



Newsletter

September 2023

Time sure flies! Welcome to the second month of the 2023-2024 school year. We are off to a smooth start. Your children have done a great job separating from you and starting to build relationships with teachers and classmates. Although there is still some crying at arrival time or transitions, all of the children are eager to explore their classrooms, playing in the learning areas, outside, and internalizing and adapting to their classroom schedule and daily routines. The theme for September is "All About Me." They will have an opportunity to explore what makes each of them unique and special. During this month they will learn and share about their bodies, families, pets, and favorite foods.



Curriculum Overview

September is here to start off the fifth week of the school year. During this month we will present the "All About Me" theme to foster each child's sense of self. The teachers will plan and implement developmentally appropriate activities that will encourage children to learn more about themselves and share their interests and abilities with their peers. The objective of this unit is to create a positive classroom environment that nurtures acceptance and celebration of everything that makes all children unique and special. Additionally, they will be introduced to the letters Pp, Tt, and Oo, and numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are honored to spend our days with your children so they can continue to learn and develop their social-emotional, language, physical and cognitive skills!

Arrival and Departure Times

Each child is enrolled for the schedule you selected on your contract. Please make sure you are dropping off or picking up based on those hours. When a child drops off too early or picks up late, it affects ratio, teacher's planning times and breaks. Therefore, we are requesting that if your child is enrolled for the School Day schedule (8:30- 3:30), make sure you are not dropping earlier than 8:30. However, if you need to drop off between 8:00-8:30 please talk to Ms. Kim or Ms Maria to discuss an option.

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.

Parent Directory

We will publish our annual Parent Directory on September 8th. If you wish to opt out of the directory, please let Kim or Maria know by September 6th. We will publish only names and email addresses as listed in Brightwheel, so please update Brightwheel if we have any missing information there.

Room Parent Program

We are looking for volunteers for the Room Parent Program for each classroom. Duties include coordinating parent volunteers to help and coordinate events like the Scholastic Book Fair, concerts, special activities in the classroom, and helping to build a community within the preschool. You could volunteer for the Fall term (September to December) or the Spring term (January to May). Please contact Ms Kim or Ms Maria if you are interested.

Back to School Night

Please join us for your child's back to school night. The event will take place in your child's classroom. These events are for adults only

- **Rooms 1 & 2: Wednesday, September 13, at 6 pm**
- **Rooms 3 & 4: Thursday, September 14, at 6 pm**

Picture Day

Picture Day is September 28th. Sandbox Photographers will come to take photographs of the children outside in the yard if permitted by the weather. They will communicate with you directly to show you proofs and give you links to order photographs. If you do not want your child photographed please let us know by September 8. Closer to the day we will give more details on what to do if your child does not attend on a Thursday.

Brightwheel

We are using the Brightwheel app to send messages, photos, and updates. If you are not receiving these you may need to uninstall and reinstall the app or allow notifications in your settings. [Here are more detailed instructions](#). Please also remember to use Brightwheel to sign your children in and out. If you have grandparents/babysitters/aunts/uncles etc. dropping off or picking up and don't wish to give them a Brightwheel code, they can use the paper sign in/out at the front desk. Every child must be signed in and out every day they are in attendance. **It is a Licensing requirement that all children are signed in and out by the parent/assigned representative.**

Power Outage

Power outages seem to be happening more frequently than we would like. On August 14 we experienced a power outage, and when we contacted CDSS (Licensing) we learned that we have to close the center due lack of lighting in the classrooms. No lighting in the classroom becomes a potential safety hazard for the children. Therefore we are in the process of purchasing automatic/battery operated lights, so in case of a power outage we can still have enough lighting in the classrooms to remain open. Yet, during hot or cold months we will need a heating and cooling system in order to maintain the required temperatures in the classrooms, so if the power does not come back soon enough to preserve the temperature we will contact you to pick up your child ASAP.

Medical Center Parking Lot Paving Improvements

The Victorian Medical Center next to us will be having paving improvements Here is the schedule of work:

- Tuesday September 5, the area behind buildings 901 and 903 will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians for pavement repairs. You can park anywhere else at the property, except the Danville Pharmacy and the Sutter Palo Alto Health reserved spaces.

- Thursday September 7, and Friday September 8, most of the large parking lot at Sutter Palo Alto Health will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians for sealcoating and striping. A small section including ADA spaces will remain open.

A Big Thank You!

- To Miran for the coffee
- To the Board of Directors for teacher's treats
- To Friends of Dayspring for the teacher's luncheon
- To the Muhammad family for donating a cake for teachers
- To the Li family for the cookies

Upcoming Dates

September 4	Labor Day- Dayspring Closed
September 13	Back to School Night- Room 1 and 2
September 14	Back to School Night- Room 3 and 4
September 28	Picture Day
October 2-6	Scholastic Book Fair
October 13	Teacher Workday- Dayspring Closed
October 16-20	Teacher- Parent Conferences- Dayspring closes at 3:00 pm

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Snack Menu September 2023

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1
					Cheerios Raisins Milk
Week 2	4	5	6	7	8
	CLOSED Labor Day Holiday	Oranges Graham Crackers	Waffles Apple Sauce	Pears String cheese	Animal Crackers Milk
Week 3	11	12	13	14	15
	Saltine Crackers Oranges	Trail Mix Raisins Milk	Ritz Crackers Bananas	Pancakes Apple Sauce	Tortilla Chips Bean Dip Or Guacamole
Week 4	18	19	20	21	22
	Wheat Thins Baby Carrots Ranch Dip	Toast Fruit Spread Milk	Cheerios Raisins Milk	Goldfish Crackers Apple Wedges	Trail Mix Milk
Week 5	25	26	27	28	29
	Pretzels Cucumbers Ranch Dip	Pears Trail Mix	Cheerios Bananas Milk	Pita Bread Hummus	Cheerios Raisins Milk

We serve fresh fruits and vegetables whenever possible.
 Substitutions may occur based on availability.
 We serve milk for lunch and water for AM & PM snacks.
 Children bring their own lunches from home.