

Children's House Learning, Inc. September/October News 2024



A New School Year Begins!

We are happy to be starting a new school year! Over the past couple/few months, we have been busy welcoming new children and families to the center and saying out good-byes to families moving on.

The learning has continued all summer and exciting new themes and activities are planned for the coming months as well.

Currently, ten classrooms are open ranging in age from Infants to Kindergarten.

We do currently have full time openings in Preschool and Toddlers.

Feel free to share a brochure located at the front door with family, co-workers and friends! We are very appreciative of referrals!

Authorized & Unauthorized Pick-Ups

Children's House takes the safety of your child seriously. Therefore, we have an established policy regarding "Authorized and Unauthorized Pick-ups" of the children in our care. The policy allows only the parents or guardians of a child to pick up the child from the center unless written or verbal authorization is obtained.

Written authorization is the most effective in that it doesn't require staff to remember unfamiliar names. Written authorization can be in the form of a separate note to the teacher or a note on the Infant or Toddler Daily Information Sheet.

Verbal authorization is usually done by phone

when an unforeseen circumstance arises that changes pick-up plans. Any person who isn't the parent/guardian will be asked to show a photo ID before the child is released and should be wearing a mask. Please also let individuals who help with drop off or pick up know they must turn their vehicle off in the parking lot.

OUR STAFF

Infant 1...Kim Allaire, Olivia Allaire & Jessica Rollins

Infant 2...Marta Gonzalez & Vivi Aguilar

Toddler 1...Sharlene Diaz & Andrea Szczur

Toddler 2...Tatianna Folkes & Chelsea Cavanaugh

Toddler 3...Ciara Herlihy & Gabby Flebotte

Toddler 4...Ceryn O'Rourke & Izzy Flebotte

Preschool 1...Natalya Yashbin

Preschool 2...Leinadyz Rosa

Preschool 3...Eli Aquino & Emma Chevalier

Pre-K/K...Sandy Bigelow and Jenn Close-Conlon

P3/PK Floater...Angela Flynn

Sue Alexopoulos, Mentor Teacher

Christy Lau, Laurie Lavoie & Tamara Failey all help us cover lunch breaks and other per diem shifts

Aida Deida, Cook

Pam Frogameni, Office Manager

Pam Flowers, Executive Director

Sandip Patel, Owner/President

**WELCOME
TO ALL
OUR NEW
FAMILIES!**



September Themes

Getting to Know My Classroom
All About Me
My Family
The Five Senses
Apples

October Themes

Signs of Fall
Squirrels and Acorns
Columbus Day (4's)
Fire Prevention
Bats, Spiders,
Pumpkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/3/24...First Day of the New School Year!

9/13/24...Grandparents Day

Infants and Toddlers ~ 10-11:15

Preschool & PK/K ~ 3-4:15

Flyers were sent home earlier this month. Contact your child's teacher to RSVP for Grandparents/Special Guests

Refreshments to make the day more fun are welcomed! Note regarding refreshments: We aren't able to serve anything with nuts/peanuts, anything homemade or anything with artificial sweeteners.

9/25/24...Parent Night for All Age Groups

6-7:30 pm

Watch for a specific time for your classroom teacher's presentation. Feel free to view ALL the classrooms! Please let your child's teacher know if you will be attending. This is an evening for parents. Staff will have classroom materials displayed. If children attend, they must know ahead that they cannot play with classroom materials on display.

10/9/24...Picture Day for Infants & Toddlers

If your child is part time and does not attend on Wednesdays, he/she may come in to be in the class photo and have individual photos done as long as accompanied by an adult while on site.

10/18/24...Picture Day for Preschool, Pre-K/K and Sibling Photos

If you would like your children to be photographed together, regardless of age, please be sure staff are fully aware. A separate picture envelope is needed for each individual and sibling photo ordered. Envelopes will be sent home closer to the day and should be hand-delivered to staff to avoid any missed pictures.

Note: Staff and parents are not allowed to take pictures while picture day is happening.

10/31/24...Halloween Party!

See below for more details.



Halloween Party, 10/31/24

All children are encouraged to come to school in costume and bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. (Yes...we even encourage the babies and toddlers to come in costume!!) Many staff members will come to work in costume, too!

We ask that accessories to costumes be *very* limited, do not pose a choke, strangulation or trip hazard and are clearly labeled. Also, please do not allow children to bring "weapons" in with their costumes.

Because some children are wary of scary costumes, masks and make-up, please be sure your child's costume, mask and/or make-up are not too scary.

We'll take pictures!

"Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate...."

Have your child recite the rest!



The Turtles Hatched!

We have been eagerly anticipating the arrival of the baby turtles since we saw the female turtle lay her eggs in the center island of the front parking lot back in June.

Thank you to all those who saw the sign and cones and then helped protect the eggs by not walking across the area.

On 9/4/24 the first baby turtles (or hatchlings) emerged. The hatchlings we saw were helped along to the pond so

that they weren't in danger while crossing the parking lot. Several of the staff took pictures to share with the children and discussed the big event.

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful wildlife experiences on this property!



Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) (Unannounced) Licensing Visit

We are within the window for our annual unannounced visit as of 10/1/24. During these visits our licensor will observe in classrooms, paying close attention safety regulations and carefully monitoring staff/child interactions. She will view lesson plans, staff and children's files and will check up on documentation requirements for fire safety, playground safety, Staff Meetings and Professional Development.

Parents can help us out by making sure that children's information is current. We need physicals, lead tests, immunizations, health care plans and all medications on site to be up to date.

Children with missing or expired information can be suspended from receiving child care. We try our hardest to avoid this, but we need to avoid being cited for allowing children in care without current info on file.

Refreshments are welcomed! We aren't able to accept homemade items, but pre-packaged/store bought refreshments are appreciated. Special note: We aren't able to accept any donuts or munchkins from Dunkin as they cannot guarantee no cross contamination with products containing nuts. Children enjoy ice cream cups, mini muffins, Rice Krispie treats, fruit pops, Go-Gurts and other similar items. It's also fun for the children to have holiday napkins, plates or cups sent in for the party!

