

The Children's Education Center of the Islands

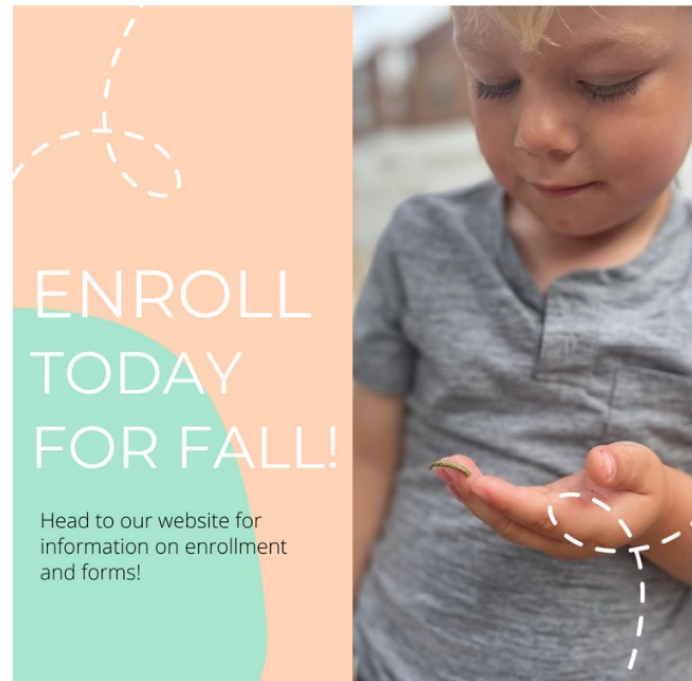
ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Enroll now for 2023/2024

Enrollment information is available on our website. Our 2-year old class is **full** and we have just a couple spots open in the 3 year old room and **1 spot** in the 4 year old room.

To enroll for the 2023/2024 school year, please fill out the online registration form and email it to Executive Director, Michelle Keltner, at cecidirectore@gmail.com and send a deposit check to 350 Casa Ybel Rd. Sanibel, FL 33957.

**** If anyone is interested in the Sanctuary Scholarship, please email Michelle at cecidirectore@gmail.com ****



Upcoming Events!

HAPPY
4TH
OF JULY

Sanibel Recreation Center Community Cookout!

Stop by and visit the CEI craft table on Tuesday, July 4th from 11:00am -2:00pm. The Sanibel Rec Center will also have live music, a magician, stilt walker, face painter, free food and much more! Please see the flyer below for mere details!

Construction Update



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There has been a lot of progress at the preschool campus this month! Most noticeably is the absence of the lower building. Benchmark has torn down the lower building and is working to clear the remaining debris from campus.



Thompson Hall now has electricity, air conditioning, and water! The walls have been insulated, closed up, and painted. The doors have been replaced and the floors are prepped and ready for new flooring.

With the many items donated and purchased off our Amazon wishlists, CECL is well on its way to being fully stocked and ready to welcome your children on opening day - August 14th!



Donations Received

THANK YOU!

This month we received donations from:

- Maari & Chas Simcox - \$25,000
- Scott Gorton's Kate Foundation - \$10,000
- Guidecraft - table and art easel
- J.N. Ding Darling - many, many, many books!

Thank you to the many people who have selected items from our Amazon wishlists!!



Teacher Spotlight

Jeanne William

Head of Curriculum & Teacher Development



Ms. Jeanne will be serving The Children's Education Center of the Islands as the Head of Curriculum and Teacher Development. In the Early Childhood Education and Care field since 1994, Jeanne looks forward to sharing, learning, and growing alongside the staff and families at CECl.

Originally from Chicago, Jeanne lives in Ft Myers with her husband, Ralph, and three of her four kids. Her oldest son is married and lives in Ft Myers as well.

Jeanne has a Masters degree in Bilingual Early Childhood Education, is a CLASS Certified Observer, and is a Certified Nature Based Educator. Respecting each child as a full citizen and competent learner, Jeanne believes whatever children are guided to understand and love when they are young, they will protect when they are grown.

The children she has taught and their families have become cherished friends and extended family over the years. She is thrilled to be a part of CECl and is honored to have the opportunity to gain the trust and respect of the CECl family.

Teacher Spotlight

Wanda McKittrick

2 Year Old Teacher

Ms. Wanda began her career in early childhood education in 1988 working as a preschool teacher and then later being promoted to director of a childcare and preschool facility. She also has experience working in Early Head Start/Head Start daycares and after school programs. She then transitioned into a secondary career in the airline industry as a customer service agent and later as a supervisor. Whether working with children or adults, her philosophy is to treat people like they are important. She especially loves working with children and inspiring their love for nature.

She was born and raised in South Dakota. She relocated to Colorado for 3 years and then moved to the beautiful state of Florida in July 2020.

She is a proud parent to a son, a step-son and their amazing partners in life. Her son and daughter-in-law welcomed their first child in July 2021.

In her free time she enjoys spoiling her grandson, traveling, going to the beach, concerts, reading, swimming, bonfires, and camping. Nature is her passion.



Erica Pica

3 Year Old Teacher

My name is Ms. Erica and this will be my seventh year teaching preschool. I currently hold my Child Development Associate as well as my CPR/first aid/Basic Life Support certifications. I'm very excited to be teaching the 3's at CECI Sanibel this year and I can't wait to meet and bond with my kiddos! Outside of the classroom, I enjoy going to the gym, nature walks and going to church. It's going to be a great year in the 3's class!



Teacher Spotlight

Sherry Fisher

4 Year Old Teacher



Ms. Sherry is back for her 5th year at CECI!

She relocated to Florida from Maryland over 5 years ago. As a preschool teacher and nanny, she discovered that children have an interest and connection to nature. That led to a long career as a park naturalist and environmental educator, where she specialized in working with animals. She has had a lot of animal adventures!

She also worked in a children's hospital, where she created nature and play therapy programs. She brought nature to an inner city hospital that served children with physical, behavioral, and educational needs.

She has won several awards for her nature-based programs, and dedication to serving children and families in the community. Since moving to Florida, she taught at CECI and taught enrichment classes at the Learning Tree.

Ms. Sherry has dedicated her life to children and the natural world and looks forward to learning and exploring with your child this year!

SANIBEL RECREATION CENTER

4TH FAMILY FUN!

COMMUNITY COOKOUT

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**GAMES
MAGICIAN
POOL PARTY
LIVE MUSIC 11-1
STILTWALKER
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