

Family Newsletter

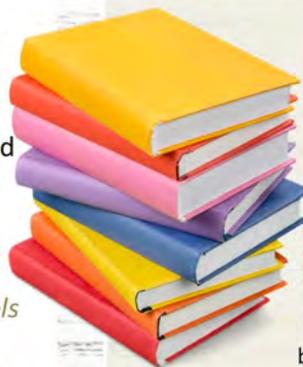
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EVERY FALL WE LOOK FORWARD TO the excitement of new routines and back to school events. This year, however, is very different and many schools have adopted remote or hybrid learning schedules. This has left many parents struggling to figure out how to be both a full-time worker AND a full-time teacher to school-aged children that are learning virtually from home. We understand the need and we have shifted our classroom offerings to add flexible school-age options for the fall. This program will provide an academic ambiance, supervision, internet connectivity, snacks and meals, light tutoring, and most importantly, the opportunity to connect socially with other kids. The American Academy of Pediatrics has stated that among other benefits of school, *“Schools provide more than just academics to children and adolescents. In addition to reading, writing and math, students learn social and emotional skills...that cannot be provided with online learning.”* Let us help you this fall. Talk to the Center Director for more information about our school-age program.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!



SEPTEMBER BOOK LIST



Rex Wrecks It
by Ben Clanton

The Kissing Hand
by Audrey Penn

My Name is Yoon
by Helen Recorvits

First Day Jitters
by Julie Danneberg

Dad's First Day
by Mike Wohnoutka

Maisy Goes to School
by Lucy Cousins

Pete the Cat: The Wheels on the Bus
by James Dean

The Night Before Preschool
by Natasha Wing

Did you know? DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

SELF-DRESSING

Around 18 months you will notice your child beginning to take clothes off. It will not be until they are closer to 3 years old that they will be putting clothes on themselves. Self-dressing requires many skills – gross motor skills to move your arms and legs where they need to go, fine motor skills to manipulate buttons and zippers and cognitive skills about the order to put clothes on. Help your child by allowing them to experiment with getting dressed themselves. It may take longer, and they may put something on backwards, but they will learn by doing it themselves.

Curriculum Corner

Welcome back! This year is a particularly unique year with schools around the country starting virtually, a hybrid model and back in school fulltime but with new protocols for safety. Be patient with your school aged children as they begin to navigate this new experience. Remember that this is new to everyone and we are all figuring it out together. Being patient and supportive will help them quickly establish their new routine. Set aside time during the day to talk about your child's day and to have some screen-free fun!

THANK YOU

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE? We'd like to take a moment to recognize our **everyday heroes**, our **essential workers**, our **childcare center teachers!** Since the pandemic began, our teachers have been adapting, learning and, dare we say, CLEANING non-stop – all while trying to cope with their own personal challenges related to COVID-19. So, if you have a minute today, please drop your teacher a note and let them know that we see them, and they are essential!

THANK YOU.

because we care...

I WEAR A MASK FOR YOU 



 YOU WEAR A MASK FOR ME



School Age Program

Please remember to provide the following items to ensure your child will have a positive online learning experience at our center:

- Device to access online learning (*labeled and charged*)
- Logins and passwords for learning platforms
- Headphones with microphone
- Chargers for all devices being provided
- Schedule for online learning (*provided by your school district*)
- Any school supplies and textbooks you child will need throughout the day.

