

Parent Bulletin

January 2025

Happy New Year

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed

General Reminders:

- Please label all your child's belongings.
- Please have a few changes of clothing and extra underwear in your child's Cubby. Your child's nap blanket must fit into their cubby. Oversized blankets will be sent home.
- When pulling into the front of the school please be sure your car is not in the bike lane.
- No U-Turns in front of the school.
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- Tuition payments are due on the first of each month. Payments made after the 5th will be billed a \$40.00 late fee.
- Tax receipts can be requested via email acaringplacekailua@gmail.com. Please allow several days for preparation.

Parent Communication

The Teachers are available to send and receive messages through the Class Dojo App. Please be sure that you check there daily for important reminders and updates. Teachers typically are available to respond in the afternoons. The Office utilizes the Remind App for communication. Please report absences, tardiness, and any policy related questions to the Office staff.

Infant & Toddler

As you know, the Montessori Method is the basis of our teaching philosophy here at A Caring Place. Here are some examples of how we incorporate the method within the Infant and Toddler Programs:

Order- Children have a strong need for consistency and repetition, as well as a love for routines. They also show a need for order in their environment- needing to have a certain place for everything. Examples of this at school are: job placement on low accessible shelves, and a daily schedule/routine.

Movement- Children are working on gaining control and coordination. Grasping, touching, balancing, crawling, and walking. Examples of this at school are: classroom arrangement of furniture, freedom to move indoors and outdoors, and equipment for fine and gross motor development.

Refinement of senses- Fascination with sensorial experiences: taste, sound, touch, and smell. Examples of this at school are: art projects, and water play.

Language- Use of words to communicate. Babble turns into words, phrases, and then sentences. Vocabulary and comprehension are continuously expanding. Examples of this at school are: reading books, singing songs, and talking through daily tasks.

Music- Interest in and development of pitch, rhythm, and melody. Examples of this at school are: singing songs, dancing to music, playing with certain instruments, and playing soft music at nap time.

Toddler Too Class

For the month of January, we will be focusing on "Bugs". We will be learning about bugs that we come into contact with such as beetle bugs, ants, ladybugs, and potato bugs.

In conclusion, since the weather has been unpredictable please make sure your child has a set of warm and cool clothing kept in their cubby. As a friendly reminder, please have all personal belongings labeled. Thank You!

Montessori 3-6 Program

Having completed our study of North America, we will now be learning about South America. Our main focus will be on the Amazon rainforest. This will include the four different layers of the rain forest and some of the different plants, flowers, and animals living in the rain forest. This will tie in nicely with our lesson on ecology and rainforest conservation.