

Wee Care Early Learning Center

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SCHOOL CLOSURE: Monday, September 5th ~ Labor Day

Dear Parents,

Our Wee Care Preschoolers have been having an awesome summer! We made pop rockets, conducted candy firework experiments, had popsicle treats, show & tell, built sandcastles, and so much more.

Please check the Parent Board in your child's classroom for more information on what's planned for the weeks to come. We are looking forward to another month of fun-filled activities that will keep everyone busy and happy!

Summer will end all too soon and our official new "school year" will start the day after Labor Day with our regular curriculum.

~Diane Martine



Please keep your child home if they are experiencing fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash of unknown origin.

Children should be symptom free for at least 24 hours without medication and have a negative COVID test result (home tests are fine) prior to returning to school.

Thank you!



August Birthdays

**Max C. – Zeus N. – Oliver R. – Hana S. – Kaivon S. – Carter Y. – Adeline M.
Savannah A. – Savannah S. – Ms. Grace**

Why We Play

As an ongoing effort to be sensitive to the needs, concerns, and expectations of parents, I would like to provide you with in-depth information regarding curriculum and programming at Wee Care Preschool.

Many of you see a preschool program that is vastly different than the one you may have attended as a child. Many of you see a preschool where it seems all we do all day is play. Read on, and discover there is a lot more to a day at preschool than meets the eye!

What follows is a discussion of current theory and research and then a brief (certainly not complete) outline of daily preschool activities and how they meet academic objectives.

Unlike older children, preschool age children are unable to learn through abstract or passive methods. Young children learn best by direct hands-on experience. The need to actively explore and manipulate materials and toys; discovering answers, properties, relationships, skills and concepts for themselves. Classroom experience needs to be concretely relevant to a child's personal knowledge and maturation level. Often this is referred to as age appropriate or developmentally appropriate curriculum, an approach that meets educational goals based on research on how young children learn best. Some researchers and policy makers tell us, " Play is the work of childhood". It is a child's very personal way of interacting with their world and learning to master the possibilities in it. The Wee Care curriculum is much more than meets the eye; it's the very serious endeavor of starting a life-long path of learning, and having a little fun along the way!

IT LOOKS LIKE PLAY

IT MEETS AN ACADEMIC GOAL

block building	<u>Mathematical goals</u> spatial concepts, problem solving, balance and weights, cooperation
stringing beads	<u>Mathematical goals</u> correspondence counting, patterns, sequencing <u>Literacy goals</u> visual motor coordination, left to right concepts
finger plays & rhymes	<u>Literacy goals</u> auditory discrimination, phonetic skills, auditory memory ,concept comprehension, visual motor coordination, vocabulary development
concentration game	<u>Literacy goals</u> visual discrimination, symbolic decoding, visual memory, concept development <u>Mathematical goals</u> matching and classification
drawing & painting	<u>Literacy goals</u> symbolic representation, visual memory, visual motor coordination, creative expression

I hope these materials have helped you to understand the amount of care and consideration that goes into to planning a quality and worthwhile preschool experience for your child.

Summer Fun August Calendar 2022

<p>Disney</p>  <p>Mania</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>Disney Inspired Food * see menu for details</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Make your own Mickey ears</p> 	<p>3</p>  <p>Poison Apple Experiment</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Dance Party Sing-A-Long</p> 	<p>5</p>  <p>Dress up Day! Costume or Favorite Disney Shirt</p>
<p>Outer</p>  <p>Space</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Alien Headband</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Show & Tell Bring in a book, toy, or something special for Outer Space</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Themed Lunch & Snacks (See Menu for Details)</p> 	<p>11</p>  <p>Straw Rockets</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY!</p>
<p>Circus</p>  <p>Time</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Face Painting</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Fun Foods</p>  <p>Corn Dog Lunch & Pirates Booty</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Make An Animal Mask</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cotton Candy Slime</p> 	<p>19</p>  <p>Games</p>
	<p>22</p> <p>Hula Dancing</p> 	<p>23</p>  <p>Dress In Your Aloha Gear</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Hawaiian Inspired Lunch</p> 	<p>25</p>  <p>Make Your Own Lei</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Volcano Experiment</p> 
<p>Wacky</p>  <p>Week</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>  <p>Crazy Hair Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bounce House</p> 	<p>Sept 1</p>  <p>Popsicle Treat</p>	<p>Sept 2</p> <p>Pajama Day</p> 