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STREAMIN³ FUN IN CLASSROOMS!

DECEMBER 2021

The STREAMin3 Curriculum is an integrated, intentional, interactions Curriculum developed at the UVA's Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL). The STREAMin3 Curriculum provides a structure for teachers to support children's development and learning through daily activities and games that maximize the moment-to-moment interactions between children and their teachers and peers. This curriculum focuses on 5 core skills that form the building blocks for learning: relate, regulate, think, communicate, and move! Children learn to relate with peers and adults while learning to regulate their emotions, attention and behavior. The curriculum also encourages communication with others productively while teaching children how to move their bodies to achieve goals. The STREAMin3 Curriculum also incorporates 6 STREAM Skills: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math. These STREAM Skills help prepare children for success in Kindergarten and beyond. The Obici Healthcare Foundation has provided the funding for The Children's Center to implement STREAMin3 in 5 of our classrooms. We are in our third year as a pilot program implementing STREAMin3.



AMAZON WISHES COME TRUE!

OCTOBER 2021

In October, every teacher created an Amazon Wish List that included their top 5 items they would love to have for their classroom on Amazon. We shared these lists to Facebook and our website. Donors can purchase items from the wish list and it will be shipped directly to the center they are purchasing for. Donations have been steadily coming in and the children are enjoying their new items!



Interested in donating an item from our wish lists? Scan this code!



Pictured: Franklin's Infant Classroom enjoying their new laminator (top left); Infants in Franklin love their new play mat (top right); Children in Courtland enjoying new toys (middle right); Children playing with new toys in Ms. Angela's classroom in Franklin (bottom right)

Children enjoy gifts from Amazon Donors!



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GIVING TUESDAY SUCCESS!

NOVEMBER 2021

On November 23, 2021, The Children's Center participated in GivingTuesday, a global day of giving where communities and organizations come together to celebrate generosity and raise money for nonprofits all over the world.

This year, The Children's Center's GivingTuesday campaign was focused on raising funds for a new community outreach program. This program would directly assist recruiting efforts and support families by keeping our centers and classrooms open.

This program will allow us to partner with local school districts and community colleges to provide informational sessions on careers in early childhood education in an effort to hire and retain quality child care teachers and staff. The program will allow us to connect with prospective teachers and community partners while spreading awareness of the overarching lack of preschool teachers in Virginia.

Our goal was to raise \$1,000 and we surpassed it by raising \$1,430! Thank you to all who donated! Your donation allows us to continue to nurture and educate children and their families!





SPECIAL VISITORS IN FRANKLIN

AUGUST 2021

On August 30, 2021, the Children's Center welcomed Congressman Robert C. "Bobby Scott" of the third congressional district to the U. S. House of Representatives today to visit with Ms. Becky's class at our Texie Camp Marks center in Franklin. They spent time discussing favorite colors, shapes, books and the importance of high quality early childhood education. We also welcomed Franklin Mayor Frank Rabil and Franklin City Manager, Amanda Jarratt. The Children's Center appreciates the partnership of a community supporting young children and their families.



Pictured: Robert C. "Bobby Scott" and Franklin Mayor Frank Rabil (top left); Head Start Director Tamie Rittenhouse talks with visitors (top left); Children in Ms. Becky's class listen quietly (middle right); Early Childhood Director G.Lee Taylor talks with children (bottom right)

DONOR RECOGNITION

AUGUST 1, 2021 - NOVEMBER 30, 2021

We embrace the community as our partner in serving children. Donations help make our programs stronger. The Children's Center extends many thanks to the good friends who have made donations between August 1, 2021 and November 30, 2021.

In Memory

Kim C. Davis

Owen & Ann Gillette

Mary Jo Drozdowski Duncan and

Terry Scott Duncan

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Owen & Ann Gillette

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Obici Healthcare Foundation, Inc.

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United Way of South Hampton Roads

United Way of The Virginia Peninsula

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You can donate at www.childrenscenterva.com.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donate!

You can donate directly to the Children's Center through our website www.childrenscenterva.com, or by mail at 700 Campbell Avenue, Franklin, VA 23851. Your donation can be made in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and designated to a particular building or program. Have you considered a continuing monthly donation by credit card? Click on the DONATE button at the top of our website! When you pay through PayPal you have the option to make your payment recurring!

In Kind Gifts

We accept In-kind gifts including classroom supplies and materials. We accept classroom art supplies, educational toys, recreational toys, and other general supplies. You can donate these items to any center!

Planned Giving

You can make an impact on children for many years to come through planned giving. Planned gifts also give back and can help you prepare for your future. This allows you to take a sizeable tax deduction, and provide favorable capital gains tax treatment. Planned giving allows you to leave a legacy that fits your philanthropic goals.

Follow Us!

The Children's Center is on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us on both so you never miss an update or photo! Sharing our page, including our posts and photos, can help us reach more people and carry out our mission every day!

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? The Children's Center participates in Amazon Smile. Each time you make a purchase, a small percentage of your purchase can be donated to us! Set this up by typing in Amazon Smile in your Amazon search bar and then type in Children's Center 1983 and click on The Children's Center in Franklin, VA!

Rite Aid Kid Cents

The Children's Center is part of the Rite Aid Kid Cents program! You can round up your change when you make a purchase at any Rite Aid in the country and designate it to The Children's Center. Go to www.kidscents.com for more details!

NAP Tax Credits

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program provides tax incentives for individuals who donate \$500 or more to The Children's Center in a 6 month period.

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The Children's Center



The Children's Center is a partner with United Way South Hampton Roads and United Way Franklin Southampton Area. You can designate your United Way or Combined Virginia Campaign to us at Agency #5076!

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