

FEBRUARY 2026

Grace ECC News

GRACE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

2 - Fun in the Son

Enrollment Begins

12-13 - Valentine's Day Class Parties

16 - Presidents' Day **OPEN**

March

2 - Open Enrollment Begins

10-11 - Preschool Grandparents' Day

5-6 - Spring Pictures



SUMMER CAMP 

FUN IN THE SON

Fun in the Son Enrollment

PACKETS AVAILABLE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

This popular summer camp is designed for students in kindergarten through fourth grade who are siblings of currently enrolled ECC students, ECC alumni, or students from Worthington Christian School.

This summer's camp includes weekly themes, a week at VBS, two trips to the Worthington Pool, and a visit from Kona Ice.

Please note that **space is limited to the first 40 students**, so we encourage you to submit your enrollment packet and pay your fees as soon as possible. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out in April.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-Enrollment Continues

SUBMIT YOUR PACKET ONLINE TODAY!

We're thrilled to share that re-enrollment kicked off on January 5th when we returned to school, and it's going wonderfully! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has engaged with our online re-enrollment process. If you've misplaced your flyer with the QR codes, no worries—just stop by the office! For your convenience, we've also set up a large poster outside our office door displaying all the necessary QR codes. We recommend filling out the forms on a computer for a smoother experience. Remember, class placements are based on when we receive your forms and re-enrollment fee. You'll receive updates about your acceptance or waitlist status in April. Thank you for being a vital part of our community!



Preschool Valentine Parties

WATCH FOR SIGN-UPS AND INFO

Exciting Valentine's Day celebrations are just around the corner! Most ECC classes will have wonderful parties organized by your child's teacher. The Preschool will host festive room parties on February 12th and 13th. You'll find all the details and sign-up sheets for party items posted outside the Preschool classrooms. Your child's teacher will share the class size, so you can help your little one prepare the perfect number of valentines. We're looking forward to this memorable celebration together!



ECC Illness Policy

PARTNERING TO KEEP OUR CENTER HEALTHY

To keep both children and staff in our center healthy, please do the following:

- Review our Illness Policy in the Parent Handbook: The handbook can be found at grace-ecc.com under Billing & Resources (pg. 18-20).
- Keep sick children home: You care for your child and the other children at our center by keeping them home when sick.
- Medicine: If your child is taking cough/cold medicine at home or an antibiotic, please let your teacher know. Students occasionally exhibit unusual symptoms like tiredness, loose stool, or crankiness at school, and it is good to know why that may be.
- Symptom-Free: A child must be free of symptoms of illness (e.g., fever, diarrhea, or vomiting) for 24 hours before returning to the center. Fever-free means without medication for fever reduction.
- Sending sick children home: If we send a child home because of illness, the child will not be admitted to the center the next day.



3-Year-Olds

Our Bible quality for February: **Love** – meeting another's needs unselfishly. Our Memory Verses: I John 4:7, 11, 19.

This month, classes will learn about Emotions, Valentine's Day, Children of Many Lands, Maps, Globes, and Atlases. During Bible time, classes will learn about Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1-2), Jesus and the Children (Mark 10:13-16), how Jesus heals the sick (Mark 1:40-42), the one Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7), the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), God cares for Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 16; 21:14-20), and David shows Kindness to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9). Students will trace their names, lines, and letters; work with rhyming words; and pattern AABB. A special unit this month is Children from Around the World. Classes will be introduced to a few countries, cultures, customs, and languages.

4-Year-Olds

Our Bible quality for February: **Love** – meeting another's needs unselfishly. Our Memory Verses: I John 4:7, 11, 19.

This month, classes will learn about Emotions, Valentine's Day, Children of Many Lands, Maps, Globes, and Atlases. During Bible time, classes will learn about Jesus & the Children (Luke 18:15-17), Love (Matthew 7:12 and 1 John 4:7), Missionaries, and the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Classes will have our "Travel Days" the week of February 23. Classes will continue to work on letter sounds, writing their first and last name, and patterning AABB. Classes will continue to work on sorting and graphing.

Mrs. Bayless' Enrichment Class (4/5-Year-olds)

Our Bible quality for February: **Love** – meeting another's needs unselfishly. Our Memory Verses: John 6:36 and John 14:6.

This month, classes will learn about Emotions, Valentine's Day, and Children of Many Lands (with an emphasis on Ghana, Japan, Israel, and Scotland). During Bible time, classes will learn about the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), how Jesus Heals the Paralytic Man (Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, and Luke 5:17-26), and the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23 and Luke 8:4-15). The class will continue to identify their weekly sight words, review opposites, write a classmate's name, and learn about different languages. The class will match numbers to quantities and discuss balancing, weight, and shadows.

Toddlers 24-26 MONTHS

We will learn about Friends. Our Bible concept will be that because Jesus loves us, we ought to love one another. Our Bible verse will be from John 13:35, "Love one another." Our Bible story will be about the four kind friends. Classes will also learn about community helpers and safety people.

Foxes (123) and Teeny Tigers (125): Teachers will partner with parents to support potty training and help them prepare for the transition to preschool in mid-August. **All students must be potty-trained by July 1 to transition to the preschool.** Please make sure to bring in wipes and diapers for February!

INFANTS 18-24 MONTHS

We will learn about Friends. Our Bible verse will be from John 13:35, "Love one another." Our Bible story will be about the four kind friends. Classes will continue working on our classroom routines and discussing daily events. As always, there will be lots of singing, dancing, and re-reading favorite books aloud.

Please make sure to bring in wipes and diapers for February!