

A Caring Place

Parent Bulletin

August 2017

Dates to Remember:

July 31- August 4- Summer Break School Closed
August 18- Statehood Day School Closed
September 4- Labor Day School Closed

As we start the new school year, we will be seeing a lot of new faces. We are looking forward to meeting each of our new families. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to your child's teacher or to our Director, Miss Jessica. The supportive staff and aides are instructed to redirect you so that no miscommunication occurs. Daily reports to parents are done as needed by your child's teacher. Each teacher is given one long day a week to be available to meet with you as needed. Please call to set up appointments.

Infants and Toddlers, please see Miss Tiffany

Toddler Too please, see Miss Renee

Montessori 3-6 Program, please see Miss Liz or Miss Kalei

Tuition & Fees

As a reminder, tuition is due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 15th will be assessed a late fee of \$25.00 per child. The late pick up fee is \$15.00 for every 15 minutes or fraction thereof.

Disaster Plan

As you all know it is Hurricane season. The school will be closed if a Hurricane Warning is issued. Please listen to K-59 am or 92.3 fm for school closures. You can also check our web site for updates. In the event we must evacuate during school hours, we will go to Kainalu Elementary School. It is the closest Hurricane Shelter. In the event of an emergency and phone lines go out, Miss Jessica can be reached at 782-2715. A staff person will always stay with the children until a parent can arrive. Please have an emergency plan in place for your family and all of your contact information updated.

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

Infant Program

We currently have infants in our Program ranging in ages from 7 months to 18 months old. Looking around our busy environment it is clear many of our infants are at different stages in their development. Each child is following his/her own schedule. Your child will reach certain milestones at their own pace.

According to Developmental Screening Tests, 90 percent of infants can:

- smile, roll over, and reach for an object by 5 months
- sit without support by 8 months
- pull to a standing position without anyone's help by 10 months
- walk on their own by 14 months
- by about 9 months, 75 percent can imitate speech sounds, say three words by 15 months, and put words together by about 22 months

The important thing to remember about these statistics is: They are used as a general guideline. They are NOT exact.

Camacho Toddler

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!

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Cole, Baker, and Presley on their upcoming move to the Toddler Too class and we welcome Francis and Kalama from the Infant class.

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 good bye to many 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 work space and safety rules such as walking in the classroom. Just a reminder, the circle bell rings around 8:30am. Please try to have your child here before the bell rings to make separation a smooth transition.