

"Where Your Child Always Comes First"

Hello TTDC Families, What a month July has been! From Independence Day celebrations to summer fun topics, TTDC students have learned and grown so much! As July comes to a close, and we come up on a new month, we are also coming to new topics, learning experiences, and memories!



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Please ensure you are dressing your child properly according to the weather. All students should be wearing properly fitted closed-toed shoes daily.

Please be sure your student's cubby is properly stocked with extra clothing, all soiled clothing is taken home, and everything is labeled with your student's name.

Please remember that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the 1st 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.

August 1st, 2024 <u>Payment Option One:</u> Pay in Full <u>Payment Option Two:</u> Pay Half of Tuition Balance

August 15th, 2024 *All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off and a \$35 late payment charge* Our center closes promptly at 5:30PM. Any time after 5:30PM families are charged a \$15 fee every 10 minutes.

THERE IS NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED VVITHIN THE CENTER. Unless permission is given by a member of staff, all food and drink that is brought into the classrooms will be discarded. Reusable cups, VVITH WATER, are permitted.

ALL TOYS FROM HOME SHOULD BE KEPT IN YOUR VEHICLE OR PUT INTO YOUR STUDENTS CUBBY IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL. TTDC Staff are not responsible for lost or broken toys.

Please be sure to stay up to date with your student's learning through the Procare Engagement App. The app allows you instant communication to your child's teacher and provides updates throughout the day of your student's day.



The TTDC Teachers work hard each month to create new, exciting, and developmentally appropriate activities for our students. July was focused around Summer Fun with activities to highlight Independence Day and the topics of Beach Time, Water Safety, Zoo Animals, Outdoor Science, and Bugs.

The students all really enjoyed our Bug Unit, where they observed different insect life cycles, ant farms, and so much more. There were many discussions and collaborations through the Bug Unit that allowed students so much growth in their communication development and science and technology development. The Bumblebees classroom enjoyed a multitude of sensory experiences, including exploring the sand box where they practiced scooping and dumping techniques. In the Chipmunks classroom students engaged in dramatic play, where their imaginations are free to take them into whatever world they want to be a part of. They enjoyed nature walks where they brought their learnings about bugs outside and found different bugs in nature to observe. The Butterflies and Sharks really enjoyed the Bug Unit, friends got opportunities to take the Ant Farm home and do more independent observations, the witnessed the life cycle of a lady bug and butterflies. Students were encouraged to ask questions and practice fine motor skills through writing and drawing scientific observations. Between all the fun and unique topics, our teachers were teaching different emotional development skills, practicing phonics, and encouraging friendships through sharing and group playing or activities.

In August we will say farewell to our TTDC graduates as they embark on their new learning journey in Kindergarten, we wish them well and hope they come back to visit! August will bring new topics for our students as they review colors, shapes, and numbers, as well as, participate in an All About Me week where teachers will learn all about the students and their families.

Please be sure to check the ProCare Engagement App to stay up to date with your student's daily activity and check with your student's teacher for any classroom updates they may have. All cubbies should be checked daily to ensure that all soiled clothing is going home, all art work is going home, and cubbies are being replenished with extra clothing.

If you ever need to contact your student's teacher, they can be reached via the Procare Engagement App, email or phone call.

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Chipmunks - ext. 13	Butterflies – ext. 14	Sharks – ext. IS
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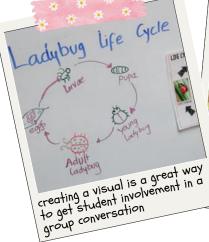
group games, like rock, paper, scissors, is a great way to build peer relationships



table toys are a great way to help strengthen hand muscles in preparation for writing



sensory activities are great to expose students to different textures and smells





daily journals to document students fine motor growth and development



peer interaction is great for social and emotional development



teaching basic AB patterns prepares students for kindergarten



encouraging students to draw what they see to provide more structure to their drawings



the dramatic play center is specifically the dramatic play center is use their designed for students to use their imaginations during play



providing students a place where they are able to create freely allows their imagniation to be in control



nature walks encourage students to explore a new environment



by asking students "what did you draw" you are helping to expand their vocabulary