



Hello Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023  
Preschool school year at  
Juniper Early Learning Center.

Parents are the first and  
most important educators; as  
teachers, we only aspire to  
accompany and guide your  
child's early years of learning.  
The beginning lesson will be  
to say goodbye to Mom and  
Dad, especially for those who  
are experiencing their first  
time away from home. New  
experiences await!!

The young minds are in  
need of organized and well  
prepared learning experiences,  
Montessori is a methodology  
that **helps the child to build  
their own knowledge and  
understanding**, instead of  
filling up their minds with  
memorization.

- **Instead of  
memorizing  
numbers**, we  
encourage  
understanding why  
they are so

important in human  
life. The preschool  
child's mind is very  
concrete and will  
probably understand  
the counting from 1  
to 10; this is  
something as natural  
as the amount of  
fingers on their  
hands.

- **Understanding  
prerequisites of math**  
as laterality, lengths,  
similarities and  
differences, sizes,  
recognizing bigger  
or smaller quantities;  
all in all, strengthens  
the foundations of  
mathematical  
thinking.
- Instead of  
mechanically  
learning to decode  
the writing system,  
they will **understand  
the value of reading  
and writing**, how  
this enhances life,  
and the different  
ways we can find  
writing pieces:  
letters, recipes,  
books, messages, and  
so on.

- Developing love for  
reading is life lasting  
and is one of the  
most important  
goals in preschool.
- Instead of providing  
your child with a lot  
of information about  
the natural and  
social world, **we  
encourage them to  
know more about  
their immediate  
natural world and  
how to take care of  
the environment**. As  
their minds grow,  
they start to  
understand better  
about remote places  
and their natural and  
social features. From  
the concrete to the  
abstract. First local,  
then global. **This  
month we will learn  
all about apples**, the  
apple life cycle,  
different kinds of  
apples, and how we  
can use them.
- Through Montessori  
Practical Life  
materials, your child  
will strengthen  
concentration, fine  
motricity

coordination, patience, memory (roots and essential elements of other learning skills). A lot of pouring, scooping, sifting, cleaning, putting things back where they belong, respecting other children's work.

- **Taking care of the classroom environment cooperatively and care of self**, ie: putting on/ taking off shoes, washing hands, returning belongings to their backpacks, etc. will be the goal of September, as well as asking for help, how to ask to play, how to say no, how to wait for my turn.
- Montessori classrooms have a significant amount of very well planned and organized materials that help the child to structure their cognition and thinking, **please don't be worried if**

**they don't bring home any product or paperwork.** An incredible process of learning and understanding is happening inside of their minds.



**Monday, September 5th-**

School Closed (Labor Day)

**Tuesday, September 6th-9th**

Gradual entry for all students

**\*\*Please see the document for gradual entry previously sent.\*\***

**Thursday, September 22nd-**

Parent Orientation Night

6:00-7:00pm.

**Friday, September 30th:**

School Closed (National Day of Truth & Reconciliation)

**Monday, October 10th**

School closed (Thanksgiving)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Siofra turns 4 on Sept. 19th**

**Zane D turns 4 on Sept. 25th**

**Miss Heather Sept. 27th**

**Family Tree**

Please send a family photo to school to hang on our family tree! This is a nice way to ease the transition into our classroom!

**Reminders**

-Upon arrival at school, please read the communication board outside the classroom, it will outline what some of the activities we will be doing that day.

-If your child has anything to take home (art, scholastic order form, fundraisers,etc.) , it will be found in their art file.

-Please ensure that your child has proper attire for the weather as we do go outside each day.

-Please send spare clothes (shirt,pants,underwear) in their backpack each day, and please label everything.

-Our classroom is **TREE NUT FREE & HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE FREE** due to some allergies of children attending.

### **Parking Reminder**

We have 10 parking spots that will be labeled “RESERVED JELC” in our parking lot. Please use these spots when dropping your children off and picking up. Please DO NOT park in front of the store or other buildings. We understand that in preschool there are more than 10 families dropping off/picking up at the same time, please use the cul-de-sac if there are not available parking spots.

### **Class Photos**

We will be having class photos and individual photos taken on September 21st from 9:30 to 12:30. Each child will receive a class photo and individual photos and packages will be available for purchase.

*\*If your child does not attend on this day, you are welcome to bring them just for the class photo and individual photo on this day, we will do those whose parents are waiting first\**

### **Donations Welcome**

In order to assist us with upcoming and on-going projects, you may (if you wish) *donate coffee beans, soap for grating, rinsed and dried egg-shells for crushing to make fertilizer for gardens.* Perhaps you can think of

other materials that would afford us creative learning experiences. If so, please send instructions for their use.

### **Parent Contact List**

Would you like to receive a list of phone numbers of your child’s classmates for play dates etc.? If so, please be sure to write down your own contact information on the form posted outside the classroom.

**This will be posted until the end of September.** After this date, only those parents who have signed up on the list will get a copy of the phone number/contact sheet. Due to licensing regulations, we are unable to provide this list after September.

### **Mable’s Labels Fundraiser**

Throughout the year, we hold various different fundraisers to help us purchase new activities and materials for our classrooms. We will be participating in a year-long Mable’s Labels Fundraiser!

Mabel’s Labels is a Canadian based company that provides useful and durable labels for household needs, including

daycare items. It’s so easy to purchase, just head over to Mabel’s Label website and then click “support a fundraiser”. From there, search “Juniper Early Learning Center” and that’s it! Feel free to share with your family and friends!

### **Show and Share**

We will begin ‘show and share’ the first week of October.

To make Show and Share a **meaningful experience** we encourage the children to choose one special thing to bring in. For example: **a photo, one of their collections, a special memento from a trip** etc. We ask that you **do not send your child with a toy (action figure, doll, stuffed animal, lego)** as we will reserve these special items for our “Self care” days. Show and Share is a really great way to allow children to develop their public speaking skills and self-confidence. It also allows them to think up questions and learn how to respectfully listen to one another.

Miss Margarita and Miss Heather

