



Newsletter

September 2025

We are pleased to welcome everyone back as the academic year commences. September marks a traditional period of new beginnings, and we encourage you to engage with our monthly newsletter, which serves as an important tool for strengthening the partnership between home and school. The children have shown commendable independence in separating from their parents and in establishing constructive relationships with both teachers and peers. While some children may experience difficulty during arrivals or transitions, all students are actively participating in classroom activities, engaging in both indoor and outdoor learning environments, and becoming accustomed to the daily schedule and routines.



Curriculum Overview

September marks the beginning of the fourth week of the school year. This month, the curriculum will introduce the “All About Me” theme to support each child's self-awareness. Students will engage in activities designed to help them explore and reflect on their individuality, families, and pets. Teachers will deliver developmentally appropriate programs that encourage students to learn about themselves and share their interests and abilities with classmates. This unit aims to cultivate a positive classroom setting that values acceptance and celebrates diversity among all learners. In addition, instruction will cover letters Aa, Tt, Ii, and numbers 1-5. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your children as they continue to develop social-emotional, language, physical, and cognitive skills.

Back to School Night

Please join us for back-to-school night in your child's classroom on **Wednesday, September 24th, at 5:30 pm.** This event is for adults only, no children.

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 30th**. Sandbox Photographers will conduct outdoor photography sessions for the children, weather permitting, and will communicate directly with families regarding the details. Final images will be available for viewing in a secure, password-protected online gallery approximately three weeks following Picture Day. Children who do not typically attend on Tuesday mornings may still participate; please contact Ms. Kim to arrange a specific time for their photograph. We are seeking two or three parent volunteers to assist that morning, primarily to help ensure that children's appearances are neat and clean for their photographs. If you prefer that your child not be photographed, kindly inform us by September 10th.

Room Parent Program

We extend our sincere appreciation to all Room Parent volunteers from this past year. The Room Parent Program was established to encourage at least two to three parents per classroom to collaborate with the Dayspring administration team in organizing special activities and events. After these activities and events are planned and scheduled, room parents act as liaisons between the classroom families and the school, coordinating volunteering opportunities, collecting donations, and providing additional support as needed for students and teachers. We welcome new ideas, questions, suggestions, or concerns at any time. If you'd like to volunteer for your child's classroom please contact Ms. Maria.

Signing in and out

California's Department of Social Services and Community Care Licensing Division holds childcare centers to stringent standards. One of these is the requirement that every child is signed in upon arrival and signed out when leaving, by a parent or authorized individual. This procedure is not merely bureaucratic; it is legally necessary for centers to retain their license and continue functioning. Failure to comply can result in citations, penalties, or even revocation of a center's operating license.

Signing in and out guarantees that childcare providers know exactly who is present at any given time. In emergencies such as fire drills, evacuations, or lockdowns, accurate attendance records are critical. These documents ensure each child is accounted for and can be quickly located. Likewise, sign-in/out procedures assure that children are only released to authorized individuals, preventing unauthorized pick-ups and enhancing child safety. Consistent compliance with sign-in/out procedures ensures a nurturing and secure environment where children can thrive.

Brightwheel

We utilize the Brightwheel app to communicate messages, share photos, and provide updates. Should you encounter issues receiving notifications, it may be necessary to uninstall and reinstall the app or adjust your notification settings. [Detailed instructions are available here.](#) If grandparents, babysitters, aunts, uncles, or other authorized

individuals are responsible for drop-off or pick-up and do not have access to a Brightwheel code, the paper sign-in/out process at the front desk remains available. Please ensure that each child is signed in and out daily during attendance. Reminders will be sent if this process is not completed.

Arrival and Departure Times

Each child is enrolled according to the schedule selected in your contract. Please ensure that drop-off and pick-up times adhere to these agreed-upon hours, as early arrivals or late departures can impact staffing ratios and teachers' planning and break periods. For families on the School Day schedule (8:30am–3:30pm), we kindly ask that children are not dropped off before 8:30am. If you require drop-off between 8:00am and 8:30am or pick up between 5 and 5:30pm, please consult with Ms. Kim or Ms. Maria to discuss available options. Should you need occasional additional hours, these will be billed at our hourly rate of \$23 per hour. Kindly notify Ms. Kim at least one day in advance if extra time is required.

Parent Directory

We will publish our annual Parent Directory on September 10th. If you wish to opt out of the directory, please let Ms. Kim or Ms. Maria know by September 5th. We will publish only names and email addresses as listed in Brightwheel, so please update Brightwheel if we have any missing information there.

Health and Safety

- Our parking lot can be busy, especially at drop off and pick up times. Please **hold your child's hand** as you walk from your car to the school. Drive slowly and watch for cars driving through to the medical center.
- We will play in the Great Hall when outside temps are over 85°F.
- Please remember to receive acknowledgement from the teacher when dropping off or picking up, so every child is accounted for at the beginning of the day or dismissed during departure time.

Teacher Birthdays

We are celebrating Ms. Alma on September 2nd and Ms. Rica on September 3rd!

Upcoming Dates

September 1	Labor Day- Dayspring Closed
September 24	Back to School Night- All Rooms at 5:30pm
September 30	Picture Day

October 3	Staff Development Day- Dayspring Closed
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Snack Menu September 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	1	2	3	4	5
	CLOSED Labor Day Holiday	Apples Goldfish Crackers Water	Toast Fruit Spread Milk	Saltine Crackers Oranges Milk	Graham Crackers Watermelon Milk
Week 2	8	9	10	11	12
	Cheez-It Crackers Cucumbers Water	Pita Bread Hummus Water	Greek Yogurt Bananas Milk	Pancakes Apple Sauce Milk	Pasta Baby Carrots Ranch Dip Water
Week 3	15	16	17	18	19
	Tortilla Chips Guacamole Water	Cheerios Raisins Milk	String Cheese Oranges Water	Club Crackers Apples Water	Chex Mix Bananas Milk
Week 4	22	23	24	25	26
	Pretzels Cranberries Water	Vanilla Wafers Apples Milk	Raisin Bread Cantaloupe Milk	Pita Bread Hummus Water	Wheat Thins Oranges Water
Week 5	29	30			
	Cheerios Raisins Milk	Waffles Apple Sauce Milk			

We serve fresh fruits and vegetables whenever possible.

Substitutions may occur based on availability.
We serve milk at lunchtime. Children bring their own lunches from home.