

Welcome to the 2021-2022 WVCA Preschool School Year

Welcome to WVCA Preschool! We are overjoyed to start a fresh school year with our summer program. Our newsletters are a critical piece of our school to home connections that support our family partnerships. Please make sure to read your newsletter and email correspondence regularly for the best informed preschool experience. Newsletters are always published to our website under the "Preschool Program Details" tab, and posted in the preschool office.

This month's newsletter is filled with family partnership pieces that include:

- ProCare our new system for signing-in and –out and Daily Communication beginning June 1.
- Our School Rules and Teaching Pyramid Strategies for home
- Upcoming events like St. Jude Trike-a-Thon and the Petting Zoo
- Our Year Round Classroom Fundraiser Details
- Annual Pesticide Notification



ProCare— wvca Preschool's New App for Communication



An email was sent to all currently enrolled families inviting you to download the ProCare App, as well as an informational email with instructions on how to create your family profile to start using our ProCare Parent Kiosk June 1 for sign-in and –out. This is new to everyone, and we'll be available to support you through your first few attempts.

If a friend, family member, or grandparent comes to pick-up, we have their unique 4 digit code if you haven't given it to them already. Anyone picking-up must be identified as an emergency pick-up person in your child's profile. You have access to add and remove anyone you want.

Still to come from ProCare:

- Lesson Planning
- Daily Activity Log
- Live Assessment and Portfolio Building
- Direct messaging to your classroom teacher

Download the App today and get started!



Relationships, Routines, & Regulation

We understand that children need to feel secure, loved, and cared for before they can feel comfortable enough to dive into learning. Our summer curriculum framework is all the "behind the scenes" work that our early educators are intentfully integrating in each concept area, activity, and interaction in your child's school day.

June is all about building positive relationships with teachers and friends, while introducing them to our daily routine that provides them a sense of predictability, and knowledge of when important things like eating, resting, and going home take place. The predictability eliminates anxiety, and promotes a sense of security. With consistent routines, and attendance, children feel safe, can anticipate their day, and feel secure in their new trusting relationships with their teachers. Your first family partnership piece will to be making sure your child is well rested, eating healthy, and coming to school ready to learn. A warm hug, and a good bye at the door is important too. Please don't sneak

As the month goes on we will be introducing our school rules:

We are Safe We are Kind We are respectful

All month long we will use Positive Description Acknowledgment (PDA) to reinforce and define the school rules while preventing challenging behaviors. Another family partnership would be to practice PDA at home, and adopt our school rules in your home. Attached to this month's email is a handout explaining PDA.

Along with relationships and routines, we are learning how to manage our big emotions with the Tucker Turtle Technique. We acknowledge our big feelings, take 3 deep breaths, and pop-out to problem solve just like Tucker. Practice these steps at home, and remind your child to act like Tucker to self-regulate.





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Cute & Cuddly Mobile Petting Zoo

June 9 @ 9:30 AM

All students at school will get a turn in the mobile petting zoo.

We are practicing being gentle.

It's Trike-A-Thon Time!

WVCA Preschool is participating in a St. Jude Trike-a-Thon on August 16, and will be raising money toward our goal of \$1200 through the summer. Follow the link below to find our event, register, and start fundraising. Every student who registers is eligible for prizes as they fundraise.

https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/school-fundraising-ideas/trikeathon.html





Friday Water Play Days & Sunscreen

Please make sure to apply sunscreen on your child every morning, and if you would like us to reapply in the afternoon please bring your sunscreen, and complete our sunscreen permission form for your child's file. They'll be located at our front door.

Every Friday is Water Play Day. Come to school in your water clothes, and bring a change of clothes and a towel. Please wear shoes that can get wet, and a set of dry shoes.