

A Caring Place Parent Bulletin April 2026

Dates to remember:

April 3- Good Friday Day, School Closed

April 22- School Picture Taking

May 15- Staff Professional Development School Closed

May 25- Memorial Day School Closed

Please mark your calendars with the above dates

Drop Off & Pick :

- Please sign your child in and out daily
- Please close the door and gate when coming in and out. This is a huge safety precaution. NEVER leave the door or gate open and do not allow children to open the safety gate.
- For children on the full day schedule, **the school closes at 4pm**. Please be on time.
- For children on the half day schedule, **pick up is promptly at 12**. Please be on time.
- Habitual tardiness can result in termination of services.

General Reminders:

- Report all absences or late arrivals to the office by 9am.
- Follow the ill child policy and be sure to report any communicable illnesses to the office.
- Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 5th will be assessed at \$40 late fee.
- Please do not block the staff driveway when parking for drop off and pick up.
- Bikers should park bikes on the grass in front of the office or the wall overlooking the playground.
- When dropping your child off, please be sure to walk them to their designated area. If your child needs help separating, please see a staff member for assistance. We are happy to help with the transition. We always advise parents to ensure they say goodbye and never to sneak away. Making separation brief and not drawing it out helps the child to get past the anxiety of saying goodbye to mom and dad and allows them to start enjoying their day at school sooner.
- Be sure to update your messaging apps regularly and be sure notifications are turned on.

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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 Thursday, April 23. The children will be served soup and sandwiches for lunch on Friday, April 24. 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, always keep an adequate supply of clothing in their cubby.

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.