



Impressionable Years Newsletter



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Impressionable News

Lunch is served for children 2 years and older. Menus are distributed monthly and posted on our web page. Please send lunch on the days you feel your child does not like what is on the menu. We do not provide milk or juice in sippy cups or bottles. Milk and juice is served in 4 oz cups (seconds are available) only at snack and lunch times. If you require your child to have more during the day, please send more.

Important Dates:

10/14 - Pumpkin Trip to Greenstreet Gardens
10/28 - Disney on Ice Fieldtrip
10/31 - Halloween Party & Trick-or-Treating in Costumes
11/4 - Potluck Social
11/10 - Scholastic Book Fair
11/16-17 - Picture Day
11/24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Center CLOSED

Upcoming Events include:

- October 14 - Pumpkin Hayride Trip to Greenstreet Gardens for 1-4 year olds. Please submit your permission slips and money (\$8 per child/parent) to your child's teacher or Michelle ASAP. We need to provide a count.
- October 22 - Walk for Autism Speaks on the National Mall
- October 28 - Disney on Ice Fieldtrip. Cost is \$11 per child/chaperone. Showtime is 10:30am at First Mariner Arena.
- October 31 - Halloween Party - Bring your costumes!
- November 4 - Potluck Social - A sign-up sheet will be posted closer to the date.
- November 10 - Scholastic Book Fair visiting
- November 16-17 - Picture Days
- November 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Center Closed
- December 16 - Parents Night Out from 6:30-12:00. This is a time for you to get your Christmas Shopping done without the kids.

New Staff

Ms. Janel
Ms. Ora
Ms. Sherri
Ms. Darlene
Ms. Lakisha
Ms. Randi

In-Center Activities Available for Children ages 2-4 include:

- Jump Bunch is every Friday. This is an ongoing event. The cost is \$8 per week.
- Soccer Shots continues to be a big hit with the children participating this session.
- S&S Fitness is every Tuesday from 9-10am, beginning October 11. The cost is \$8 per week.

Staff Birthdays

Ms. Cassidy 10/17

Ms. Pam 10/28

Student Birthdays

Samantha 10/2

Olivia M. 10/13

Madison N. 10/23

Kale 11/1

Claira 11/2

Adalyne 11/5

Kayla 11/17

Trevor 11/21

Daisy 11/27

New Parent Handbook changes are in effect so make sure you have your copy.

**** Please continue to provide us with shot record updates and emergency information as changes come available. It is crucial that we have the most current contact information.**

**** In case of inclement weather, the Center will have a message informing parents of operating status for the day recorded by 5:30am. Please call in after 5:30am for the most up-to-date information.**

Reminders to Parents

- Remember to read your child's daily reports in case something is needed for the next day.
- Please label your children's clothing and bring in blankets labeled for nap time. As the weather gets colder, please check to make sure they have clothing that is both the appropriate size and appropriate for the weather.
- Please don't forget to take your children's sheets and blankets home on Fridays to be washed and return them Monday.

Impressionable Years is active on Facebook. Please visit our page and show your support.

October is Dwarfism Awareness Month

Dedicated to Layla Claire Domergue

Along with breast cancer and domestic violence, October has been designated Dwarfism Awareness Month. I'd like to take a few minutes to educate you with a few key facts and teach you about Layla.

Before December 16, 2009, I had never met a person with dwarfism, or a little person, as they prefer. But, on that date, our Layla Claire was born. We found out when we were pregnant that she has achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism. We learned that our daughter can accomplish anything she wants, she may just do it a little differently. We have had our share of scares and surgeries already, including an emergency surgery to relieve pressure on her spine and brain, and having a pacemaker implanted on her 1st birthday, but she is doing great now. When you see her around the center, you may notice that her head is large and her arms and legs are short. This makes balance, standing and walking harder for her, but she's using a walker for now and will soon be able to walk on her own. You may see more of her soon, as she transitions up front to the 2 year old class. She'll then be closer to her big brother, Dominic, which will make them both happier. You may see some extra step stools and "helping" devices in her class. She likes to do things herself, but will ask for help if necessary. What the other children should know is that she is smaller, but she will be 2 years old in December. They should never pick her up or push her down, as head injuries can be very dangerous for her.

We now know that 80% of the time little people are born into families with average height parents and siblings. We also discovered that while affecting her growth, size, and motor development, most forms of dwarfism do not affect mental capacity in any way. We have met some amazing people through our LP community. They really are just like everyone else, just smaller. There are only about 30,000 little people in the United States, so you may not have ever seen a little person. If you are lucky enough to encounter a little person, please don't stare, it's rude. But, feel free to ask questions, if you feel so inclined. One final thing, the word "Midget" is offensive, please don't use it. Preferable terms are "little person" or "LP" or simply use their name.

For more information, you can ask me (I'm around a lot) or you can access it at www.lpaonline.org

Thanks for taking the time to read this!

Sincerely,

Marleah Domergue