

A Caring Place Parent Bulletin November 2017

Dates to Remember:

**November 10th- School closed Veterans Day
November 23rd & 24th- School closed for Thanksgiving**

Parents take note of the upcoming dates that the school will be closed.

Parent Reminders

- Please label all items brought into school. Permanent markers are available in all classrooms. Items that get washed frequently need to be relabeled.
- If your child will not be in school for any reason, please call the office by 9:00 am.
- The children may bring breakfast from home to eat at school. The Toddler Too and Montessori 3-6 program may bring breakfast between 6:45am - 7:25am and the Camacho Toddler program from 7:00am - 8:00am. If breakfast is brought in after these times, the parent must stay and supervise the child.
- Gates must be secured at all times. The staff are happy to help you if needed.
- Please apply sun screen before school. We will reapply after nap.
- We are a well child care facility. If your child is sick, please keep them home.

Tuition

Effective December 1st, 2017 the following changes to our tuition payment and late fee policy will take effect:

- Tuition payments are due on the 1st of every month for that month.
- Payments received after the 5th will be assessed a late fee of \$40 per account (i.e. per child)
- Please keep in mind that if due dates fall on a weekend, Holiday, or school break payment must be made in advance to avoid late fees and suspension of services.
 - Please plan ahead for January's tuition. Tuition will be due during our scheduled winter break. You may mail payment in or drop off a postdated check by Dec. 21st.

Montessori 3-6 Program

October was a busy and fun month spent learning about pets, community helpers, and Halloween. We would like to thank Kalia and her Papa and Tutu who brought joy ambassador dog Iwok to visit at circle. The children enjoyed their visit and learning about service animals.

November will kick off our yearly continent study, and we will begin our journey around the world in North America. Our focus will be on animals of North America and Native American Indians. If you have any items relating to North America (books, pictures, etc...), please bring them in to share with your child's circle group.

In the spirit of giving, we will be doing a food drive for the Hawai'i Food Bank. The last day of collection will be November 17th.

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

Toddler Too

The month of November we will be learning about Community Helpers. Our focus will be police officers, doctors, trash collectors, mail carriers, teachers, etc....

Please feel free to bring in story books, pictures, or other items relating to our curriculum. To end this month's curriculum, we will be setting up our annual food drive. All nonperishable food items will be donated to Hawaii Food Bank. Please place all items in the box located in the office. The last day of collection will be November 17th.

We have a few friendly reminders:

1. When signing your child in/out, **please check comment section for notes.**
2. Please label all children's clothing, including footwear.
3. If your child is in the process of potty learning, **please bring an adequate amount of clothing.** Also, it is important to dress them appropriately: shorts with buttons are very difficult for them to undue. Elastic shorts or dresses for girls always work best.

Miss Renee, Miss Tracie, and Miss ReAnn

Infant & Toddler

We are all looking for ways to keep ourselves and our children healthy during the cold and flu seasons. Adults don't usually catch as many illnesses as their little ones. Infants and toddlers simply haven't had the chance to build up their immune systems yet. Another reason small children catch more illnesses is their lack of the concept of personal space. They like to get right in each other's space, they are constantly exploring things by mouthing them, and they lack the ability to practice proper personal hygiene.

Here are some easy ways to combat germs:

- Wash your hands. Many viruses are spread through hand to mouth contact. Wash hands especially before meals and snacks, after diaper changing or potty use, and always for at least 10 seconds.
- Keep infant's hands tucked away. Infant's hands are so irresistibly cute. Adults and children want to touch, hold, and kiss them. Ask that anyone who holds your baby wash their hands, and encourage children not to touch infant's faces, pacifiers, or bottles.
- Dodge germs. Teach children to cough or sneeze into the crook of the elbow or back of wrist rather than their hands.

Try as we may, colds and illnesses are still very likely to occur. As a reminder, we are a well childcare facility. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well, are unable to participate in normal group activities, and require more care than our ratios provide. Lastly, we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Aliya and Jaden.