



September 2023 Newsletter

IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!

Our 2023/2024 School Year!!!



Dear Parents,

The summer was amazing, and we wish it didn't have to end! We wish all our friends that are going to elementary school & our part-time staff members going to college, best of luck!

The children enjoyed all the summer fun activities; waterplay, visits from special guests, face painting, special treats, and our end of summer luau with the bounce house which was a big hit with all the children and staff!

As teachers are preparing their classrooms for a new fun filled year, please help us have an easy transition to the new school year by remembering to:

LABEL: Please be sure to put your child's name on *everything* brought to school. It can be confusing when trying to determine ownership of clothing, nap belongings, lunch boxes, cups, bottles, etc.

EXTRA CLOTHES: Spills and accidents happen. A full change of clothes (change out every season) with your child's name should always be in their cubby. Please check daily for clothing that may need to be taken home and washed.

Thank you for your cooperation.



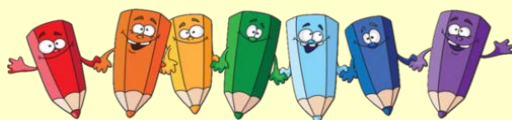
BACK TO SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

- Sep 1st – SASD Closed
- Sep 4th – Labor Day (Center Closed)
- Sep 5th – Crayon Art Day
- Sep 6th – World Book Day
- Sep 8th – Johnny Appleseed
- Sep 12th – Me & My Family
- Sep 15th – SASD Closed
- Sep 20th – PJ's & Movie Day
- Sep 25th – SASD 2-hr Delay
- Sep 26th/27th – Picture Day
- Sep 30th – Sign Language Day Presentation

Sept Birthdays

- Sep 8th – Abigail S
- Sep 13th – Allison H
- Sep 20th – Luke A
- Sep 21st – Ms. Peggy
- Sep 22nd – Bryce M
- Sep 24th – Milo C
- Sep 28th – Grace H & Ms. Gail
- Sep 29th – Avery D



WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF & STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome Ms. Gabrielle as our new Preschool Lead Teacher. We are so happy to have you join our team! Welcome aboard!

We would like to welcome all the new students that started this past month. Let's please welcome Amari M, Ellie W, Brielle A, Mylo C, Allison Huge, Mackenna W, Jeremiah R, Ella H, Queen EP and Jamia W.

Let's also welcome back our students returning from Summer Break! Kristen G, Malaya C, AJ S, Saxton W and Gabriel H.

We are very happy to have you join our Bright Beginnings family!



Infant Room News:

Hello Infant Room Parents!

The long hot days of summer are coming to an end and Autumn is upon us! In August, we had many fun adventures. The babies enjoyed making art for the Art Show. They enjoyed seeing the colors mixing during our mess-free painting activity and were quite curious about the sound of the aluminum foil during foil painting. Thank you to all the parents who attended in support of your Young Picasso's!

Some of our friends also enjoyed watching the magician's show during science week. We also listened to a story on the Book Mobile and the babies were fascinated by the walls of books.

We welcomed a new friend Amari, to our crew; we're so excited to grow and learn with you! And this month Bryce and Grace celebrate their first birthday! Holy moly! They're growing too fast.



Ms. Stacey & Ms. Peggy

SEPT WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: A Brand-New Bushel

Week 2: My Family & Pets

Week 3: My Feelings & Emotions

Week 4: My 5 Senses



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CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

Toddler Room News:

What a fun Summer it's been. We've certainly participated in a lot of fun activities, we formed friendships, and created bonds with our teachers. Although summer is winding down it won't stop the fun!

Our parents were invited to our Art Show. The artwork that our class created was displayed all around the room. Everyone who came to visit was very excited to see what we've been working on. The best part of the Art Show was showing our moms & dads what the children created, and we even took pictures next to our beautiful Artwork.

Everyone loves magic, right? Mark Mysterrio came in to put on a fantastic Magic Show. His helper Ms. Direction showed us some cool tricks and made us laugh. The magic show was a sight to see and being able to participate was so much fun.

The Toddler room is saying goodbye to some of our friends who are transitioning to the preschool classroom. Garrison and Isabella have fun and enjoy your new adventures. We are welcoming Charlotte and Scarlett as they are transitioning from the Waddler 1 classroom. It's nice to make new friends but sad to say goodbye to others.

We had so much fun this summer but now it's time to prepare for the new school year. We are going to be learning new concepts as well as practicing skills that will help us reach our milestones.

Ms. Danielle & Ms. Karlyn



Waddler 1 Room News:

It's hard to believe the month of August has come and gone, but we had a great summer! Some of the highlights the children enjoyed in August were all the science activities and experiments. The children were excited to watch the vinegar when it dropped on the colored ice cubes and seeing it make bubbles. The kiddos had fun with food coloring and vegetable oil. They watched the colored food coloring separate from the oil. They also looked through a microscope and looked at different slides with bacteria images printed on them. Who knew Waddlers loved science so much?!?!?

We would like to say goodbye to Scarlett and Charlotte as they transition into the Toddler classroom. Enjoy your new classroom and new adventures ladies.

Ms. Laura & Ms. Emily



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CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Preschool Room News:

Hey there preschool families!

We got artsy in August and started the month off by channeling our inner Michael Angelo. Our art show allowed us to show off some of the work we created throughout the week, which was inspired by famous artists. It was so fun getting to paint from a new perspective as we painted with our canvases above our heads. We also focused a lot on shapes and colors which allowed us to understand and create our masterpieces.

As we put our paint brushes down, and moved onto our science themed week, our hypothesis was, that this week was really going to be lots of fun, and it sure was! We did a number of experiments and really had to put on our thinking caps. We turned lemons into batteries, watched colors dance, saw volcanos erupt and even made it snow in August!

Science week sure was magical but the magic really happened when Mr. Mysterio put on a magic show for us all to enjoy. We sure had a lot of laughs and were left guessing how some of the magic was made possible.

From rabbits in hats to turkeys, we started our luau week bowling with coconuts! We really had a ball knocking down our pins and practicing our hand and eye coordination by passing our pineapple around in a series of games to wrap up the summer fun. We really enjoyed dressing down for pajama day and having a relaxing afternoon watching a movie with our pre-k friends. We ended the week with our luau party where we combined with pre-k and enjoyed yummy snacks and even snuck in some math and number recognition with our Aloha candy game! Everyone left a winner with their delicious treats.

After all the summer fun we had, we could hear the sound of the school bus approaching as we got ready for back to school. We started our week off creating and decorating our own school bus and enjoyed working as a team to create our very own ride. We also wanted to really be prepared for going back to school so we focused on our writing skills, our numbers, and our ABCs.

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CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Preschool Room News Continued:

To wrap up August, we talked "all about me." We had so much fun this week talking about some of our favorite things and learning more about our friends! We were especially excited to introduce and learn about some of our new friends! Welcome to the Preschool classroom Garrison, Isabella, Milo, Allison and Mackenna! We are so excited to have you all and look forward to watching you all grow. We also welcomed back Christopher, Cooper, Declan, John, Logan and Quincy! Let the Preschool fun continue!!

We were sad to see Ava, Azaan, Cayla, Evelyn Jennessy and Leah leave to start their new journey in Pre-k. We wish you all the best and know you'll all shine! Luckily, pre-k is right next door, so we still get to see your bright smiles each day! YAY!!

We also welcomed Ms. Gabrielle to our Preschool classroom! We look so forward to having you and making this school year great!

Summer sure was fun and we look forward to seeing what next month has to bring!

Ms. Devin



Waddler 2 Room News:

Hello, Waddler 2 Families!

We are sad to have to say farewell to one of our friends in the class. We wish him and his family the best of luck with their new adventures. We would love to welcome Brielle to the Waddler 2 room. She is having so much fun with her new friends.

Everyone had so much fun in the bounce house and thought the magic show was so exciting. Ms. Amanda is excited to begin our special monthly themes for the new school year. For the month of September, we will be working on learning about the color red, shape of a circle, numbers 1, 2, and 3, and letters B, H, and M. We hope that you have been enjoying some of the activities and artwork that we have been doing. The waddlers love to do anything messy, dance to music, and play with bubbles. We are still working on signing along using lots of words, communication is the key in learning.

Ms. Amanda



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS!!!

We will be doing our monthly Scholastic Book orders again! This is a great way to get some children's books for your child's collection and help us earn free books for the school! Orders are due the 15th of the month and shipped right to the school for easy pick up. You can order using the order forms or online.



CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Pre-K Room News:

WOW!!! And just like that the summer has come to an end. Hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. Sadly, for some this might be the last newsletter you will receive as some of our Pre-K students are moving on to kindergarten and some are going to a new school. As they turn the page to begin their next chapter, we would like to wish them the absolute best of luck. Aaron S. Aayan, Annalee, Ava S., Evelyn S., Gianna, Ivory, Jade, Juliana, Lilianna, Luke, Marcus, and Matthew, we love you and we will miss you ALL so very much... Your future is BRIGHT, can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things you're doing. And a very special THANK YOU, to the parents for sharing your precious babies with us. This is definitely a bittersweet moment for us all.

August was full of excitement, we started out the month with our Art show and boy did we have a blast. The children's creative juices were really flowing. From beautiful summer scenes and flowers created on foil, sculptures made from clay, stained glass made from tissue paper and let's not forget Michaelangelo Day, the paintings they created under tables were amazing and so much fun.

Science week was full of nature's magic. We learned how tornadoes are formed and created our own. We created rainbows with skittles and water. Let's not forget the magic show which was both educational and fun. Evelyn S. was quite the show girl that day as she became the magician Mark Mysterio's little helper. She did a great job!

The Summer Luau week was full of fun as we danced and made our own leis from scratch. We learned and made volcanoes as we educated the children about Hawaii and taught them some Hawaiian words. Hazel showed us all her moves dancing to some Hawaiian music and doing a Hula dance. We painted with coconuts and played hot "PINEAPPLE". The week ended with a Luau, we ate hotdogs and some delicious fruit. Let's not forget the bounce house, the children and the teachers had an absolute "BALL" bouncing around.

Back to school week, we made a school bus as a group out of cardboard boxes. Lots of fun was had painting it and putting it together. We had long talks about what to expect for the new school year and cherished the memories of the past school year as we spent the few last days with our friends getting ready to move on to kindergarten. Tears flowed that week as we are so proud and happy for them, we're so sad to let them go.

Last but not least we would like to welcome Ava O., Azaan, Cayla, Evelyn C., Jennessy, Jeremiah and Leah our new Pre-K students to our class. It's going to be a wonderful year. Wishing everyone a wonderful new school year!

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Carrie



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School Age News:

Hello, hello, hello, and welcome to September!!! School is back in session!!! Let's say a BIG hello to Jamia & Ella! What an awesome summer the School Age children had! So sad to see it go, but let's take this time to go through some of the fun times we had with the children.

Water play, what can I say?! The children loved it when Ms. Rose would get wet by running under the sprinkler tubes. Avery and all the children were very excited and looked forward to the days they had water play.

Dinosaur week was a RRROOOOOAAAARRRRR of a good time! The School Agers teamed up with the Waddlers and held hands during the Dino March. Not to mention, the creative work they did when making their dinosaur masks.

During the Gem presentation, the geologist came, and the children mined for rocks, fossils, and crystals. The resource sheet provided by Mrs. Linda helped them match up their new treasures.

The Reptile show was a blast! The children had an opportunity to learn about some reptiles and even held a few.

Circus week was a bunch of fun and games! Ms. Lisa invited the School Agers downstairs for some yummy carnival treats. We appreciate you, Ms. Lisa! They could not wait until Friday that week for face painting with Ms. Rose and Ms. Meghan. Their faces came out amazingly.

Last and certainly not least! Art Week was INCREDIBLE!!! The children are truly amazing, and they are only getting started. Every day, a task was given to them, and they delivered. No questions asked!!!

As school has started, we want the parents to remind their children about respect and rules. Everyone needs to be respectful to one another and rules must be followed. This is essential as they lay the foundation for how we all care for the classroom as well as ourselves and others.

To our summer friends who are leaving, it was a pleasure, and see you next year. You will be missed! To our friends who are returning for the fall, can't wait to see you. Let's get to work and have some fun!!!

-Ms. Crystal, Ms. Rose & Ms. Meghan



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13 Tips for Starting Preschool

By Diane Tunis, Rhonda Kleiner, and Fredda Band Loewenstein

Is your child entering a preschool program for the first time? Use these tips to help both you and your child make a smooth transition.

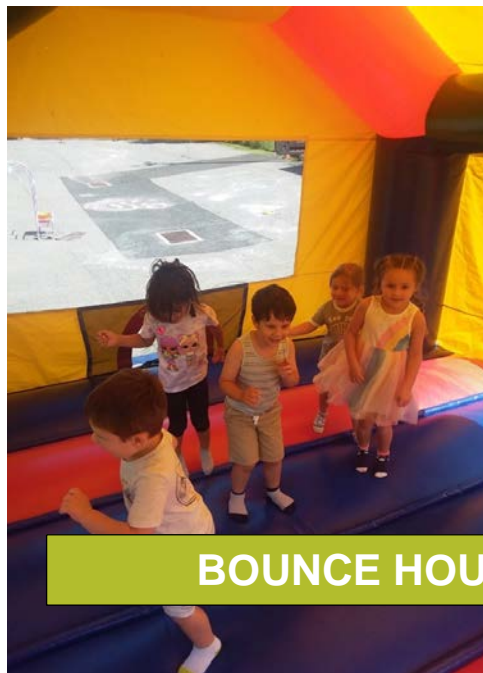
1. Visit your local library during a read-aloud time so your child gets used to hearing someone other than Mom, Dad, or Grandpa read aloud book in a group setting.
2. Establish a routine of "early to bed" and "school wake-up time" several weeks before school begins so your child has time to adjust to the new schedule.
3. Find out about the toileting procedures at the new school or center so you can review the situation with your child and make sure she is comfortable.
4. Arrange play dates with children who will be in your child's class. Usually moms or dads go along on these early play dates. Ask the teacher or school for a list of children who will be in your child's class.
5. If there's a home visit or school visiting day, make sure you and your child participate. If you aren't able to participate, call the school to arrange for a visit to the school and to meet your child's teacher.
6. Make a book at home about the new preschool experience your child is about to begin. Perhaps take photos of the school or of your child in front of school and add text like: "This is Sammy at school. This is her favorite t-shirt. This is Mommy picking up Sammy when school is over."
7. Let your child pick out a new backpack and together write her name on it.
8. Tell stories about when you went to school and share how you felt about it. Find childhood pictures of yourself and other adults in your child's life and talk about the photos.
9. If your child has never before been cared for by someone else, start to leave her for short periods of time with friends or relatives. Reinforce the fact that you will return and that she is safe with others.
10. Give your child a personal belonging of yours like a favorite scarf or bandanna so she knows you will come back to get it.
11. Read books about going to school and saying goodbye, such as;
 - *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn
 - *David Goes to School* by David Shannon
 - *Will I Have a Friend?* by Miriam Cohen
 - *First Day of School* by Anne Rockwell
 - *When I Miss You* by Cornelia Maude Spelman
 - *Take a Kiss to School* by Angela McAlliste
 - *It's Time for Preschool* by Esme Raj Codell
12. Select a special object from home that your child can take to school--like a lunchbox, a book to share, and a small pillow for rest time.
13. Remember that separation is a process. Expect that your child (or yourself) will need time to feel comfortable with the new situation.

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A LOOK BACK AT AUGUST EVENTS



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