

SEPTEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to September! As we begin the fourth week of our school year, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to continue getting to know each child individually and supporting them in building a comfortable, confident, and meaningful connection within our classroom community. This month, our curriculum centers on the engaging theme "All About Me," which offers children expansive, hands-on opportunities to explore their unique identity, share special stories about their families, friends, bodies, pets, and favorite foods, and celebrate the wonderfully distinct qualities that make every student special. Through a variety of carefully designed, developmentally appropriate activities, students will foster self-awareness and self-expression while strengthening key social-emotional, language, physical, and cognitive skills. Our dedicated teachers will actively guide children to express their personal interests and talents, practice active listening with peers, and engage in shared experiences that build empathy, kindness, inclusion, and deep respect for diversity. Additionally, our core September instructional focus will introduce the letter sounds and formations for Tt, Ii, and Pp, alongside foundational mathematical concepts exploring numbers 3 through 6.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust as we nurture your child's intellectual curiosity, emotional growth, and lifelong enthusiasm for learning. We eagerly look forward to an enriching month filled with inspiring discoveries, new friendships, and strong community connections!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

We invite all parents and guardians to join us for Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m. in your child's classroom. This evening is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your child's classroom routines, curriculum, and upcoming school year. Please note that this event is for adults only; we kindly ask that children not attend.

ROOM PARENTS

We want to share our heartfelt gratitude with the dedicated Room Parent volunteers who served this past year. Our Room Parent Committee performs a vital service by coordinating classroom initiatives and fostering a vibrant partnership between our families, faculty, and the Dayspring leadership team.

As a Room Parent, you act as a primary bridge between classroom families and the preschool. These volunteers help facilitate communication regarding special events and school-wide activities, including the organization of contributions and volunteer support for various classroom projects through digital correspondence.

To ensure robust support for every student, our objective is to appoint two or three representatives for each room. The committee gathers bimonthly for brief sessions that usually conclude within thirty minutes. Our community thrives on your innovative perspectives and collaborative feedback. If you are interested in contributing your time as a Room Parent for the upcoming term, please reach out to Ms. Stacey or Ms. Maria.

BRIGHTWHEEL

The California Department of Social Services, through the Community Care Licensing Division, mandates rigorous operational standards for all childcare providers. A primary requirement is that an authorized adult must officially sign every student in and out daily. This process is essential for maintaining our licensing and legal standing; consistent adherence ensures we avoid potential citations or administrative penalties that could impact our school's ability to serve our families.

Maintaining precise attendance records allows our school to verify exactly which children are in our care at all times. During emergency situations — including fire drills or campus lockdowns — these logs are indispensable for accounting for every student and ensuring their safety. Furthermore, this procedure guarantees that children are only dismissed to those on your approved list, providing an extra layer of security. We appreciate your partnership in following these vital protocols to help us maintain a safe and nurturing environment for all.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES

Every student is enrolled based on the specific schedule designated in your family contract. We kindly request that arrival and departure times strictly align with these established hours, as early arrivals or extended stays can significantly affect our required staffing ratios and essential teacher planning time. For those families participating in our School Day program (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), please ensure children do not arrive before 8:30 a.m. If your family requires morning care between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or afternoon support from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., please connect with Ms. Stacey or Ms. Maria to explore current openings. For occasional care needs beyond your contracted hours, services will be invoiced at our standard rate of \$23 per hour; please provide at least twenty-four hours' notice to Ms. Stacey when requesting additional time.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- The preschool parking lot experiences significant congestion, particularly during peak transition hours. To ensure the safety of our students, we kindly suggest that parents securely hold your child's hand while navigating from your vehicle to the entrance. We ask that you exercise extreme caution, maintain a slow speed, and remain vigilant for traffic moving toward the adjacent medical facility.
- In the event that outdoor temperatures exceed 85°F, students will transition their physical activities to the climate-controlled Great Hall to ensure their continued comfort and well-being.
- To maintain our high standards of student accountability, please ensure you receive a formal acknowledgement from a Dayspring member during arrival and departure. This practice guarantees every child is safely recorded at the start of the day and officially released during dismissal.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month, we are delighted to honor two wonderful members of our Dayspring staff! Please join our community in extending warmest birthday wishes to Ms. Alma on September 2 and to Ms. Rica on September 3. We remain deeply appreciative of the heartfelt dedication, compassion, and exceptional care they provide to our students every day. Happy birthday, Ms. Alma and Ms. Rica!

MS. AZI'S NEXT CHAPTER

As Ms. Azi concluded her full-time role at Dayspring Preschool on Monday, August 31st, our entire community joined together in celebrating her remarkable dedication. A cherished foundation of our school, she has touched the lives of countless children and families through her tireless commitment, professional excellence, and warmth.

Ms. Azi is embarking on an exciting new path within the SRUSD, where she will focus her talents on empowering students with special needs. Though we will deeply miss seeing her every day, we are thrilled to announce that she will continue supporting Dayspring Preschool as a member of our substitute team.

Throughout her years with us, Ms. Azi fostered meaningful relationships and played a pivotal role in championing every milestone in her students' development. Please express your appreciation for her many meaningful contributions and help us wish her abundant success in this next professional chapter!

UPCOMING DATES

September 7th	Labor Day - Closed
September 23rd	Back to School Night @ 5:30pm
October 2nd	Staff Development Day - Closed
October 15th	Picture Day
October 23rd	Halloween Trunk or Treat

SNACK MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
week 1		1	2	3	4
		Apples Goldfish Water	Toast Fruit Spread Milk	Saltines Oranges Milk	Graham Crackers Watermelon Milk
week 2	7	8	9	10	11
	CLOSED Labor Day	Pita Bread Hummus Water	Greek Yogurt Bananas Milk	Pancakes Applesauce Milk	Pasta Carrots w/ranch Water
week 3	14	15	16	17	18
	Tortilla Chips Guacamole Water	Cheerios Raisins Milk	String Cheese Oranges Water	Club Crackers Apples Water	Chex Mix Bananas Milk
week 4	21	22	23	24	25
	Pretzels Craisins Water	Nilla Wafers Apples Milk	Raisin Bread Cantaloupe Milk	Pita Bread Hummus Water	Wheat Thins Oranges Water
week 5	28	29	30		
	Cheerios Raisins Milk	Waffles Applesauce Milk	Cheez-Its Cucumbers Water		

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.