

A Caring Place Parent Bulletin March 2017

Dates to Remember:

**March 20-24 Spring Break School Closed
March 27- Prince Kuhio Day School Closed**

Traffic, Parking & Safety

When parking your car, please do not use the staff parking area. When pulling up in front, please pull your car completely in and off the bike lane. When opening your car door, you must be clear of the bike lane. Kainalu continues to be a very busy street. For everyone's safety please be careful. Our gates are for your children's safety; they must be closed and locked at all times. Please do not encourage your children to open any of the gates themselves. Please keep front door closed.

Sick Children

If your child is sick and not feeling well, please keep them home. If you are keeping them home, please inform the office. If your child has a contagious illness such as conjunctivitis, the flu, stomach viruses, or other childhood diseases, please also inform the office. This better helps us to watch for similar symptoms in other children.

Monthly Bulletins and our lunch menu are available

on our website at

acaringplacekailua.com

Toddler Too

First, we would like to say thank you for the special treats, snacks, and goodies that were brought in for our Valentine's Day party. The children loved sharing and talking about the special treats that they brought to school for their friends.

For the month of March, we will be going right into "Ocean Life". We will be covering the ocean shores, plants, and creatures. As part of our curriculum we will be tasting a variety of foods that come from the ocean such as octopus, seaweed, fish (cooked & raw), and shrimp. If your child is allergic to seafood, please inform myself (Miss Renee) as soon as possible. Please feel free to bring in seashells, plastic sea creatures, fish nets or story books relating to our theme. The children will definitely enjoy them.

Miss Renee, Miss Annette and Miss Crystal

Montessori 3-6 Program

We would like to thank all of the parents who brought in cards and special treats for our Valentine's Day celebration. As usual, the children had a great time.

For our March curriculum, we will be continuing our journey around the world. We have learned about North America, South America and Asia. This month we will be focusing on AFRICA. This will include life on the African Savannah and animals such as lions, zebras, giraffes and hippos. We will also be discussing the people and culture of Africa. As always, if you have any items relating to Africa, please bring them in to share with your child's circle group.

Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, Miss Steph, Miss Shantelle, and Miss Cinthia

Infant Bulletin

We currently have 9 infants in our Program ranging in ages 6 weeks to 16 months. 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 to help give you an idea of how your baby is developing. They are NOT exact. Today milestones take place over a whole range of "normal."

In closing, we welcome Emma and Grey to our Infant class and wish a Happy 1st Birthday to Grey!

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5 Things Toddlers DO Understand

1. They know what you're saying. Despite their inability to speak in full sentences, toddlers can understand a large number of words and commands. So meaningful comprehension can come several months before vocabulary catches up with it.
2. They sense what you're feeling. They don't understand why you are tense, but they pick up the signs and the meaning.
3. They recall routines down to the tiniest detail. A familiar sequence of events helps him/her feel secure. Alter it just a little and he/she is likely to protest.
4. They know how to empathize. When a friend is hurt, toddlers want to help or soothe others by imitating how they've been soothed by adults.
5. They know how to create a comfort object. Having a special blanket or doll helps make them feel calm and protected. This helps them feel better in an often scary or confusing world.

A few reminders: If you have not brought in a family photo for our tree, please bring one in. Home brought breakfast is served until 8:00am ONLY. Also, please keep home items, such as toys, at home.

We would like to congratulate Stella, Strider, and Dylan who are turning two this month and graduating to the Toddler Too Program. Lastly, we welcome Jonathan and Kennedy to class.