

# TINY TOTS and LITTLE TYKES inc.



CONGRATULATIONS to Alana, Quincy, & Alayah for winning the West St. Paul Halloween coloring contest for their age group.

## DEAR PARENTS

**It's getting colder outside!** This means it is necessary to bring heavier jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens to play and stay warm! We will continue to go outside daily, weather permitting. Please remember to LABEL everything that belongs to your child with their name. Also, remember to change the set of extra clothes in your child's cubby so it is appropriate for the season. **(There should ALWAYS be an extra set of clothes in your child's cubby)**

## CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

We are closed Thursday & Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday, however you are able to celebrate this year!!

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>!



## November 2021 Child Care News

### GIVE TO THE MAX

We're all going through challenging times but **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.** "Give to the Max Day" is Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a specific day Minnesota has every year to raise funds for nonprofits. We've been doing our best to keep our doors open and keep up with the new health & safety regulations. We would appreciate any amount, if you are able to donate. We have a page set up for donations on the giveMN website as well as information on other ways to donate on the "DONATE" page of our website.

We use donations towards scholarships, purchasing educational materials, and teacher training. During these current challenging times we will also use it for cleaning supplies, etc.

**Reminder...** all donations to Tiny Tots are deductible as charitable donations for those who itemize on their taxes. Let us know if you would like a receipt.

### TAKE TIME TO BE GRATEFUL

The holidays are near so it's a good time to think about what we are grateful for. Even during a pandemic, if we take the time to think about it, there is still always something to be grateful for. To help you get started grab a "Gratitude Worksheet" by Allina Health from the lobby. **Also, on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> be sure to stop by and write something you/your family is grateful for on the big sheet on the table in the lobby (right behind the sign in & out table).** We encourage everyone to participate! You might encourage others who may really need it.

### CONFERENCES

**Parent/Teacher conferences continue.** Contact the office if you are interested in signing up for one. The remaining classrooms and dates are as follows:

Preschool/November 3<sup>rd</sup>

School Age/November 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>



## ENRICHMENTS

### \*MUSIC:

Sharon will do a “Rhythm & Rhyme and Let’s Talk Turkey” theme for music this month. She will teach the children through singing, playing instruments, and using other items such as beanbags.

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## WEATHER REMINDER

Reminder that we close at 5:30 p.m. Please plan ahead and leave yourself plenty of time to get here by then, especially during the winter, where snow can cause travel issues.

Also, be sure to check Procure regularly for any possible closing information.

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## PARENT EDUCATION

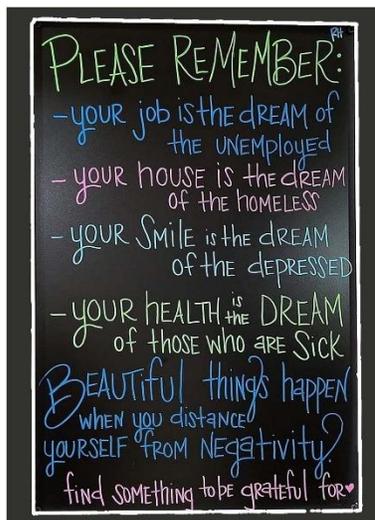
The Parent Education topic for this month is: *With Covid Still Lurking, Other Illnesses Add to Parent Woes.*



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## LIABILITY INSURANCE

Our accreditation requires that we inform you that we renewed our *Liability Insurance* in September 2021.



## TYKES CORNER

**November is Child Safety and Protection Month.** Here are a few tips from an article by Kane & Silverman P.C.

### PLAYGROUND SAFETY TIPS:

- Watch that your child is using the equipment properly. Things like walking on a slide or climbing on top of the monkey bars present fall risks.
- Make sure the equipment is age appropriate for your child. Younger kids should have a separate play area than older kids.
- Look for hazards. If you see rusted or broken equipment, report it and don't let your child play in that area.
- Choose to go to playgrounds with softer, impact-absorbing surface materials. Surfaces like sand, rubber, mulch, and wood chips are safer than concrete and dirt.

### CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY TIPS:

- Be aware of recalls. If a product that your child uses has been recalled, replace it immediately. This includes toys, cribs, strollers, and more.
- Make sure that children have access to toys or other objects that are safe for their age. Follow the age determination guidelines for toys.
- Keep choking hazards away from children. Young children should not play with toys that have small parts or pieces that could break off. Children, particularly those under the age of five, will put anything in their mouth. Be sure to keep small items like coins and marbles out of their reach.

### POISON CONTROL TIPS:

- Follow label and doctor instructions when giving your child medicine.
- Store all medications and cleaning supplies out of children's sight and reach.
- Use child safety locks on cabinets.
- Have the Poison Control Center's phone number readily available. (1-800-222-1222)