

# TREETOPS CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

3962 Wilkinson Rd., Gaylord, Mi. 49735

## Important Dates

Feb. 14: Valentine Party  
**CLOSED: March 27-31** for  
 Spring Break

### Staff Training:

Sheila, Jami & Kara are all taking a 1 year training on Infant & Toddlers that meets once a month. The January focus has been on what makes a great environment for infants & toddlers.

Kara's new classes from N.C.M.C. included: Children with Special Needs, Speech & English.

Stephanie is taking the following classes from N.C.M.C.: Child Psychology and Infant & Toddler Development.

Sheila attended the annual Professional Development Institute training conducted by the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children in Dearborn. The classes explored best practices in program management.

### Parent Information

Treetops Children's Center applied and was approved for a quality improvement grant through Great Start. The grant of \$ 3,000. has allowed us to receive the complete curriculum and supporting activities for the Creative Curriculum.

### Parent Advisory Committee

The newly formed Parent Advisory Committee met for the first time in January. The purpose of the group is to assist with evaluating the center program and environment and to assure the Children's Center is a safe, nurturing and enriching place for children to grow, learn and live.

Thank you to members: Chelsea Kramer, Julie Lowe, Lindsey Pitsh, Betsy Speer and Brittany Strip.



## Learning at the Children's Center

### Language, Zoophonics, Spanish & Sign Language by Kara Rogers

In zoo phonics we have been moving right along and are now working on the letter o. Children are working on recognizing letters by upper and lower case as well as the sound that each letter makes. In sign language we have been reviewing and practicing the words we have learned so far. New words that we have learned are colors, purple, pink, happy, and gorilla. In Spanish we are also reviewing what we have learned so far. We are focusing on counting to ten with little to no help from the teacher. At Treetops Children's Center we try to encourage the use of sign and Spanish on a daily basis. Remember if you don't use it you lose it.

### Science with Jessica

We have had a ton of fun doing experiments with water, snow, and ice. Such as looking at how each one changes to the next, which one weighs more, and does salt make ice sticky.



### Welcome new staff member Holly Lewis

Holly Lewis has joined the staff at Treetops Children's Center. Holly is completing her Associates degree from N.C.M.C. She is currently taking Infant & Toddler Development, Child Psychology and CPR & First Aid. Holly also is a dance instructor at Just Dance. Please join us in making her feel welcome.