

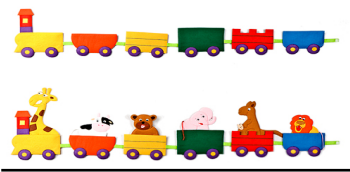
Dear Parents,

Welcome to September - a month of new beginnings! It is such an exciting month for us! For teachers and children, it's a month of new beginnings, new friends, new experiences, new skills, and new challenges. We look forward to the toddlers settling into our fun and exciting program!

This month your child will begin to explore the world of learning and will be developing many new and basic skills focusing on language, independence, social skills, and movement! Maria Montessori observed that children are always moving, always exploring with their hands, eyes, ears, all their senses! She concluded that the way to a child's brain is through his/her hands! (Montessori for Infants and Toddlers.)

Welcome to our New Families!

Welcome to our new and returning families! We are excited to have new friends Rennie Bauman, Luna Karstein, Gianna Luthra, and Reese Mayer joining us in September!



Toddler Graduates!

We say congratulations to Kiaansh Swaroop and Nora Trim who will be heading to the 3-5 program in September! All the best to you in your new program!

Going Green!

To save on paper, we will continue to implement e-newsletters for our families! Thank you for your email addresses!

September 2022

Newsletter

Juniper Early Learning Centre

Toddler Program



Reminders

Tuition fees are due on the 1st of every month. We accept cash, or a pre-authorized debit may be set-up by submitting a void cheque along with the September tuition fee cheque. Please take note if you are paying by cash that September's tuition is due on the first day of school Thursday, Sept. 1st. We will implement a late fee charge for payment submitted after Sept. 1st as stated in our Fee Schedule Agreement. Please bring larger cash payments directly to the office. Make up days will not be available for holidays and/or sick days. Please speak with the director if you would like to make other payment arrangements.

Important Dates

- Sept. 1st Thursday** - First day of 2022-2023 school year
- Sept. 5th Monday** –School closed for Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 21 Wednesday** - School Photo Day!
- September 22 Thursday** - Parent Orientation night for new families, 6 pm.
- Sept. 30th Friday** – School closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Oct. 10th Monday**- Thanksgiving Day- School closed
- November 11th Friday** - Remembrance Day - School closed
- December 23rd Friday**- Last day of school before Winter Break
- December 24-January 2nd** - School closed for Winter Break
- January 3rd Tuesday** - School reopens after Winter Break

Statutory Holiday

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday, September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Attendance

Please notify us by phone (250-374-9565) if for some reason your

child is unable to attend. Our toddler room is a busy place and at times the teachers may not be able to answer the phone - Please leave a message. Messages are checked at lunch and after school. If a return call is needed, the teachers will phone during lunch or after class hours. Thank you!

Arrival and Dismissal Times

Please note that arrival time is 7:30 and dismissal is 5:30. The toddlers typically combine with another program at 5:00 for the last half hour of care. Dismissal will take place either from the toddler room upstairs or from the 3-5 room downstairs. A note will be placed on the front entrance door for the pick up room if pick up is after 5:00. Please speak to a teacher if you have any questions. Please note that a late charge of \$5 per 5 minutes will be required if pick up is later than 5:30. Thank you!

School Photos

A photographer will be at the center on Wednesday, September 21st from 9:30-12:30. During the morning, individual and group photos will be taken of the children in the toddler program. Children who do not attend on Wednesdays may still participate. Parents may bring their child at the designated time and stay with them for their child's individual and group photos. Please check with a teacher for the time the toddler photos will be taken. Photo packages will be available at a later date for purchase. Please speak to a teacher if you have any questions about photo day!

Emergency Kit

We ask that parents provide an emergency evacuation bag that we will add to our evacuation bin. Please send in

a large ziplock bag containing a change of clothes, a water bottle (preferably a plastic filled one), a snack and a small comfort item from home (i.e. small toy, family photos etc.). We have a large tote that we will place these bags in, and we will be able to grab it in case we need to go quickly. Please ensure we have the most up-to-date email address and phone number for our emergency cards. Thank you!

Family Pictures

With the start of the new year, we are placing current pictures of the children and their family members in our classroom. Please send an updated family photo to add to our "Toddler Family Tree!" Thank you!

Parent Orientation Evening

There will be a short parent orientation evening on Thursday, September 22nd at 6 pm at the Centre. Come and join us for an evening to meet the teachers, connect with other families, and see a short video about the Montessori philosophy. We will also go through the parent handbook. Refreshments will be served.

Classmate/Parent Contact List

We will have a sign-up sheet for those parents who would like to be on, and receive, a contact list of toddler classmates/parents. Please let one of the teachers know if you would like to be on the contact list.

Fall Weather

Fall is just around the corner, however, we still enjoy warmth and sunshine and ask that we have a hat and sunscreen available for your child for those bright outside days. Please apply sunscreen on your child before arrival. Our outside time starts shortly after morning snack.

Thank you!

We look forward to a great start in September and to a great month of new friendships and new experiences!

Miss Lin and Miss Daniela!

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