

## Newsletter- September, 2018



**Welcome!** Woo Hoo!! These have been some of the best first days of school we have had in our 15 years of being open. Great job to our parents and students. Sometimes separation is hard, keep up the good work with the quick goodbyes. 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.

We have been busy preparing fun activities and learning experiences for your children. We are all looking forward to getting to know our new families and seeing our returning families as well. We will send out these monthly newsletters via email to let you know curriculum plans for the month, and to update you with important information. The newsletter will also be posted on our website at:

[www.mckaychildcenter.com](http://www.mckaychildcenter.com) . If you have any questions or need clarifying, feel free to send an email to [mckaychildcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mckaychildcenter@gmail.com) or give us a call. Please know that email is the best and fastest way to reach us as we are often in trainings and doing activities with the children.

### SUPER IMPORTANT SNACK UPDATES:

After our first days of school, we have noticed that many snack containers and pre-packaged snacks are not getting labeled. Please keep in mind that we are feeding a group of children, the easier and faster we can make this for the children and teachers, the better. **Please clearly label** all water bottles and snack containers. Grapes need to be cut in half.

Please also be careful to not send any snacks that contain any warning on the label that they are manufactured on the same equipment that handles peanuts and/or tree nuts.

Lastly, we only need you to send in one snack. Remember this is not a meal. Children are here for 2 hours and 45 minutes and with all of the playing, learning, circle time, recess etc., we don't have enough time for more than one snack per child.

**PLEASE SEND ONE TYPE OF SNACK ONLY, NO COOKIES OR TREATS PLEASE!!! CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE ONE SNACK CONTAINER AND ONE WATER BOTTLE. (An additional small container for hummus or dip is ok).**

Thank you so much for your help with this.

FOR IMPORTANT DATES, CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR

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

These first few weeks of school we are really working on learning the routine and making new friends. We will also work on school skills 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 send shoes that can be emptied without teacher assistance. Easy on and off socks and 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 also 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 birthday 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.

**TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Thank you for your patience as we implement our new online tuition payment options. As a reminder, you will receive an invoice on the 15th of each month via email showing your **entire** tuition balance. At that time you may choose from the following options according to your

contract and budget: Payment in full, partial payments or monthly payments. With online banking we are now able to accept CREDIT CARDS and ACH automatic checks. If you pay by **credit card you will need to add \$10** to each transaction. There is no charge for automatic checks. Checks may also be dropped in to the tuition box inside the front door or cash may be given to the Director.

**\$200 per month for 2 days per week**

**\$280 per month for 3 days per week**

**\$390 per month for 4 days per week**

**\$475 per month for 5 days per week**

**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, addresses, email and employment numbers.

**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

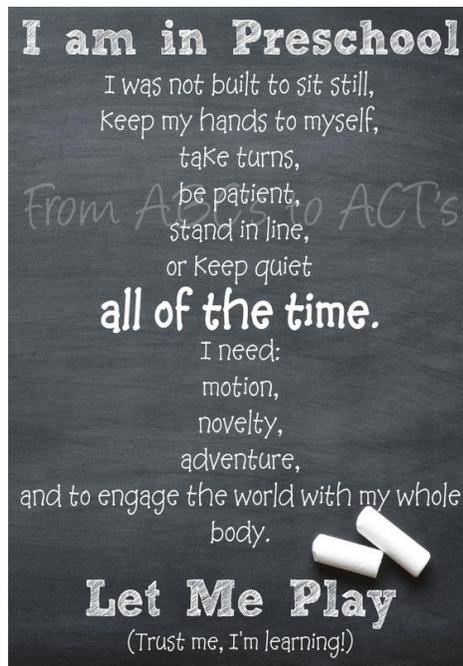
**Science Skills:** Color Mixing, My Body and Health

**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?", "Can I Play?", "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!

