

# **A Caring Place**

## **Parent Bulletin**

### **August 2020**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

**August 21- Statehood Day School Closed**  
**September 7- Labor Day School Closed**

We want to thank everyone for adapting to the new changes and challenges of daycare and preschool during these trying times. 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 via the Clasdojo messaging system. Teachers can also speak with parents over the phone when available. Daily reports to parents are done as needed by your child's teacher. Any other questions can be directed to the office staff via the Remind app, email, or phone.

#### **Infants and Toddlers- Miss Steph**

#### **Toddler Too - Miss Renee**

#### **Montessori 3-6 Program- Miss Liz or Miss Kalei**

#### **Drop Off**

Please do not park or block the driveway at drop off and pick up. This is for staff parking only. Please practice social distancing from other families at drop off and pick up. This is a DHS mandate and we thank you for your cooperation. If Infant and Toddler parents arrive after 8:30am, please call the classroom and wait at the gate in the driveway for assistance.

#### **Tuition & Fees**

As a reminder, tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Payments received after the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Thankfully we were not impacted by Hurricane Douglas during our summer break a few weeks ago. 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, our school website, and are advised to listen to K-59 am or 92.3 fm (KSSK) for school closures. In the event we must evacuate during school hours, we will go to the nearest evacuation shelter open (due to COVID not all shelters may be open.) 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.

## **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 Hillary, Miss Annette, Miss K, & Miss Uliana

## **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 8:30am (Montessori 3-6 class) & 9:00am (Toddler Too class). Please try to have your child here before the bell rings to make separation a smooth transition.

Montessori 3-6: Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, & Miss Desire

Toddler Too: Miss Renee & Miss Tracie

**Bulletins & Lunch Menus can be found on our parent’s page of our website at [acaringplacekailua.com](http://acaringplacekailua.com)**