




2010 Calendar

The CEC began fulfilling the promise of childhood on September 17, 1979.

This calendar celebrates our 30th birthday by highlighting our values – ideas that are deeply embedded in our program and that guide our work and play.

FULFILLING THE PROMISE OF CHILDHOOD

child educational center 

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



Our Vision

The Child Educational Center is a Caring Educational Community:

- Where children are valued, thrive, and reach their full potential as individuals and contributing members of society.
- Where the community and its members are enriched by the participation of each individual.
- Where there is a commitment to the realization of similar ideals throughout the world.

Our Mission

The Child Educational Center's mission is to support the development of happy, caring and productive human beings by providing:

- A nurturing environment for children
- Support and education for families
- A stimulating learning and social atmosphere based on developmentally appropriate practices

To ensure a high quality, child care program by:

- Committing to worthy wages, and to staff growth and development
- Combining the Child Educational Center's capabilities and resources with those of its community and sponsors
- Applying new techniques and concepts as they prove effective in the development of successful human beings

To contribute to a high quality of life for children beyond the Child Educational Center by:

- Providing a model for quality child care
- Sharing our acquired knowledge and experience with others
- Advancing research and development in early childhood education



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Important 2010 CEC Dates

January

- Friday, 1/1 All CEC Programs Closed (New Year's Day)
 Monday, 1/18 All CEC Programs Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

February

- Friday, 2/12 All CEC Programs Closed (Professional Development Day)
 Monday, 2/15 All CEC Programs Closed (President's Day)

April

- Friday, 4/9 Staff Appreciation Day
 Thursday, 4/22 Book Fair
 Friday, 4/23 Book Fair
 Sunday, 4/25 Celebration of Community & Book Fair

May

- Friday, 5/7 Infant, Toddler, Preschool Programs Closed (Professional Development), School-Age open
 Monday, 5/31 All CEC Programs Closed (Memorial Day)

June

- Saturday, 6/12 Annual Benefit & Auction
 Wednesday, 6/16 Last Day of 2009-2010 School-Age Program
 Thursday, 6/17 School-Age Programs Closed (Professional Development)
 Friday, 6/18 School-Age Programs Closed (Professional Development)
 Monday, 6/21 First Day of School-Age Summer Camp

July

- Friday, 7/2 All CEC Programs Closed (4th of July)
 Monday, 7/5 All CEC Programs Closed (4th of July)

September

- Friday, 9/17 Happy 31st Birthday CEC

November

- Thursday, 11/25 All CEC Programs Closed (Thanksgiving)
 Friday, 11/26 All CEC Programs Closed (Thanksgiving)

December

- Friday, 12/25 All CEC Programs Closed (Christmas)
 Monday, 12/27 All CEC Programs Closed (Christmas)
 Friday, 12/31 All CEC Programs Closed (New Year's Eve)



Innovation

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

Henry David Thoreau

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</small>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30





Photo by Edmund Barr

Service

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Ghandi

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Chinese New Year	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						





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Integrity

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Saving Time Starts			St. Patrick's Day			First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Palm Sunday		Passover				





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Excellence

Whoever I am, or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach.

John W. Gardner

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Good Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Earth Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	





Photo by Charles J. Medendorp

Nurturing

We've got this gift of love, but love is like a precious plant. You've got to keep watering it. You've got to really look after it and nurture it.

John Lennon

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Cinco de Mayo			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					





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Openness

Somewhere
something
wonderful is
waiting to be
known.

Carl Sagan

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day	First Day of Summer					
27	28	29	30			





Photo by Laurel Totta

Diversity

Essence of the beautiful is unity in variety.
Felix Mendelssohn

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Independence Day	Independence Day Observed					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





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Respect

The first duty of love is to listen.

Paul Tillich

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Ramadan			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





Photo by Edmund Barr

Community

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.

Chinese Proverb

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9 Rosh Hashanah	10 Eid-Ul-Fitr	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Yom Kippur
19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





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Learning

The basics for young children are wonder, discover, experience.

Bev Bos

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						





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Loving

A sincere and humble spirit teaches love, for knowledge is delight and such delight breeds love.

William Wordsworth

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Saving Time Ends				Veteran's Day		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Thanksgiving Day		
28	29	30				





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Creating

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

Albert Einstein

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Hanukkah		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		First Day of Winter			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Kwanzaa					New Year's Eve	



The child is in me still,
and sometimes not so still.

Fred Rogers



The photos of children engaged in play and learning in this commemorative calendar illustrate our values and vision, ideas that have guided us and remained consistent over the last 30 years. Our philosophy and practices have been field-tested and refined in our indoor and outdoor classrooms. Our teachers and directors have long tenure, providing continuity and care that benefits our program and our children. Thank you for supporting the Child Educational Center: our community is enriched by the contributions of every member.

Elyssa Nelson

Executive Director, Co-Founder

Parent of Rachel (Alumna)

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