



August 2020 Child Care News



DEAR PARENTS

Summer is quickly passing us by! Please let us know if there will be any changes in your child(ren)'s schedule for fall.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

We have more walking trips planned for the School Ageds this month. Be sure to check the August calendar for the dates and times. Reminder that children need to be here in time to go with their group, otherwise parents will be responsible for bringing them to the event. Please make sure your child has a mask to wear at Tiny Tots. We are beginning to prepare for fall activities with school starting on Tuesday, September 8th. If your child will be taking a bus this coming school year, **you must bring in the schedule with the bus numbers & times as soon as you receive it so we can add them to the bus schedule.**

HOLIDAY REMINDER

We will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day! Reminder, there is no deduction in tuition for holidays.

PROCARE

Reminder to check messages daily in Procare Connect. We want to be sure you are receiving messages being sent by administration and/or your child's teacher. If you send us a message, as we mentioned, teachers check them at approximately 10:00 a.m. and during nap time. Administration checks them throughout the day as well. If you are messaging about something that needs immediate attention it may be better to call the office at 651-457-0042.

COVID UPDATES

Please remember to read all Procare messages, signs on our doors, and information on our website for COVID-19 updates. We are now requiring all adults and children over the age of 5 years old to have a mask on when entering our building.



KID FRIENDLY THINGS TO DO

Looking for things to keep your children occupied this summer? We've all been challenged at finding "other" activities to do this summer due to COVID. With a little creativity you can have fun at home! Check out this website called "[Kid Friendly Things To Do.](#)" I mean the fun is in the title. 😊

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool program begins on September 14th for the Monday/Wednesday class and September 15th for the Tuesday/Thursday class. There are a few spots left.

FOOD PROGRAM FORMS

Watch for new forms to fill out for the Child and Adult Food Program (CACFP). **This form needs to be filled out annually by September 1st.** Please be sure to fill out by following the instructions that were attached to it and **return it to the office before September 1st, 2020.** Your signature, name, address, phone number, & date are required on the form. Thank you!

PARENT EDUCATION

Be sure to check out the Parent Education page of our website for this month's topic: "Five Ways to Encourage and Celebrate Diversity with Early Learners."



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Pledge to Prevent Child Heatstroke in Cars

According to an article by "An Office of the Administration for Children & Families" heatstroke is the number one killer of children, outside of car crashes. That's why the Administration for Children and Families has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in an attempt to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke and leaving children in hot cars.

Children are at higher risk than adults of dying from heatstroke in a hot vehicle especially when they are too young to communicate.

Children overheat up to five times faster than adults.

Take the pledge to keep children safe. Here are a few simple things you can do:

~Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle—even if the windows are partially open or the engine is running with the air conditioning on. Vehicles heat up quickly and can be deadly even with the windows rolled down 2 inches.

~Place your purse, briefcase, or something else you're sure to need in the back seat so you'll see the child in the vehicle.

~Create reminders such as a note or keep a stuffed toy in the car. Once the child is buckled in, place the object where you'll see it before leaving the vehicle.

~Notify the authorities immediately if you see a child left unattended in a vehicle.

*Here is a link to the pledge: [Look Before You Lock.](#)

See June's newsletter for info on not leaving your pets in cars either. The temperature change from outside to inside a car is approximately 30 degrees higher.

