

CCC Newsletter

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The mission of Concord Children's Center is to cultivate an intimate, welcoming community where children develop respectful relationships and inquisitive minds, build confidence in their individual gifts, and are engaged, prepared and inspired to learn

November Calendar

November 2	Bookshop Fundraiser
November 6	Optional After School
November 11	CCC Closed – Professional Day
November 13	Board Meeting
November 16	Enrollment Open House
November 28,29	CCC Closed Holiday



Concord Children's Center 2019-2020 Fund for CCC



Thank you! You've made a difference!

The **2018-2019 Fund for CCC** raised almost **\$34,000** for CCC and our children, with almost **60%** of CCC families making a donation! The Fund supports the **growth, development** and **education** of **each child** at CCC. Watch for the first mailing for this year's **Fund for CCC** in early November.



CCC 2019 Bookshop Fundraiser Saturday, November 2

Stop by the Concord Bookshop on **Saturday, November 2, from 9:30-5:00** – a percentage of **everything** you buy, including gift certificates and calendars, goes to CCC!

- CCC teachers will be reading to the children in the Children's Corner:
 - 9:30: Sashi Qualitz
 - 10:00: Marie DiPace
 - 10:30: Carmen Potter Warren
 - 11:00: Kerin Horrigan
 - 11:30: Denise Welch
 - 12:00: Susan Hegarty
- Purchase books for your child's class
- Bookmark decorating activity for the kids
- Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

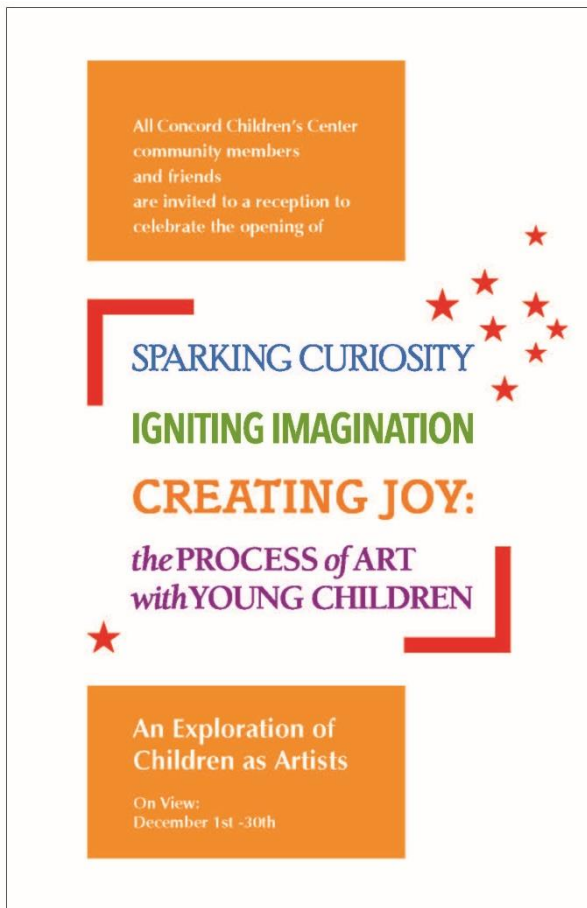
The Concord Bookshop, 65 Main Street



Visiting CCC Preschool Classrooms

Emerson Families with toddlers transitioning to Pre School next year are welcome to stop by West Concord or Ripley on **Saturday Nov. 16, 9:30 – 11:30** to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. you will be joining either in the summer or next fall. This year we will be planning additional visiting opportunities for our Emerson families.

. CCC artists exhibit and tell a Story at Concord Free Public Library



Your children's art covers the walls of their classroom and perhaps the front of your refrigerator and beyond. You may wonder what will make the Art Show at the Concord Free Public Library so special, why are we so excited and why have Candice and Jennifer members of the CCC administrative team and their committee of parents and educators, worked so hard to "curate" this show? In a nutshell it is because we believe so passionately in the role of play and art in the development of young children and we can't believe we have this opportunity to explain to the world – or at least those who visit the exhibit- what is happening when children have the opportunity to let their imaginations soar and their bodies experience the joy of playing with art.

Candice and Jennifer introduce visitors to the Art Show with the following thoughts.

What is Process Art?

*Process art is an artistic movement that emphasizes the **process** of making art rather than the final artistic **product** – **how** the art is being created rather than **what** the finished product is going to look like. The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles points out that "in process art, the means count for more than the ends." In process art, the art experience is **led** by the **child** rather than **proscribed** by the **teacher**.*

Process art is about the **engagement**, the **curiosity**, the **experiment**, the **imagination**, the **joy**. The moment at hand. The immediate feedback. Process art is not about teaching children how to do art. It's about creating a space for them to discover it for themselves – it's about freedom, not rules. By its very definition, process is an open-ended experience, and there are no right or wrong answers. It's inherently personal and perfectly complements a child's natural tendency for original and creative thought.

What Do Children Learn from Process Art?

Children learn best through play and open-ended activities that give them the chance to explore the world around them, ask questions, take risks, and see how things work. Process art allows children the opportunity to be themselves, make their own decisions, and connect with others. As there is no right or wrong way to create in process art, children can create in a way that works for them.

We hope you will visit the show, tell your friends and neighbors about the show, and thank your children for sharing some of their world with you and the town of Concord

Dates we are closed in 2019 - 2020

- September 2 *Labor Day*
- October 14 *Columbus Day*
- November 11 *Professional Development*
- November 28 & 29 *Thanksgiving*
- December 24 *Close at 1 PM*
- December 25 *Christmas Day*
- January 1 *New Years*
- January 20 *Martin Luther King Holiday*
- February 17 *Presidents Day*
- March 13 *Professional Development*
- April 20 *Patriots Day*
- May 25 *Memorial Day*
- June 18 & 19 *Professional Development*
- July 3 *Fourth of July Holiday*



Time change suggestions from Penni Hensley Wagner, Ripley Program Director

It's hard to believe that November is almost here! And with it comes the time change this Sunday morning. This can be a confusing time for all of us while we adjust our internal clocks. Also it is often confusing for the children due to the darkness coming much earlier. Children who leave the center after 4:30 P.M. often think it is much later than it really is and wonder if their parents are coming late for them. You might help your child understand this a little better by letting them know it will be dark when you pick them up.

They might also help you change the clocks and if you happen to think of it on Sunday night point out to them when it gets dark and what else is still happening before supper.

FIRST CONNECTIONS' To register or for information: Imatthews@jri.org or call 978-429-8284 ext. 202



Gross Motor Milestones for Ages 1-5

Gross motor skills involve the large muscles in your child's arms, legs and torso. Their development affects your child's sense of body awareness, reaction speed, balance and strength. Join us to learn when your child should be able to run, lift, kick, catch & throw, use stairs, jump with both feet, ride a tricycle, skip, swim, and climb, and what you can do to help your child if they've missed a milestone. Presented by Karen Veilleux, D.P.T. (Arrive at 10:15 if using childcare)

Tuesday, November 5, 10:30-11:30, at First Connections, Acton

"Handling Transitions" for parents of Toddlers & Preschoolers

From getting ready for bed or leaving the house to run errands, to starting preschool or having a new sibling, your child faces many transitions, big and small, every day. Ellie Springer will highlight why this developmental stage may be making transitions challenging for your child and you, and tips on ways to make transitions a smoother process for all concerned. (Arrive at 10:00 if using child care)

Thursday, November 7, 10:15-11:00, at Concord Carousel Preschool

Play-based Language Development for Ages 1-5

Play is the way children learn new skills, and language is one of the most important skills children learn while they play. Parents and caregivers will learn more about what they can do to build their child's vocabulary while playing simple games with them. Presented by Claire Borowski, SLP. Held at First Connections.

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00, Acton (arrive at 9:45 if using childcare).



Don't forget CCC is closed November 11 for a Teacher Professional Training Day

