

# Parent Bulletin

## April 2017

**Dates to remember:** April 14, School closed Good Friday  
May 7, Potluck Family Picnic  
May 29, School closed Memorial Day  
May 31, Last Day of this School Year  
June 1, First Day of Summer Session

**Please mark your calendars with the above dates**

### Easter

Thank you to everyone who brought in cartons over the past few weeks. We still need a few more so please keep them coming. We will be reusing them and creating our children's Easter baskets for our Easter celebration on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye out for a snack and treats sign-up sheet.

### Parking

When pulling in front of the main building, you must pull in as close to the cement blocks as possible. Your car and car door must not block the bike lane. This is for your safety as well as the safety of the other drivers and pedestrians. Do not park diagonally it is very difficult seeing on coming cars. Also, please do not block the driveway to the staff parking.

### Sick Children

As a reminder, A Caring Place is a well childcare facility. At no time do we provide sick childcare. If your child is sick, please keep them home. Please report any contagious illnesses to the office. This policy is in place to ensure the health of all the children in our care.

### Family Picnic

The Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 7 at the Kalama Beach Club from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. Please rsvp by April 28. The school will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and dessert. Please bring a dish to share. Friends and all family members are welcome.

\*\*\*\*\* **RSVP** \*\*\*\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Item Sharing \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

## **Toddler Too**

This month we will be focusing on “Farm Life.” We will be learning about the animals that live on a farm, some of the foods that grow on a farm, and the people that care for the farm. Like always, please feel free to bring in items relating to our curriculum. Some suggestions that the children enjoy are: toy tractors, plastic animals, books, and pictures. Please keep other special toys at home unless it is sharing day (which is on Monday mornings.) To tie in with our farm theme, our class will read the story “Stone Soup”. We would like each child to bring an ingredient to make our delicious soup on Wednesday, April 26. The children will be served soup and sandwiches for lunch on Thursday, April 27. A sign up sheet will be posted for the ingredients needed to make our soup.

Lastly, I would like to give a few reminders: please label your children's clothing. If your child is potty learning, please keep an adequate supply of clothing in their cubby at all times.

Miss Renee, Miss Annette, & Miss Crystal

## **Montessori 3-6**

We have now learned about North America, South America, Asia, and Africa. During the month of April, we will be visiting the smallest of all seven continents - Australia, the “land down under.” This will include learning about marsupials (a group of mammals that carry their young in an external pouch) such as the kangaroo and koala. We will also discuss the Great Barrier Reef and some of the beautiful sea creatures living among it. We will end the month learning about the people and culture of Australia including its indigenous people, the Aborigines. As always, if you have any items relating to Australia, please bring them in to share with your child's circle group.

Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, Miss Steph, Miss Shantelle, & Miss Cinthia

## Infant & Toddler Program

At times your child can be demanding. He or she is still working on the fine art of sharing. They are learning to communicate their feelings, desires, and interests through words and gestures.

### TODDLER PROPERTY LAWS

1. If I like it, it's mine.
  2. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
  3. If I'm doing or building something, ALL the pieces are mine.
- They believe everything they put their hands on, or anything they have their eyes on, is THEIRS!

Suggestions on teaching your child the art of sharing:

1. When playing with your child, get yourself down to their level, and become the playmate.
2. Encourage the rules of Grace and Courtesy.
3. Do not allow them to just grab things out of your hands and visa versa.
4. Speak to your child with respect and love. Reassure them with words about how nice it is to share.
5. Read books about sharing.

Take the extra time to allow your child to verbalize their needs to you and to do the things they can do for themselves without any help. Be consistent and encouraging, they are learning!!!!

Since we have several children on a MWF schedule, we will be having our Easter celebration on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will post a sign-up sheet for snacks and treats. In conclusion, we would like to wish Landon and Cole Happy Birthdays this month, and we would like to welcome Lihla to the program.