



THE PARENT CHILD CENTER OF RUTLAND COUNTY CHAPLIN FEBRUARY 14, 2022



PANTRY SPOTLIGHT

Tell your friends! Our pantry is open to ALL community members, and everyone qualifies.

Rutland hours: Tuesday 11:30am-5:00pm and Wednesday 12:00pm-4:00 pm for food distribution at 61 Pleasant Street. All Rutland County residents are welcome! Call Joleen at (802) 779-6406 to sign up for an appointment time. Times are flexible and extended.

Fresh, new items weekly! Diapers, wipes, feminine products, dog food, and other material items available also.

If you need any support outside - these hours, contact us at (802) 775-9711

Have some ideas? We would love to hear from you! Suggestions can be sent to info@rcpcc.org.



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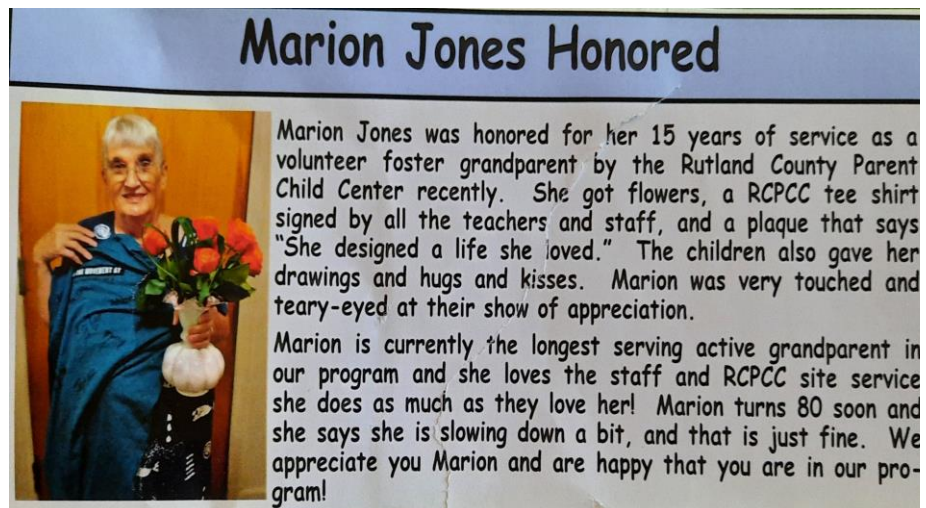
Although we are getting through what we hope is the coldest part of winter, we are far from the end. Alas, we move onward. Take your time on the roads, dress in layers, and think like the

Vermonters you are (or have become!). This is a great time to remind everyone of carseat safety and young children. Those 5-point harnesses work best if they are snug against your kiddo, not snug against their fluffy coats. Consider carrying their jacket and bring a blanket instead.



Congratulations to our beautiful Volunteer Marion!

Marion was celebrated in the Foster Grandparent Newsletter for her 15 years of service in the program.



Marion Jones Honored

Marion Jones was honored for her 15 years of service as a volunteer foster grandparent by the Rutland County Parent Child Center recently. She got flowers, a RCPCC tee shirt signed by all the teachers and staff, and a plaque that says "She designed a life she loved." The children also gave her drawings and hugs and kisses. Marion was very touched and teary-eyed at their show of appreciation.

Marion is currently the longest serving active grandparent in our program and she loves the staff and RCPCC site service she does as much as they love her! Marion turns 80 soon and she says she is slowing down a bit, and that is just fine. We appreciate you Marion and are happy that you are in our program!

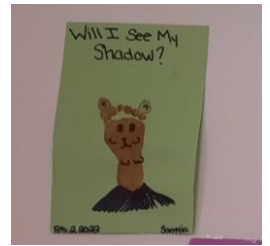
Infants

Little groundhogs made from footprints, Valentine's made with hand prints, babies exploring water and fun sensory materials in the classroom... all of these learning tools are a part of the day in the infant room. We would love to hear about what each child is learning about at home, since children at this age are learning on very different levels, and each on their own path. Let's work together to get them to the next stage! Share your milestones with Miss Sam!



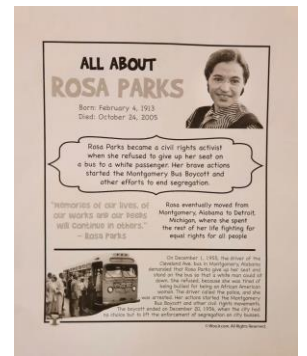
Older Infants

The older infants are learning about the world around them, how to take care of themselves and their classroom. Please take a peek at their beautiful classroom. They are decorating according to the books they are reading. It feels like a magical place for learning.



Toddlers

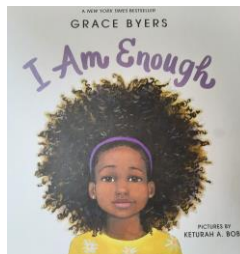
Self-regulation activities are important to Miss Lori. She uses many of the Montessori ideas in teaching life skills to the classroom. Miss Lori's class focused on Rosa Parks for Black History Month. Look at the little Rosa Parks driving the buses. The children played and worked together to build a bus out of chairs.



Preschool

Our preschool program is rocking it out of the park! They are managing over 25 children, sticking to a routine, teaching about sharing, taking turns, cleaning up after themselves... the list is endless. Black History Month is being celebrated by teaching the children about tolerance. Making sure they know we are sharing the world with many different types of people. The teachers are daily trying to teach skills the children can use so they can be the best person to themselves and to their neighbors. The classroom has been getting caught at being kind and listening to their teachers by filling up their

buckets for rewards. The children are responding positively. The dream clouds are too light to read but in general they all wished to be something or someone really cool and they wished the world to be happy!

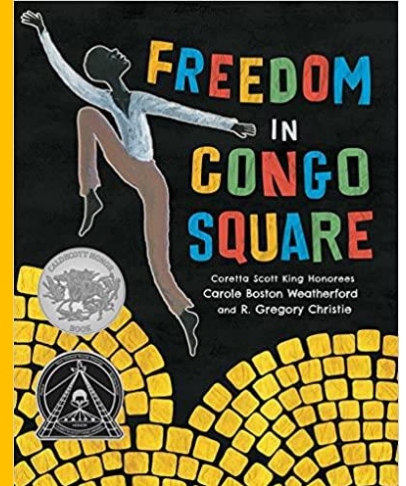


Bringing Winter inside for some sensory and science fun! The children made different colored snow. 😊



Celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH

From Amazon: *As slaves relentlessly toiled in an unjust system in 19th century Louisiana, they all counted down the days until Sunday, when at least for half a day they were briefly able to congregate in Congo Square in New Orleans. Here they were free to set up an open market, sing, dance, and play music. They were free to forget their cares, their struggles, and their oppression.* The story flows through the week, outlining in rhyming verse the slave's duties day by day, building to a release of joy and expression in Congo Square. Children can extend their experiences by tying in traditional song and dance. The story itself offers an introduction to the systemic inequalities of the world in a noncomplex way perfect for preschoolers.



Closures: Please mark your calendars for the following days we will be closed:

We will be **CLOSED Monday, February 21st** in observance of President's Day. We will also be **CLOSED Friday March 4TH** for staff in-service.

Reminders

THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR MASKS WHEN YOU ENTER THE BUILDING!

Winter Clothing: Please bring snow pants, boots (as well as inside shoes!), gloves, hats and warm coats regularly. Itty bitties-we like to bring them outside too! Please pack accordingly!

Contact Info: If anything changes, make sure you let us know!

Thank you for all you do!

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL: (802) 779-1377

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