



Newsletter September 2024

It's great to be back and feel the classroom excitement as the children head into another great year! September is traditionally a month of beginnings, and we would like to begin by inviting you all to read the monthly newsletter that allows us to progress as we start to build the connection between the home and school. Your children have done a great job separating from you and starting to build strong relationships with teachers and classmates. Although there is still some crying at arrival time or transitions, all of the children are eagerly exploring their classrooms, playing in the learning areas and outside, and internalizing and adapting to their classroom schedule and daily routines.



Curriculum Overview

September is here to start off the fourth week of the school year. During this month we will present the "All About Me" theme to foster each child's sense of self. They will have an opportunity to explore what makes each of them unique and special. 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 Mm, Tt and Pp, and numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5. 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!

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 17th. [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. You can look forward to seeing the final images in your own password protected online gallery approximately 3 weeks after Picture Day. If your child does not usually attend on Tuesday mornings they can still come to have their photo taken. Please talk to Ms. Kim to schedule a time. We are looking for 2 or 3 parent volunteers for that morning. Mainly, you will help keep noses and faces clean, and help ensure that hair and clothes look neat and tidy. If you do not want your child photographed please let us know by September 6.

Back to School Night

Please join us for back to school night in your child's classroom on **Wednesday, September 25th, at 5:30 pm.** This event is for adults only, no children.

Room Parent Program

A big thank you to all of our Room Parent volunteers! The room parent program was developed to encourage a minimum of two to three parents for each classroom to work in collaboration with the Dayspring administration team to plan special activities and events. Once the activities and events are planned, the room parents serve as a liaison with the rest of the families in your child's classroom to coordinate any volunteering, donations, and additional support that the children and teachers might need. We are always open to any new ideas, questions, suggestions, or concerns.

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 8:30am. If you need to drop off between 8:00-8:30 please talk to Ms. Kim or Ms. Maria to discuss an option. If you need occasional extra hours, we can charge you our hourly rate of \$22/hour. Please let Ms. Kim know at least a day in advance.

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 9th. If you wish to opt out of the directory, please let Ms. Kim or Ms. 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.

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.](#) 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. We are sending reminders when you forget. **It is a licensing requirement that all children are signed in and out by the parent/assigned representative.**

Welcome Dayspring Babies

Congratulations to big brother Kai and the Walker family on the birth of baby Paloma.

Congratulations to big sister Elle and the Burton family on the birth of baby June.

Congratulations to big brother Kaden and the Newby family on the birth of baby Chase.

Upcoming Dates

September 2	Labor Day- Dayspring Closed
September 17	Picture Day
September 25	Back to School Night- All Rooms at 5:30pm



Snack Menu September 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1
Week 1	2	3	4	5	6
	CLOSED Labor Day Holiday	Apples Animal Crackers Water	Waffles Apple Sauce Milk	Fruit Snacks Ritz Crackers Milk	Graham Crackers Milk
Week 2	9	10	11	12	13
	Club Crackers Oranges Water	Cheerios Raisins Milk	Ritz Crackers Bananas Milk	Pancakes Apple Sauce Milk	Pasta Baby Carrots Ranch Dip Water
Week 3	16	17	18	19	20
	Tortilla Chips Guacamole Water	Toast Fruit Spread Milk	Cheerios Raisins Milk	Cheez-It Crackers Apples Water	Chex Mix Milk
Week 4	23	24	25	26	27
	Pretzels Cucumbers Ranch Dip Water	Mango Crackers Milk	Yogurt Bananas Milk	Pita Bread Hummmus Water	Wheat Thins Oranges Water
Week 5	30				
	Cheerios Raisins 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.