

A Caring Place

Parent Bulletin

August 2025

Dates to Remember:

August 15- Statehood Day School Closed
September 1- Labor Day School Closed

We are looking forward to a great school year. We promise to do our very best to continue to provide care for your children safely. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's needs in the classroom or their development, please direct them to your child's teacher. Messages can be sent directly to them on the ClassDojo messaging system. Daily reports to parents are done as needed by your child's teacher. Any other questions can be directed to the office staff. Office staff messages can be sent via the Remind app, email, or phone.

Infants and Toddlers- Miss Steph

Toddler Too - Miss Renee

Montessori 3-6 Program- Miss Liz

Drop Off/Pick up

Please do not park or block the staff driveway at drop off and pick up. This is for staff parking only. Please secure all gates and doors at all times. Do not leave them open as this is a safety concern.

Tuition & Fees

The new tuition rates take effect this month. As a reminder, tuition is due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 5th will be assessed a late fee of \$40.00 per child. The late pick-up fee is \$15.00 for every 15 minutes or fraction thereof. Habitual tardiness can result in termination of services.

Disaster Plan

As you all know we are currently in Hurricane season. The school will be closed when a Hurricane **Warning** is issued. A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane force winds are expected in the area within 36 hours. Residents and businesses are advised to finalize preparations once the warning is issued. This includes securing the school premises and allowing staff time to head home to do their own preparations. Parents will be alerted via the Remind App for school closures. In the event we must evacuate during school hours, we will go to the nearest evacuation shelter located at Kailua District Park. A staff person will always stay with the children until a parent can arrive. Please have an emergency plan in place for your family, get connected on the school messaging system, turn notifications on, and update all of your contact information.

Infant Toddler Program

Why Toddlers Test

Toddlers are searching for their own identity and beginning to realize that they are different from their parents. Testing helps them to grow emotionally, physically, and socially. The main questions are: who am I? and who is in charge? Consistent limits need to be reinforced over and over again at this critical age. Decide which battles are the most important, and work around the rest of the issues. Here are a few suggestions:

- allow some testing but not too much. This means setting appropriate limits you can enforce.
- try saying "NO" less often
- give them words to define their feelings
- don't expect too much. Toddlers need to be taught appropriate social skills and what is or is not acceptable
- be ready for anything. Transitions are usually the hardest and may bring on testing behaviors
- try to have a sense of humor!

Miss Steph, Miss Annette, Miss Skyler, & Miss Jill

Montessori 3-6 & Toddler Too

It's hard to believe summer is over and the new school year is going to begin. We are sad to say goodbye to a few of our friends that will be entering Kindergarten, or relocating, and we are excited to meet some new friends as well.

During the month of August, we will be welcoming our new students and learning ground rules. We will be talking about classroom rules such as choosing floor mats and table mats for our workspace and safety rules such as walking in the classroom. We will also be continuing to talk about the importance of washing our hands and keeping our hands out of our mouth. Just a reminder, the circle bell rings around 8:45am. Please try to have your child here before the bell rings to make separation a smooth transition.

Montessori 3-6: Miss Liz, Miss Hillary, & Miss Sarah

Toddler Too: Miss Renee, Miss Lili, & Miss Abby

Bulletins & Lunch Menus can be found on our parents page of our website at acaringplacekailua.com

As noted in the new fee schedule that went out with registration in February, parents will start providing snacks for their children beginning August 1st. Lunch service will continue as usual. Parents should bring snacks in a container **labeled** with their child's name. Snacks will be placed in a designated location in your child's classroom and will not be stored in refrigeration. Here are some examples of snack boxes or bento boxes that would work great for this purpose:



Amazon: <https://a.co/d/fstSvyU>

Amazon: <https://a.co/d/2mhc6NQ>

Amazon: <https://a.co/d/c9V3idc> this one is a freezable option for items that require cold packs

Children will continue to be served lunch so be mindful that these are snacks not a full meal. We do not currently have any children with food allergies, so peanut products are acceptable.