

Dear Parents:

It's been a great week. The Bug Lady from **Incredible Insects** visited with our Threes and Pre-K children on Wednesday. She brought a fantastic array of large, live insects and the children got to be investigative scientists using magnifying glasses to observe features of these amazing creatures. Mrs. Lindahl could not believe just how BIG some of these incredible insects were!

The Pre-K finished up their **Space Unit** and I got a visit in the office from all our astronauts. Friday, our Pre-K classes also got to **visit the firehouse** in Bethesda—a firefighter taught them about fire safety and they got to see a lot of important rescue equipment.

**Picture Days** were a success. I will send the link to view your child's portraits as soon as we receive them next week. You may choose to purchase any prints you like and pay Brian Searby directly. We tried to get siblings together from different classes so you can enjoy group portraits too.

Thanks in advance to our wonderful Parent Advisory Committee for hosting a **Teacher Appreciation** Luncheon on May 7th. Please let your child's teacher know their efforts are appreciated the first week in May in any way you would like. Our teachers work so hard and love each and every child at CCPC very much. I am constantly amazed at how teachers go above and beyond to meet each child's needs creatively and lovingly.

### **The Pre-K Circus is Coming to Town**

This beloved CCPC tradition comes to Big Room on April 25 and 26 for all our children to enjoy. It is truly the Greatest Show on Earth!

### **TWO ARTICLES TO READ** (in the Article Archive)

from Montgomery County Early Childhood Resource Services

### **WHY IS BLOCK PLAY IMPORTANT?**

Unit blocks are a staple of all early ed classrooms because they are such an important tool for building foundational skills not only in math and engineering, but in imaginary play, patterning, and problem solving.

## HOW TO HELP YOUNG CHILDREN (TODDLERS) DEVELOP EMPATHY

So important for all of us!

**Two photos from this week:** Auction winner "Director for a Day" Cassie Lockwood did an outstanding job running the school on Wednesday morning. Pre-K astronauts came to visit the office with their helmets and jet packs after learning many interesting things about our solar system and planets.



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