

Newsletter- September, 2017



Welcome to The Children's Center! We are so excited for a wonderful school year. We are all looking forward to getting to know our new families and seeing our returning families as well. We will send out a monthly newsletter via email. It will also be posted on our website at www.mckaychildcenter.com. If you have any questions or need clarifying, feel free to send an email to mckaychildcenter@gmail.com or give us a call. Please know that email is the best way to reach us.

FOR IMPORTANT DATES, CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR

<http://mckaychildcenter.com/calendar/>

We would also like to take this time to remind you that in these beginning days of school it can be a little tricky to leave your little one behind. We make this promise to you now, that if you send them off with a kiss and a peck and a hug around the neck, and the confident words of "You will have a great day at school and I can't wait to pick you up when school is over," they will see that you feel secure in your decision to leave them here and that this is a great place to be.

These first few weeks of school we are really working on learning the routine, making friends and school skill such as standing in a line, sitting for a few minutes during circle time etc. You may not see a lot of "work" coming home during this time but just know that we are learning and bonding with our teachers and new friends!

Preschool Dismissal....You will bring your child into the school and sign them in at the front table and walk them to their class. We will bring the children to their cars when school is done. We begin the dismissal process at 11:10 and 2:55 due to the amount of time it takes and that we sometimes have families that need to pick up other children at different schools. It actually works best if we have families constantly arriving between 11:10-11:20 (morning) and 2:55-3:05 (afternoon). You will receive a "dismissal number" to flash when you pull up as our means of security. A more detailed explanation is on the back of your number. **Please remain in the driver's seat while we load the children into your vehicle and then pull around the building to the pool area to buckle them up.** All cars will need to be in the dismissal line for safety reasons. If you are a walker, you will need to wait outside the door with your dismissal number in your hand for security purposes. We will release your child to you at the same time as the car dismissal. If you are a walker, please wait off to the side until your child is brought out, then please move away from the dismissal area. Our parking lot becomes very busy at dismissal time, so please help us to keep your children safe!

What to wear... Please remember to have children wear washable play clothes every day to school. We do messy activities and although we use "washable" products they can still stain. Be aware of the sand box and sand shoes that can be emptied without teacher assistance. Easy on and off tennis shoes are best! Dress children for the weather while they are in school, it can be chilly in the morning on a day that ends up being 85 degrees. Please label all coats and other items – we do have duplicates.

Please leave personal items at home. It is difficult for children and teachers to keep track of blankets, stuffed animals, toys etc. The health department has regulations regarding these items, so they are best left at home. **NO HAND SANITIZER** on backpacks please. The health department does not allow the use of hand sanitizers for young children. We use soap and water to clean hands.

Allergy alert! Each year we are finding that more children have life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and seeds. Many others have allergies to dairy, soy, wheat and eggs. We are asking your help in minimizing the risk by communicating with the teacher before you bring snacks into the school. We allow birthday treats but they have to be store bought and approved by the teacher. It is also a good idea to have your child wash their hands and face after eating and before coming to school. Some children are very sensitive and this helps to keep them safe.

Water Bottles... Please remember to send your child with a small water bottle filled with fresh water daily. **WATER ONLY PLEASE.** The water bottle should have a spout type top. (No screw top lids) Thanks for helping us as we transition to being a little more Earth friendly. **MAKE SURE IT IS CLEARLY LABELED WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME.**

Tuition is due at the first of each month for those who have chosen to pay monthly. There is a Tuition box on the wall by the sign in table. All cash should be given to the Director. \$200 per month for the 2 day program...\$280 per month for the 3 day program, \$390 for the 4 day program and \$475 for the 5 day program.

What about school supplies? Although we furnish snacks and school supplies, we are always thankful for donations. We are a non-profit school and can provide a donation letter for your taxes. There will be a container at the front entrance for these items. The optional school supplies list is on the website. Thanks so much!

IMPORTANT....Always keep the preschool phone number **(303-438-9788)** in your personal things, with child care provider or in your car. If there should ever be a time that you are held up in traffic or have car problems, then you will be able to reach us so we can assist your child in understanding what is happening. Please leave a voicemail if we don't answer. Even though we may not answer the phone because we are busy caring for children, we can hear your message while you are leaving it. It is important to advise the teachers in writing if anyone other than the regular driver is picking up your child, or if they are going home with another child within the preschool. Please remember to keep the preschool office up-dated with child care provider numbers, emergency phone numbers and employment numbers.

How do you contact us? The best way to contact us is via email. The email address mckaychildcenter@gmail.com is checked all day long and is the quickest way to get an answer from us.

It is a wonderful treat to have volunteers in the classroom but please save your volunteer times for after the first month of school. Children are busy bonding with their teacher and new friends at this time! If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to your teacher.

Themes this month are: All About Me, My School and Community Helpers

Three Year Old Program:

Math Skills: Introduction to numbers 1 & 2, Counting and Matching, Make a Shape

Science: Sorting by color, Color mixing, Ways we stay healthy (food and hygiene), tooth time

Language Arts: Name recognition, Beginning pencil and scissor skills, the color red, Circle shape, Introducing letters T & F, Introducing Zoo Phonics

Literature: "Dinosaur Starts School" "If You Take a Mouse to School", "Biscuit Goes to School", "Cool Dog, School Dog", "Winnie the Pooh Goes to School", "Cuddle Bear". Books on self-esteem along with books about families.

Songs and Finger Play: "Getting to Know You" song, "What's the Weather?", "Goodbye Song", "We're Glad You Came to Play", "Calendar Song", "Open, Shut Them", "Wash Your Hands", "Down Around the Corner at the Bakery".

Special Notes: Please help your child use the restroom before class begins. It is a tremendous help to our teachers.

Pre-Kindergarten and PreK Plus Program:

Math Skills: Forming numbers 1 and 2, Counting, Calendar pattern ABAB

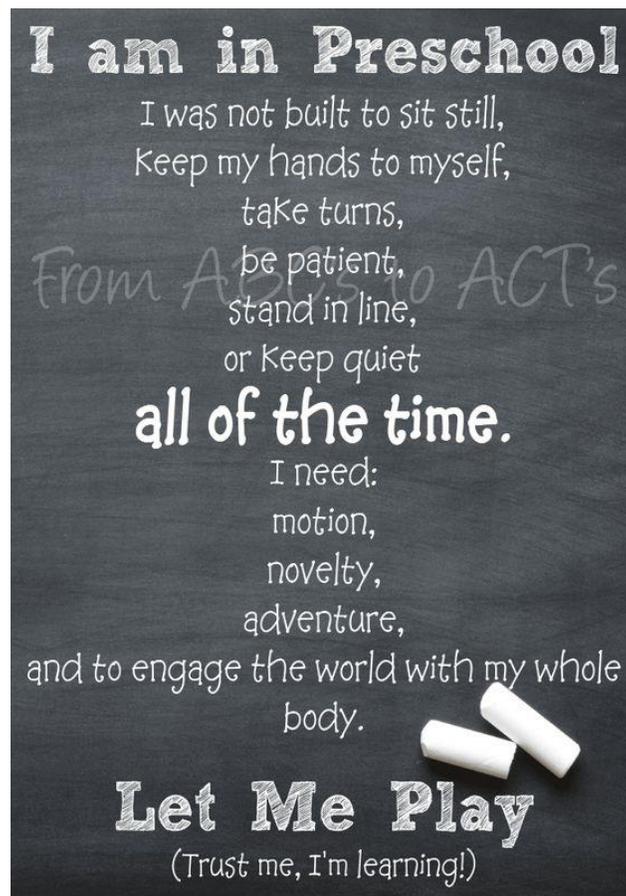
Science Skills: Color Mixing, My Body and Health

Language Arts: Name recognition and formation, pencil grip, pre-writing skills, cutting skills, Letters T and F

Literature: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?", "Do You Want to Be My Friend?", "The Kissing Hand", "Will I Have a Friend?" "I Like Me"

Songs and Finger Play: "The Days of the Week song", "The Weather Song", "Months of the Year", "The Bean Bag Song"

We will also be working on our beginning of the year assessments.



And just a little something for a laugh...

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