



DayCaring Preschool

*The school where we care
everyday!*



August 2022

NEWSLETTER



About Nap Bedding

If your child takes a nap at school, please be sure to bring their nap bedding home to be washed on the last day of their attendance each week.

Equally, if not even more important is to remember to bring it **BACK TO SCHOOL** on their next attendance day so they are sure to have clean and cozy bedding to sleep in each week.

Thank you kindly ☺

Family Welcome Potluck

We're excited to announce that we are finally able to bring back our **Annual Family Welcome Potluck Social Event!**

Saturday, September 10, 11am-2pm
DayCaring Playground
Bring a Potluck Dish to share!

DayCaring Preschool will provide drinks, plates, and cutlery, as well as Ice Cream for dessert.

We will have Face Painting by Eva, bubbles, music, and activities for the kids. We will also have teens on hand to help supervise and give parents a chance to visit with, and get to know one another better.

This is such a wonderful social event designed to give parents and caregivers an opportunity to meet the families of the children their kids play with every day here at school and mingle with the teachers too.

So, mark the date and time on your calendar and bust out your favorite Potluck Dish for this must not miss event! ☺



PRE-K

NEWS AND REVIEWS

PRE-K ORIENTATION NIGHT:

If you are the parent or guardian of an incoming Pre-K student, our Pre-K Orientation Night is Tuesday, August 9th, from 6-7pm here at DayCaring Preschool.

The Orientation is held in Burger Hall, aka the Lunchroom, and you will enter from the courtyard doors, which will be open, as the front gate will be locked at this time.

We ask that one parent or guardian from each family be present at this important informational evening.

This is a child free event so please plan for childcare. If aren't able to find it and need childcare, please let me know by Friday, August 5, and I can arrange for someone onsite who you can pay directly.

A detailed email went out Tuesday, if you did not receive it, please let me know and I will resend it to you. See you there ☺

LITERACY LESSONS ON THE GO

Running errands can be a chore, but they are also excellent opportunities to teach your child literacy skills and foster social-emotional development. On a walk or during a car ride you can tell stories, sing songs or listen to your favorite audio book. Young children love to hear stories about themselves as babies, about you as a child, or about other children. Together, you can make up stories about people, animals, signs, symbols, and objects you see along the way (“let’s make up a story about where the people on the bus are going today” or “how do you think the people will feel if it starts raining before the bus gets there?”). Stories are important because they develop closeness and create and understanding of what makes each of our families unique!

Shared with you from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



Staffing Announcement

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that our beloved Monique Kunst, Pre-K Art Teacher, and longtime DayCaring Staff member, is moving out of the Bay Area with her family. Her last day at DayCaring will be Friday, August 12.

It has been a privilege to work with Monique for the past 15 years and we will all miss her smiling face every morning, her positive energy, and her endless well of creativity. It can feel like losing a little part of yourself when someone who has been the fabric of your days for so many years moves on, but we send her off with all our love and well wishes for her next great adventure.

Monique will come back to visit family who still lives here in the summer months, and plans to sub for us when she does. So, we will say goodbye for now...and see you soon wonderful Monique, your DayCaring Family loves you 😊

Group Time

There are also some changes to group time teaching arrangements for the coming school year, which starts on Tuesday, September 5, 2022.

Violeta and Carmel will teach the Stompers Group.

Carie and Jenny are teaching the Puddle Jumpers Group.

Maggie, Shirley, and Eva will be teaching Pre-K this year.

- Maggie will teach both Early Literacy and Science
- Shirley will teach Math Readiness
- Eva will teach Art and Creativity
- Maggie will lead The Kindness Curriculum with Shirley and Eva participating as well.

2023 CLOSURE DATES

Below are the School Closure Days for 2023, you can find the remaining closure dates for 2022 on our website.

Monday, Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, Feb 20	Presidents Day
Wednesday, Mar 22	Teacher In-Service Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Friday, June 16	Pre-K Graduation Day
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
July 10-14	Annual Summer Break
Friday, Sept 1	Teacher Mental Health Day
Monday, Sept 4	Labor Day
Monday, Oct 9	Indigenous Peoples Day
Friday, Nov 10	Veterans Day
W/Th/F, Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 25 thru Jan 1	Holiday Break

How to Say Goodbye...

Helpful Tips for Hard Goodbye Drop Offs

It can be hard to say goodbye at morning drop off. Especially if this is your child's first preschool experience and your first experience leaving them with caregivers.

There are things you can do at home and at school to make the transition easier for everyone.

At home, tell stories about when you went to school and share how you felt about it. Make a small picture album together, just for school; include photos of cherished adults and pets in your child's life. Your child can share these pictures with friends and teachers at school and tell the stories your family shares together. This gives a sense of pride and helps them to feel close to you even while you're away at work.

Give your child a personal belonging of yours to keep with them at school, a bandana that you love or a special stone for their pocket, even a piece of costume jewelry that they can wear that reminds them that you will be back to get them *and* your special item every time you have to go to work.

At school you can reduce separation anxiety by telling your child how long you will stay, showing them on your fingers how many minutes that will be "I will stay for 5 minutes today" (holding up 5 fingers). Be sure you count down as the time nears so they're prepared for your departure and always offer a last story or activity together "In 2 more minutes it's my time to go to work, would you like to pick out a book to read together or draw a picture together before I go?"

All of our teachers are here to engage your children when it's time to go, and are well trained and experienced in helping with goodbyes. Be sure to point out all the interesting things to do in the room and let a staff member know when you're going soon, so we can assist in your goodbye, redirecting your child with a fun activity or engaging them with friends.

Remember that separation is a process. Expect that your child and yourself, will need time to feel comfortable with the new situation.

My door is always open for more conversation and information and all our terrific teachers are available and welcoming, to share tips and techniques for saying goodbye.



Re-Registration Due

It's re-registration time and pursuant to your Enrollment Contract with DayCaring Preschool your re-registration fee is due on August 15th, with your September Tuition Payment.

This fee is \$150 for each child in our care and applies to all children enrolled before June 1, 2022.

If your child began attendance at DayCaring *AFTER* June 1, 2022, you are *not* obligated to this year's re-registration fee.

If the re-registration fee applies to you, you will see it added to your September Tuition on your August 15, statement.

From our DayCaring Family to yours, we thank you for sharing your most precious treasures with us. We look forward to the privilege of sharing each day of play with your wonderful children. 😊