

February 2022 Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day!

Program Survey:

Your opinion and input matter to us! It is important to take a look at ourselves and see how we are doing... where we can improve to make things better for our families! This month we will send out the Family Program Surveys. Please take some time to fill it out and help us improve. Please return it to the office or the mailbox outside of the Preschool office as soon as possible. We really do appreciate your input and use it to make the changes that make our program so unique. The survey will be out by the end of the first week of February.

Parent & Caregiver Training:

An Update: We have postponed the Parent & Caregiver trainings at this time and hope to start those at the end of March. We apologize for the confusion and changes but we believe it is the right decision for our program at this time. Watch for more information to come!

Quick Reminder: Due to COVID illnesses, we are experiencing a lower-than-average daily attendance at this time. We appreciate the efforts by everyone to keep the rate of infection to a minimum. Please call if your child will be absent for **any reason, especially illness**. Please speak with Shiloh Murillo if you have a special circumstance that needs to be addressed.

Filing Taxes 2021

It is that time of year...time to file your 2021 taxes. For those families that use the Preschool while you are at work or taking classes, our Tax Identification # is **86-6007618**. You can claim the cost of the Preschool on your income tax forms as a childcare expense.

Announcement: Did you know that it is time to start registering for Kindergarten at the local elementary schools? If you have a child that will be 5 years old by September 1, 2022, you will need to start making plans for where you would like to send your child. If your child does not meet the age requirement, please see me for more information about the Pre-K class.

Important Gate Procedures

As you know, the gate needs to be pulled shut every time entering the playground area. This is for safety reasons. When entering and exiting the play yard you will need to double check that the gate is actually closed. **PLEASE remember to do this every time you enter or exit the area when kids are outside playing, too.** We don't want any little runners to escape! We appreciate your help with this precaution. Thanks!

This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

Mark your calendar to help with the CARNIVAL in March!

Our Carnival will be during the school day on Wednesday, March 2nd. We need your help to make this year's carnival experience a success for our school. We are in need of parents who can **help set up games (9-10am)** and **run booths (10-11am)** while the kids go around having fun at each station. If you can stay to **help clean up (11-11:45am)**, that would be great, too! Just note that all adults will be asked to wear a mask while helping out. THANK YOU!

Reminders to families

- Please **DO NOT leave younger children on the playground while you drop off or pick up your preschooler.** The child could fall and get injured. The teachers are not responsible for those children and we can be reported to licensing for this.



Donation requests:

- Little prizes for the carnival booths
- Bubbles
- Old Newspaper

A Look Ahead...

Mark your calendars

School Closures

1. **Monday, February 21**
President's Day
2. **March 7th - 11th**
Spring Break!

Daily Support for your Preschooler

Monday

Practice folding a paper airplane or other shapes. This increases fine motor skills.

Tuesday

Take a family bike ride through the park

Wednesday

Use the radio to count numbers higher than 9 when you change the radio station

Thursday

Combine a variety of noodles in a box. Then have your child sort them by size, color, shape etc.

Friday

Cut out pictures of different emotions in magazines. Then talk about how they might feel.

Upcoming Events

Classroom Valentine's Day party: The classroom will have their own **Valentine's Day party on Monday, February 14th**. Look for a sign up sheet on how you can help or what you could bring to share. We appreciate your generosity!

The Petting Zoo is coming! We have invited Carter's Farm to bring their Petting Zoo to our preschool playground during class on Wednesday, February 9th at 10am. They will be bringing lots of animals to interact with including goat, sheep, chickens, rabbit, pig and mini pony. Please let us know if your child has any special needs with animals that we should be aware of. If your child does not normally attend on Wednesdays, please speak to Shiloh Murillo, so we can switch days that week to attend. Thank you!

Comments or Concerns?

There is a mailbox located outside of the Preschool office for communications, payments, etc. As always, our doors are always open to you. Please feel free to share any thoughts or concerns with any of us.

Shiloh Murillo - Director