

## 2022/2023 Winter Newsletter



Welcome 2023!

I look forward to the new year with optimism, I mean, fewer breakdowns, stress free days, and less closure days. Okay, so I am a bit pessimistic!

I would like to thank you all for trusting us with your children. It's been a hard year for all of us and I appreciate the supportive community we have here at The Playschool. There is no place I'd rather be. This is my home and you are my family.

Cheers to a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Cami

### JANUARY

2nd New Year's Holiday CLOSED  
12th Winter Soccer Shots Begins  
16th MLK Day/Teacher In-Service CLOSED

### FEBRUARY

14th Valentine's Day  
20th Pres. Day/Teacher In-Service CLOSED

### MARCH

2nd Last Day of Winter Soccer Shots  
17th St. Patrick's Day  
31st Teacher In-Service CLOSED

### APRIL

7th Spring Egg Hunt





Register your 3-5 year old for the Winter session of Soccer Shots:  
[pdx.soccershots.com](http://pdx.soccershots.com)

**GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS ALL YEAR!**

WEBBY CLASSES HELD WEEKLY AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WEBBYDANCECOMPANY.COM](http://WEBBYDANCECOMPANY.COM)

[Register for Webby Dance](#)

[Register for Webby Gymnastics](#)



## \*\*\*\*\*WINTER\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*BIRTHDAYS\*\*\*\*\*

### JANUARY

8th Zora  
16th Isabelle  
19th Madison R.  
28th Madison B.

### FEBRUARY

1st Cora  
1st Logan  
16th Maddox  
19th Grant  
25th Olivia  
28th Easton  
28th Omar

### MARCH

12th Rowan  
14th John  
18th Sloan  
19th Teacher Jordan

## TODDLERS: TEACHER ANDY





This year has sure flown by and winter is here! Although the weather has changed, we still try to go outside every day (for at least a few minutes) to allow the kids to release all that extra energy! Please send in extra cold weather clothes that are labeled with your child's name for us keep in their cubby and use as needed. We will try to let you know via Procure when extra clothes are needed.

We continue to work on age appropriate social skills like being gentle with our friends, waiting for a turn, and listening / following directions. We will also continue to work on fine motor skills, gross motor skills, self-help skills, literacy, and math. Yes, literacy and

## **JR. PRESCHOOL: TEACHERS MARJAN & ALYSSA**

Math! They can be found everywhere from stories, patterns, play, and art. Counting, sorting, recreating patterns, and reading are some of the activities we use to introduce these concepts.

Throughout the year we change out the available activities and toys to reflect different interests and to ensure the kids are not getting restless. The room layout will change from time-to-time as we introduce different skills and add new centers.

-PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S PERSONAL ITEMS WITH THEIR NAME. This includes shoes, clothes, water bottles etc.

-Please make sure your child has cold weather clothing (warm coat, gloves, hat and boots).

-Please make sure that your child has a water bottle at school each day.

-Please make sure to pack healthy lunches that include fruits, veggies, protein, and grains.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send a message via Procure.

We hope you had a fantastic holiday break and have a great start to the New Year!







Jr. Preschool has been filled with laughter, music, and learning through play. Over the past few months the kids have been accomplishing so many new self-help skills and improving their manners. We have been learning a lot about germs, hand washing, keeping toys out of our mouths, and covering coughs or sneezes. They work hard putting on and taking off their boots and coats (with a little help) and have been practicing their social skills with their friends.

In small groups we do art and projects that allow us to learn about colors, explore our creativity, and develop our fine motor skills. Our favorite time of the day is turning up the radio to sing and dance and we love group time for silly songs and stories.

Potty training is going great! Be very proud of the progress they are making. Please bring lots of underwear and extra clothes to keep in your child's cubby and check Procure to see how they're doing and if they need anything restocked. They will have accidents and that's okay - it's the process of potty training. If they have accidents, the wet clothes will be bagged and sent home at the end of the day.

The next few months we will continue to work on self-help skills, potty training, and extra hand washing, all while we are having fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please find us during drop off or pick up or send us a message via Procure.

Have a wonderful New Year!

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## **PRESCHOOL: TEACHERS JORDAN & JACKIE**



The past few months have zipped by, but I guess time flies when you're having fun! And the preschool class has been having a wonderful time this holiday season. We've been busy creating works of art, strengthening our pencil grasp, using kind words with friends, and taking care of our belongings. It's never a dull moment in preschool class!

After the New Year, we will jump back into our regular classroom routine and continue working in our fine motor journals. Many of the children in our class have become interested in writing their names, so we will provide more opportunities for name tracing activities. We invite you to incorporate more fine motor activities at home too.

For us to efficiently plan and prepare for the day, we need to know who will be at school. We would greatly appreciate it if you could let us know (via the Procure app) if your child will be out or arriving at school later than 9:00am. We love having everyone here by 8:30/9:00am because they can participate in morning activities, such as art, journal time, and exploring the learning areas with their friends.

Thank you for sending your child to school well prepared for the crazy Oregon weather! We try to make it outside daily and having the appropriate outerwear is incredibly important. Everyone is becoming a pro at putting on their own rain suits and we love it!

We're looking forward to 2023 in the Preschool Class!

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



In the blink of an eye, we're at the end of 2022. The Pre-K kids have had fun learning about the many different holidays that are celebrated this time of year. They especially loved building with magnet tiles and bells, making your gifts, and searching for holiday words while doing write the room.

Kindergarten information will soon be available at the local schools:

- Lake Oswego School District: Check out [LOSD Kinder Info](#). Kinder Counts is Wed., Jan. 18th and that is also the day enrollment begins.
- Portland Public Schools: To join their mailing list go to [PPS Kinder Info](#) and click on the Kindergarten Interest Survey

Kindergarten readiness is a term that's very popular these days. Here at The Playschool we know that kids learn best through play, and that's what your kids have been doing in spades. Kindergarten readiness is about so much more than A B C's and 1 2 3's. Everyday in our class the kids are improving their social skills, working on their gross and fine motor abilities, and learning how to manage and express their emotions; all skills that are needed to succeed in school. As for academics, they learn those through play, too. They do activities, play games, and explore toys and materials that help them learn literacy skills (retell stories; letter recognition), phonological awareness (rhyming; letter sounds), and math concepts (shapes; number recognition). As the year progresses, we expose the kids to different activities, games, and toys/materials that either review their current knowledge and/or expand on it.

As of now, our rest time is about an hour long. After 30 minutes or so, kids who have been resting quietly, but haven't fallen asleep, are given the option to look at books or do some quiet activities on their mats. Please make sure your kids are getting enough sleep at night (11-13 hours for this age group). Sometime in late spring we will transition to no rest time for kids who are headed to kindergarten next fall.

Please continue sending your kids to school prepared for the weather! We try to go out everyday, so appropriate outdoorwear is important!

Thanks so much for all the holiday gifts - we felt spoiled and appreciated and loved! We hope everyone has had a merry holiday season!

We're looking forward to a great 2023 in Pre-K!