

August Newsletter

A Note from Our Principal

Thank you all for participating in our Kids Helping Communities initiative this summer! We are grateful for the opportunity to watch our students serve others these past few weeks. We are proud to announce that we raised \$150 to support Alex's Lemonade Stand. Thank you for your generous donations! There are still a few weeks left of summer and many fun events are still planned. We're looking forward to soaking up these moments with our students!

Sincerely,

Alyssa

Open House & Family Referral Bonus Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? Invite them to our Open House on **August 3**. When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

Don't Miss Out on Re-Enrolling for September!

For those who have not yet registered, we urge you to complete the re-enrollment process as soon as possible to guarantee your child's spot. Please let us know if you have any questions or need a copy of the Letter of Intent form. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and fun together!

Splash Days

Water play days continue this month! As a reminder, children should come to school in their swimsuit and with a towel and a change of dry clothes. Apply sunscreen to your child before you drop them off. Splash days end the week of August 19th.

Important Dates (Header 2)

August 3 – Open House – Share the news!

August 30 – End-of-month folders go home

September 3 – First day of school

The Hallmarks of Links to Learning

At the heart of our Links to Learning curriculum lie five hallmarks: Social-Emotional Learning, Center-Based Learning, Literacy-Based Curriculum, Personalized Learning, and Family Communication. These key features help us foster an environment where students can explore, discover, and thrive. Let's take a closer look at each hallmark – what they are and how you'll see them in our classrooms!



Social-Emotional Learning

From learning to share and taking turns to making friends and managing emotions, social-emotional skills are integrated into everything we do. Every activity in our classrooms is designed to help students build confidence and independence needed for a lifetime of learning. Our days begin with students taking turns participating in Circle Time, recognizing how they feel that day, and learning about emotions. We sing songs and read books about emotions, encourage collaboration among peers, and create an inclusive environment where individuality is celebrated. Our teachers are positive role models for their students and are there to help when emotions rise and celebrate when kindness conquers.

Center-Based Learning

Centers are defined areas of our classroom that allow for hands-on play-based learning in small groups and help children make connections between abstract concepts and real-world experiences. Centers help build problem-solving, communication, and self-regulation skills, and are continuously changing, keeping student interest alive. For example, you may find our construction center filled with various building materials and pig figurines when students are reading *The Three Little Pigs*! By providing children with the opportunity to explore new materials with a small group of classmates every day, we are igniting their imagination, sparking new interests, and helping them develop social skills.

Literacy-Based Curriculum

Our teachers build learning experiences centered around captivating books and provide students with constant access to printed text. Students forge meaningful connections between words and illustrations and ask questions sparked by their natural curiosity. Teachers label classroom materials with photographs and words, facilitating familiarity and promoting independence. Many of the activities in the centers that students visit are related to the books they are reading, further helping to bring literature and ideas to life. Additionally, you'll find nature books in the science center, books with famous artworks near the easel, counting books in the math center, and more throughout our classrooms!

Personalized Learning

Teachers employ a wide range of strategies to ensure that every student's educational journey is uniquely tailored to their needs and we are offering the best preschool curriculum. Through small group interactions, they fine-tune lessons to match each student's pace of growth and development. They keep an ongoing checklist of milestones their students have reached so they know where each student may need assistance or be challenged further. We cultivate an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, welcome, and empowered.

Family Communication

Our teachers and school leaders strive to make communication as seamless as possible, giving you one less thing to worry about. You'll find our teachers greeting you and your child with a smile each day and offering information on how their day went at pick-up. Utilizing our communication app, Links 2 Home, we send photos and information on meals, sleep, diaper changes/potty times, and more. You'll receive a complete daily report after pick-up each day. Monthly folders with samples of your child's work are sent home at the end of each month so you are in the know about your child's progress. Conferences are offered throughout the year, but we are happy to schedule times to listen and learn ways that we can best serve you and your family anytime.

To view our Hallmarks in action, visit our [Links to Learning Youtube Channel!](#)