



## June 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Summer Camp! We are looking forward to a great summer filled with fun activities, a wonderful group of children, and an enthusiastic staff. Here are some things you need to know:

**Information Papers:** *All papers can be found in the welcome email and our website.*

If you are a NEW PARENT to Children's House, you should have received a notice on how to obtain the "New Student Paperwork" and a copy of the Parent Handbook online. **All paperwork must be filled out and left at school on or before your first day.**

If you are a CONTINUING PARENT, please fill out and turn in the packet for returning students. It is extremely important for us to have current emergency phone numbers, pick up people, and new address and/or phone numbers. Thank you.

**Swimming:** We will **not be swimming the first two weeks** of summer camp. On the third week students will need to bring in the following items to be kept in their bin at school: a swimsuit, towel and a sunhat (optional). **All of these items should be clearly labeled with your child's name.** We will only be swimming once or twice a week. The teachers will hang up the swimsuits to line dry during the week and we ask that parents take them home at the end of the week to wash and bring back.

**Sunscreen:** We have updated our sunscreen policy per the state's new guidelines. Please read our new sunscreen policy carefully and bring a signed copy of the new form on your child's first day. The new sunscreen policy can be found in the New and Returning Student packets on our website.

**We do remind children to wear their sunhats when we go outside.** If you would like your child to wear a hat at school, please make sure they have one in their bin and that it is clearly labeled.

**Clothing:** Children should wear cool, durable play clothes and **sturdy shoes for running** and playing. In order to avoid accidents on the playground we **do not allow flip-flops** or shoes without straps (Crocs, Chacos, or other sandals with heel straps are fine).

**Snacks:** Please sign up to bring a nutritious, sugar-free snack once a month - the snack sign up calendar will be next to the iPad in our entry area. This is a communal snack for morning class that is set out at 9:00 a.m. The following items are recommended for snack: yogurt (a large pint size is preferred), cheese, hummus, fresh fruit and veggies, applesauce, breads, muffins, crackers, nut butters, etc. You will need to provide enough for 20 small servings. If your child stays for the after-care program (past 3:00) we ask that you please sign-up on the afternoon sign-up sheet to bring snack once a month.

**Signing In & Out:** You will need to sign your child **IN** and **OUT** each day with the "Sandbox" software. It is a State regulation and we need to know who's here at all times.

**Billing:** Tuition is due at the **beginning** of each month. Checks can be handed to the staff member at drop-off or pick-up. Extended childcare hours (mornings and afternoons) will be accrued and billed on the next month's tuition.



**Lunch:** Your child will be expected to **bring a nutritious, low-sugar sack lunch to camp each day** and place their **clearly labeled lunch sack/box** in the designated box in the kitchen or in the refrigerator if needed. After lunch the children will return their lunch sacks/boxes to the bin to be taken home. Children will be having picnic style lunches on the front lawn or playground each day at 11:30 a.m.

## Children's House Staff

- Stacy Zimmerman Ferrell has been with Children's House off and on since 2004 and is entering her twelfth year as the Children's House Director. Stacy earned her B.A. in Psychology from FLC, her M.A. in Child Development, and has completed her A.M.S Montessori Certification through the New Mexico Center for Montessori Education. In addition to her time in the office, Stacy will be teaching in the Blue Room this summer.
- Katy Howell has been with Children's House since 2017 and is entering her fifth year as Assistant Director. She has her B.A. in Environmental Education from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA and will be teaching in the Blue Room this summer.
- Kaitlyn Bosveil joined our team at the beginning of 2020 and has provided constant sweetness, intention, and innovation in her attention and care with our students. Kait graduated from Georgia Technical College with her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. She worked at a Reggio Emilio school in Denver and has also had experience in STEAM schools. Kait will be teaching in the Rainbow Room this summer.
- Gwen Schmidt-Arenales joined our Children's House team in 2021 as an afternoon teacher and taught in the Rainbow Room this last year. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Lewis and Clark College and worked for the Colorado Outward Bound School and Naturalists at Large in California after college. Gwen will be working in the Blue Room this summer.
- Emma Ditzler started working as an afternoon teacher at Children's House in 2019 and is continuing on this summer as our afternoon teacher. Emma graduated from DHS in 2021 and consistently brings an attentive and kind energy to the classroom.
- Anna Newman also began working as an afternoon assistant teacher in 2019 and will be continuing as our afternoon assistant teacher this summer. She just graduated from DHS and will be attending Fort Lewis College in the fall. We are so happy to have her continued energy and attention for our students.
- Shalley Parmenter and Tom Joyner are parents of three alumni children. They are the owners of Children's House and will be handling repairs and maintenance of the school. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

**It is going to be a terrific summer and we are so glad you are here!**

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

**Happy summer!**  
**The Staff of Children's House**

