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August

2023

Here's What We'll Be Up To...



Hello Toddler Town Families &
WELCOME to August!!!

August's theme is:

End Of Summer/ Beginning the School Year

During the month Of August, we will be
discussing the following:

1. Worms
2. Ants
3. Picnic
4. Sports
5. Shapes and Colors
6. All about classroom, school, routine



Here are some Special Dates to remember:

August 16th -Toddler Town Picnic

August 17th- Toddler Town Pizza Day

**August 18TH – Center
closed/Teacher in Service Day**

**Please be on the lookout , teachers
will share more details.**

Monthly Observance and Celebration

- August 1st- Friendship Day
- August 9th- Book Lovers Day
 - August 6th- Sister Day
- August 13th- Left Handers Day





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Announcements

Important Info

IT IS OFFICIALLY SPRING, and the cold weather is finally leaving us, but still lingering around! Please dress your child accordingly and please be sure to update your child's cubby bin.

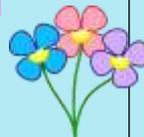
Keep In mind that Students go outside daily as long as it's between 32 and 92 degrees.

If possible, please label your children's belongings.

At Toddler Town Daycare, outside/home food and outside/home toys are not allowed or permitted at our center. Please keep home toys at home or in your vehicle, and, if you want your child to eat food outside our center, please have your child finish it in the car, but do not take it further in the school, or it will be tossed out. Also, cups allowed in the center are only cups that have water or that are empty, if you bring a cup or bottle containing anything else, we will send it back home. Please refer to your Toddler Town Parent policy handbook regarding these rules.

PROCARE ENGAGEMENT PROVIDES ALL THE SOURCES TO BE UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN OUR CENTER. This includes Paying through the app, receiving documents, receiving important updates, communicating with teachers,

and so much more. Ask us about ProCare Engagement!



Reminders

Toddler Town Too closes promptly at 5PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes.

Tuition

Please Don't forget that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the first you either pay full tuition, or half of the tuition. If you pay only half on the 1st, you have until the 15th to pay the other half. Late fees will be applied for no payments after the first and to unpaid balances after the 15th .

Payment Reminders for August 2023:

Reminder: There is 5 weeks in August!

August 1st, 2023

Payment Option One: Pay in Full

Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

August 15th, 2023

*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off. *

Highlights of the Month Of July 2023!



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Tips and Ideas for Home

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Get a school routine going early.

Summertime schedules are often different than school year schedules, and there's nothing wrong with that. Kids do well with routines, though, so establishing a school routine early is important.

Two to four weeks before school starts, get the preschoolers used to getting up at a certain time every day and going to bed at a certain time. This will get their little bodies used to school day hours. It will also give everyone the chance to iron out any wrinkles before school starts.

Get appropriate gear for your preschooler.

I know that there are TONS of cute and fun school supplies out there! With that being said, keep in mind what your child actually needs for preschool. A tiny bug backpack might be super adorable, but it will be pointless if it won't hold your kiddo's lunchbox or school folder.

Your child's school will likely have a list, so be sure to refer to that. Many preschools also have small lists of items to not bring to school. It will help the teachers and students if those lists are adhered to.

Talk and read about school.

Listen to your preschooler and answer any questions he/she might have. Share insights into when you were in school and all the fun you had there.

Check out the preschool digs and meet the teacher.

This is oh-so-important for your preschooler! Even if your child's been at the preschool for years, he'll have a new teacher and a new classroom. Try your best to bring him to any preschool orientations at the preschool. If you're not able to, see if a grandparent or a family friend can take him. Knowing his classroom and teacher ahead of time will ease some of the beginning of the year anxieties.

Encourage independence.

While no one expects a 4-year old to do everything on her own, age-appropriate independence is important. Real tasks allow children to learn to take care of themselves. They also give kiddos a sense of true accomplishment.

Some suggestions – cleaning up after themselves after meals, choosing clothes for the day, getting themselves dressed, etc. While perfection isn't necessary, working towards independence is the goal. Coffee Cups and Crayons shares [ideas for learning independence through play](#) (her post is geared towards rising kindergartners, but it can be adapted for the younger set as well). Mess for Less shares [ideas along those](#)

[lines too!](#)



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Prepare for back-to-school emotions.

Sometimes young children deal with separation anxiety when back to school time rolls around. Honestly, some parents have trouble separating from their children too. In both cases, those feelings are totally normal!

Many of the above tips will help ease back to school anxieties. Additionally, consider reading up on separation anxiety and how to ease it. Most importantly, you know your child best and you know how to address his concerns.

I love No Time for Flashcard's [photo book to help with separation](#). And Still Playing School has a wonderful article about [the back-to-school attitude](#) that sometimes rears its head

Keep having fun!

While I think the above tips for parents are important, so is having fun as a family! Keep up your weekly and monthly traditions, as well as your nightly sleep rituals. Reading together, having dinner together, going swimming together – all of these things will keep you connected to your child. Anything else you'd add to my back to school tips for parents of preschoolers? If you're looking for more back to school ideas, I have a [Pinterest board dedicated to the topic!](#)



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Koalas (5 Year Old's)

Hello Families!

We are soaking up the last days of summer! We had a great month in July! The children practiced simple math problems and recognizing numbers 0-20. The children also learned about the beach, fireworks, experiments and water safety. The children had great projects to correlate with these themes such as conducting different kinds of experiments like creating CO2 to inflate a Balloon. The children had a wonderful month, and we can't wait to see what next month brings.

The month of August will be an exciting but sad month. We will be saying farewell to our 2023 Graduates. They will be on their way to new heights, and we want to wish them the best of luck! For the month of August, the children will be learning about; Basic Shapes, 3d Shapes, Colors, Mixing Color and we will be closing out the summer with TTDC TOO Summer Olympics! There will be cool projects associated with these themes which will include creating 3d shapes out of recycled materials.

Parents: Please be sure to update your child's cubbies and belongings before the TTDC TOO school year starts. Please remember that we are closed on Friday August 18, 2023, and you will need to find alternate childcare for that day.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 27 KOALAS or megan@toddlertownchicago.com, karla@toddlertownchicago.com or

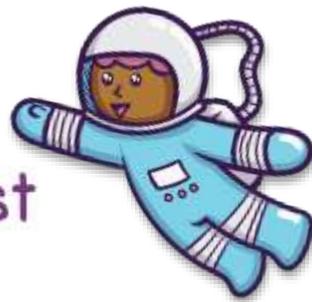
Thank you,
Mrs. Megan and Ms. Karla



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The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)

Hello families,

The weather has allowed us to have several activities outside of the classroom, like going out to play in the yard, dancing and exercise. Don't forget to dress your child according to the weather and wear closed shoes for their safety. In the month of July, we worked and focused on the theme of butterflies, their life cycle and more. In the classroom, we had real butterflies so that the children could see their life process and their transformation every day into a beautiful butterfly. The children and parents worked hand in hand on creating a project called the life cycle of a butterfly. You all did a wonderful job! During the week of the experiments, we also created a volcano. We had a great month of learning!

For the month of August, we will have a fun month celebrating the last month of summer! We will learn about basic shapes, 3d shapes, colors and mixing colors. We will also have a picnic where we will share snacks and play games. Finally, we will continue our lessons on letters by studying upper- and lower-case letters.

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If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 Ext 25, EXPLORERS or aracely@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank You,
Ms. Aracely





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The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)

Hello Families!

I am very happy to end July knowing how much our children have improved since the beginning of the year. Each child has demonstrated what they are capable of by creating crafts using scissors, glue, paint, markers, colorful sand, and many other tools that are beneficial for our children's growth & development. Our children are not only experts in creativity but also in writing and recognizing the letters of their name. This year is only getting better! For the month of August, our children are going to continue with challenging activities by learning about basic shapes, 3D Shapes, Colors, and mixing colors!

If you have any questions, please call 773-622-9433 ext 24 or nataly@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank you!

Mrs. Nataly





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The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Goodbye, July! Hello August, we are getting close to the new school year, and we are excited for new students to join and transition into the Butterflies classroom. In July, we had so much fun and completed different activities like seeing the butterfly life cycle and conducting fun experiments with the children. The children got a real-life experience of the butterfly cycle from caterpillars to cocoon and transforming into beautiful butterflies. It was such a fantastic experience that the children were so amazed by the process. As well as having friendly interactions with the classmates about butterflies, they worked together on activities and had lots of free play. Children always work together, finding new ways to play and explore in the classroom. For August, we expect to have more friendly interactions with new peers and working on shapes, 3D shapes, colors, and mixing colors and this will benefit children's fine motor and critical thinking skills.

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If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 23 Butterflies or selena@toddlertownchicago.com or Yvonne@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank You,
Ms. Selena and Ms. Yvonne





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Toucans (2 Year Old's)

It is hard to believe that Summer is already almost over! During July our Toucans family expanded as we welcomed so many new friends into our classroom, we had a week full of EXPERIMENTS, where our friends' explored experiments like what happens when you mix baking soda with vinegar, adding food coloring to white yogurt, and making our own play dough! We had so many new arts and crafts activities and we encouraged independence during arts and crafts by having our friends complete the projects solo with little to no support from their teachers.

In August, we are excited to spend the month exploring topics about shapes, both 2D and 3D, colors and what happens when you mix colors together! These topics will bring so many new learning opportunities and experiments for our Toucans to participate in! Not to mention ending our Summer with the TTDC Olympics!

A few reminders from the Toucans Teachers: Please remember to check your child's cubby daily for soiled clothing, finished crafts/activities, and that their cubby is stocked with extra clothing in case of emergencies or accidents on a daily basis. Be sure to check the ProCare app for updates, this includes messages in case your child is in need or more diapers/pull-ups or clothing. Diaper fee payments are due on Friday by the end of day (if student is present) to avoid a late fee and CASH payments only.

With the weather being literally hot and cold in Chicago, be sure to dress your student in appropriate weather clothing and shoes and that their extra clothes in class are good for warm or cool weather.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 22. Toucans or Marta@toddlertownchicago.com or Liz@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank you,

Ms. Marta and Ms. Liz



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