

A Caring Place Parent Bulletin April 2021

Dates to remember:

May 31- Memorial Day School Closed

Please mark your calendars with the above dates

Drop Off & Pick up Reminders

- Per DHS guidelines for preschools operating during COVID, parents are required to socially distance at drop off and pick up. We know many families see one another outside of school but ask that you please wear your mask and keep 6 feet apart when dropping off and picking up. Please also vacate the drop off/pick up area promptly to ease the parking traffic.
- If someone else will be dropping off or picking up your child, please review the policy with them.
- For children on the half day schedule, **pick up is promptly at 12**. Please be on time.

Ill Child Policy

We are a private school and have formed our policies under the guidance of our Health Consultant with COVID precautions in mind. It is available on our Parent's page of our website under Health & Safety Policy. We ask that you please take note of your child's health each morning before dropping off to ensure that they are well. We require that you also keep your child home should ANYONE in your household have signs of severe illness (cough, fever, vomiting or diarrhea.) If they are at school and become ill, please be prepared to pick your child up promptly. We understand that leaving/missing work can be stressful when your child is sick and ask that you please be respectful when speaking with our staff. The health and wellbeing of the children and our staff is a priority here at A Caring Place. We are a 100% Well Facility for children and Staff.

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Infant & Toddler Program

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

TODDLER PROPERTY LAWS

1. If I like it, it is mine.
2. If I can take it from you, it is mine.
3. If I am 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 vice 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!!!!

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. Please feel free to bring books relating to our curriculum. 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 21. The children will be served soup and sandwiches for lunch on Thursday, April 22. A signup sheet will be posted in the class dojo 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 dress them appropriately with clothing that is easy to take on and off independently, and footwear that is easy to remove such as slippers. Also, keep an adequate supply of clothing in their cubby at all times.

Miss Renee, Miss Tracie, & Miss Stephanie

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. If you have any books relating to Australia, please bring them in to share with your child's circle group.

Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, & Miss D