
12/5 East Lansing FGC Center Closed for childcare	6 Mount Hope FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm	7 Mount Hope FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm	8 Mount Hope FGC Drop In: 9:00-11:30 am Drop In: 1:30-4:00 pm
12 Center closed for childcare	13 Center closed for childcare	14 Mount Hope FGC Limited childcare available	15 Center closed for childcare
19 Center closed for childcare	20 Center closed for childcare	21 Center closed for childcare	22 Center closed for childcare
26 Center closed for childcare	27 Center closed for childcare	28 Center closed for childcare	29 Center closed for childcare

Family Growth Center reopens Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

Remember-if Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather, so is Family Growth Center.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Grains: Yellow Rice Fruit and Vegetable: Mandarin oranges & salsa Protein: Black beans & Milk	Grains: Breeding on corn dog Fruit and Vegetable: Pears & Cauliflower/ broccoli mix Protein: Corndogs & Milk	Grains: Crackers Fruit and Vegetable: Peaches & Pickles Protein: Pepperoni & Cheese & Chocolate Milk	Center is closed... Happy Holidays!!	Center is closed... Happy Holidays!!

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Menu is subject to change.
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