

## 2022 Fall Newsletter



Happy Fall Y'all!

I am happy to say that we have survived the start of the new school year with only a few tears! I wanted to give my team a huge shout out for the amazing work that they do. Teachers Mara, Lacey, Jordan, Jackie, Marjaneh, Alyssa, Carla, Andy, Sam, and Melissa, you make me look good. Thank you for all that you do!

New school year = colds, allergies, flu, and our new friend Covid. The Playschool staff have chosen not to wear masks to school therefore, if any member of your immediate family tests positive, please keep your child home for 5 days. Even if they test negative. On day 6-10, please have your child wear a mask when they are inside the classroom.

We are all so concerned about Covid that we forget about all of the other childhood illnesses. Attached, you will find two illness flyers. One is fun and the other is a bit more serious. Feel free to print them out and put them on your refrigerator for future reference.

Have a healthy, fun filled, pumpkin spice, sweater wearing fall!

Cami

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## FALL BIRTHDAYS

9/10 Claire  
9/10 Dylan  
9/14 *Teacher Carla*  
9/14 Izzy  
9/16 Charlee  
9/16 Raelee  
9/16 Robert  
9/19 Bodi  
9/19 *Teacher Mara*  
9/29 Charlie  
10/1 Dante  
10/1 Violet



10/10 Director/Teacher  
Cami  
10/10 Oliver  
10/14 Elliott  
10/17 Isel  
10/21 Amelia  
10/25 Carter  
10/31 Naomi  
11/2 Calvin  
11/17 Teacher Sam  
12/1 Heron  
12/6 Lillian  
12/6 Declan  
12/7 Teacher Lacey  
12/12 Clara  
12/12 Lucas  
12/19 Huntley

## OCTOBER

3rd/5th/7th Picture Days  
7th Fire Truck Visiting  
13th Fall Family Night  
14th CLOSED: Teacher In-Service  
31st Halloween Celebrations

## NOVEMBER

1st Late Start  
11th CLOSED: Teacher In-Service  
17th Last Day of Soccer Shots  
23rd CLOSE @ 1pm  
24th-25th Thanksgiving CLOSED

**SIGN UP NOW & JOIN THE FUN!**  
DANCE CLASSES HELD WEEKLY AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [WEBBYDANCECOMPANY.COM](http://WEBBYDANCECOMPANY.COM)  
OR CALL OUR OFFICE AT (971) 401-5017

## WEBBY

Classes are every Monday morning at the Playschool. They offer gymnastics and dance classes. Sign your child up for one or both!

**TODDLERS: TEACHERS CARLA & ANDY**



Happy Fall! We are so excited for this new school year!

As toddlers, we spend our days learning and exploring through all of our senses. We look, touch, smell, taste, and listen to the world around us. Fall will be full of fun, messy activities and art. We will enjoy pumpkins and puddles and jumping in piles of leaves.

Since we get messy, please make sure your child wears clothes that can get dirty. In the classroom each child has their own cubby where extra clothes are kept. Make sure your child always has extra clothing to change into if needed. We will also let you know via Procure if your child is running low on extra clothes or diapers. Please remember to label everything!

Our last reminder for you is to sign your child in/out daily through the Procure app. We use the app to send you updates on your child's day, message you if needed, and share lots of fun pictures.

We are so excited to watch your child learn and grow this school year! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns!

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**JR PRESCHOOL: TEACHERS MARJAN & ALYSSA**



Welcome to Jr. Preschool!

We're so excited to have so many new faces this year! The past few weeks have been an adjustment for many of our new students, but we're seeing a lot of improvement and happy faces at school! Don't be afraid to touch base with either Teacher Marjan or Teacher Alyssa for any questions, concerns, or general information to help your little one feel as comfortable as possible in their new environment.

For the last few weeks, we have been encouraging free play, so our new friends have lots of time to explore the classroom. We will continue to practice self-driven play as much as possible! As we prepare for our colder seasons, we will likely be spending our mornings introducing circle time. This means lots of songs and stories! For October and November, we will be

## **PRESCHOOL TEACHERS JORDAN & JACKIE**



Thank you all for being a part of the Junior Preschool class and we look forward to our year together!

Happy Fall Preschool Families!

We've had a great start to the school year and can't wait for what is to come! The first couple of weeks we primarily focus on our classroom routine and getting to know our new friends. We stress the importance of relationships, kindness, and teamwork. We also encourage children's independence by asking them to try before asking for help. With that being said, please send your child to school in shoes and clothing that is easy for them to do on their own without much frustration. As some of you already know, we love the "coat flip" approach to putting on our jackets. We will be working on this a lot in the next couple of weeks. **Don't forget to label ALL of your child's belongings** - this includes clothes, underwear, shoes, jackets, blankets, water bottles, etc. Also, please use the canvas tote bag we provided for transferring items to and from school.

### **PRE-K: TEACHERS MARA & LACEY**

Our classroom is full of play areas for the children to explore. We will always have a designated block area, dramatic play, art table, and book area. We



It has been a wonderful start to the school year in the Pre-K room!

The first few months of school are an important time to establish daily routines. Establishing a routine will help ensure that your child adjusts quickly. A dependable schedule will help the children adapt, learn, and feel at ease. Please let us know if your family is having any disruptions to your routines that might affect your child (parent travel, family visits, moving, ect...). Changes affect some kids more than others, and by knowing why your child might be acting differently we can better help them adjust and work through their feelings.

As we roll into fall, we tend to see cooler mornings and warmer afternoons and more rain. Please remember to bring in appropriate attire (layers are good) and take all coats/sweatshirts home at the end of the day. We also ask that you label your child's boots, hats, gloves, coats/jackets, and sweatshirts. No matter how organized we try to be, managing the belongings of 20+ kids who spend 40+ hours a week here, things end up in weird places (and of course the kids all deny owning the items once we find them). So, **please label everything!**

Unfortunately, Covid is still a part of our lives, and all the other sicknesses are still here, too. Toys are washed and sanitized frequently and hands are washed constantly. We've had lessons on hand washing, catching coughs and sneezes in elbows, and keeping toys (and hands) away from faces. Honestly though, there is only so much we can do in the classroom, so we appreciate our families doing what they can in their lives to minimize exposure and to be extra diligent in watching for symptoms so that we can keep everyone in our Playschool world healthy. Please review the sickness policy and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we've adjusted to this new normal.

In between all the hand washing, the kids having been playing and learning. These past few weeks they have been building amazing, tall towers out of all different kinds of blocks, and creating amazing pieces of art with a variety of materials. Their interests range from vehicles to dinosaurs to the changing of the seasons, so we'll see how we can scaffold their learning with these topics in the coming weeks.

We've also been spending time observing the kids during play and through small group games and activities. The information we gather will be used to guide our curriculum and classroom over the next few months. Please keep in mind that academics are a small part of your child's learning at this point in their development. In our class we are working on so many more skills, including fine and gross motor, language, social/emotional, and self-help. A child who can take care of their own needs and verbally express themselves (especially when experiencing strong feelings) is going to have a much easier time in kindergarten, whether they know all their letters at the beginning of the school year or not.

If your child is scheduled to be here on Halloween, then they are welcome to bring in and/or wear a costume to school. We'll enjoy a special Halloween snack that day and engage in some Halloween themed games and activities throughout the morning. We don't call it a 'party' since it's just our normal day, but with a Halloween flair!

Here's to a great year full of fun, learning, and creating happy memories! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

