

A Caring Place Parent Bulletin November 2020

Dates to Remember:

November 11th- School closed Veterans Day
November 26th & 27th- School closed for Thanksgiving
December 21st-January 4th -School Closed Winter Break

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

Drop Off & Pick up Reminders

- Per DHS guidelines for preschools operating during COVID, parents are required to socially distance at drop off and pick up. We know many families see one another outside of school but ask that you please wear your mask and keep 6 feet apart when dropping off and picking up. Please also vacate the drop off/pick up area promptly to ease the parking traffic.
- If someone else will be dropping off or picking up your child, please review the policy with them. Many have come to pick up with out a mask.
- For children on the half day schedule, **pick up is promptly at 12**. Please be on time.

Ill Child Policy

Cold and flu season is upon us. We anticipate at some point the children will be catching illnesses. We are a private school and have formed our policies under the guidance of our Health Consultant with COVID precautions in mind. Please make review our policy should you need to. It is available on our Parent's page of our website under Health & Safety Policy. We ask that you please take note of your child's health each morning before dropping off to ensure that they are well. We require that you also keep your child home should ANYONE in your household have signs of severe illness (cough, fever, vomiting or diarrhea.) If they are at school and become ill, please be prepared to pick your child up promptly. We understand that leaving/missing work can be stressful when your child is sick and ask that you please be respectful when speaking with our staff. The health and wellbeing of the children and our staff is a priority here at A Caring Place. We are a 1000% Well Facility for children and Staff.

**Bulletins, Lunch Menus, and School Calendars available at
acaringplacekailua.com**

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 20 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.

Miss Steph, Miss Annette, Miss Hillary, Miss K, & Miss Ulianna

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.

We have a few friendly reminders:

- Please label all children's clothing, including footwear.
- 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,

Montessori 3-6 Program

October was a busy and fun month spent learning about community helpers, and Halloween. Thank you to everyone who brought in treats for the goodie bags. 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 indigenous Native American Tribes.

Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, & Miss D