Evanston Where Your Child Always Comes First 2023

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

Hello Toddler Town Families &



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 16<sup>th</sup> -Toddler Town Picnic August 17<sup>th</sup>- Toddler Town Pizza Day

August 18<sup>TH</sup> – 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









# Announcements

Important Info

IT IS OFFICIALLY Summer, and the hot weather is here to stay! Soon we will experience new weather and we will begin to introduce AUTUMN/FALL. 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

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!



SPECIAL REMINDER ABOUT PARKING RULES! Please be sure there is no double parking, parking opposite direction, blocking alleys and or driveways and no standing in the loading zone longer than 15 minutes. Also, be sure you have your hazards on.



Toddler Town Daycare closes promptly at 5:30PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes.



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 1<sup>st</sup> , 2023

Payment Option One: Pay in Full Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

#### August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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



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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 <u>ideas for learning independence through play</u> (her post is geared towards rising kindergartners, but it can be adapted for the younger set as well). Mess for Less shares <u>ideas along those lines too!</u>



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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 <u>photo book to help with separation</u>. And Still Playing School has a wonderful article about <u>the back-to-school attitude</u> 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 <u>Pinterest board dedicated to the topic</u>!



### Sharks (3-5 Year Old's)

Hello Parents,

Welcome to the month of August! This year is going by so fast; I can't believe it. In the month of August, we will be focusing on the following units: All About insects, Ponds, Frogs, All about Shells! We will continue to work on our development domains; Cognitive, Language, Physical, and social. It's important to incorporate developmental domains in our daily activities because we want to help them grow rather than regress. Students enjoy doing units and we want to continue to do units of their interest. We like to take their consideration in picking the units by allowing them to vote on it.

Hopefully, we have a longer summer so we can continue enjoying our outside activities. A lot of transitioning has been happening in our classroom and we are working on routine. It's important to have a consistent routine, a routine helps children develop self-control, teaches children independence and responsibility, and it reduces anxiety. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and Mrs. Julissa through our ProCare Engagement App.

Email: (Mrs. Maritza) <u>Maritza@toddlertownevanston.com OR (Mrs. Julissa) at Julissa@toddlertownevanston.com</u> Or You can reach us at 847-475-1467 Extension 15,



Thank you!

Mrs. Maritza and Mrs. Julissa







### **Butterflies (3-5 Year Old's)**

Hello parents!!! Unfortunately, July has come to an end. We enjoyed this month learning a lot about different types of insects such as ladybugs, butterflies, bees, fireflies, and ants. We practiced our scientific skills! We had bittersweet moments when we released our butterflies and ladybugs. Some of our friends even took the time to take the unit home and conducted their own studies!

This upcoming month will be fun and full of emotions since we will be saying our goodbyes to our graduates that remained with us this month. To help our fellow graduates' transition into kindergarten, we decided to do a KINDERGARTEN UNIT. We will discuss kindergarten schedule, rules and expectations. This short unit will help them be ready and confident for their big day at school and will promote positive socialization with others.

If you all have any questions, please don't hesitate on emailing us either at <u>Carina@toddlertownevanston.com</u> or Robert@toddlertownchicago.com

#### You can also reach us by phone at (847) 475-1467 Ext.14



Thank you!

Ms. Carina and Mr. Robert









### Chipmunks (3 Year Old's)

Bye Bye July! This was an interesting month full of much excitement. This month we said "goodbye" to some friends because they were ready to be in the "big boys-girls classroom", we are going to miss them but, this is part of child development. At the same time, we opened our arms to say "welcome to the Chipmunk's Classroom" to our new children. We promise you guys that this year is going to be very fun with many surprises that help us to increase our knowledge.

During this month we also learned some amazing things such as:

- Fireworks- What are fireworks? The word fireworks starts with the letter F, like F..ish, F..ox, etc.
- The Sun- What is the Sun? The word sun starts with the letter S, like S...nake, S..aturday, S...tore, etc.
- Beach and Water Safety- Where is the beach? What can we find on the beach? How do we stay safe on the beach?
- Science- Butterfly live cycle (metamorphosis)

Also, we have been doing many projects, arts and crafts, tracing lines and exploring the different areas such as Library, Dramatic Play, Sensory sand play, Block Area, Writing Table, Sand table, Doll House, Large Group Area and more.

The Chipmunk's classroom is so excited to continue to enjoy the beautiful Summer 2023 and the most amazing things that It brings. We are ready to start learning all about shapes and colors, All about my classroom and School, Worms, and Ants.

Thank you very much, dear parents, for trusting in us and putting your child in our hands. We are so happy to be part of your child's growth and development.

This is a friendly reminder to take a look inside your child's cubby and take all the work projects, dirty clothes and switch the clothes when needed. Please remember that it is a requirement to have two sets of clothing in your child's bin. If you have any questions, please contact us at ext. 13 or email us at <u>Cesar@toddlertownevanston.com</u> or <u>yemina@toddlertownevanston.com</u>



Thank you,

#### Mr. Cesar and Mrs. Yemina











### **Bumblebees (2 Year Old's)**

Hello to August!! Our Bumblebees are doing wonderful this Month, During the month of July, we discussed different themes such as Fireworks, Beach and water safety and the Life cycle of a butterfly, which was our main topic of the month. The children had a wonderful experience watching the caterpillars and see them going into the chrysalis stage and finally into a butterfly. We also had so much fun releasing our 15 butterflies as a whole group.

For the Month of August, our focus is going to be communication. Children Must have more conversations with both adults and children to extend their vocabulary and get them to become more confident about using their words instead of actions. We are also going to focus on behavior and routine. We want our children to learn and understand to use their gentle hands, walking feet etc. We will also be discussing Ants, worms, Picnic, sports, school/classroom and will be celebrating our first day of school 2023-2024! Stay tuned, we will ask you all to dress them up for first day of school pictures.

We want to take the time to welcome our new little Bumblebees and to tell our growing friends GOOD LUCK in your new classroom!

We can't wait to see what the Month of August has in store for us!!! Please pay attention to important fun dates.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to e-mail me at Norma@toddlertownevanston.com and Rebecca@toddlertownevanston.com or call us by Phone at 847-475-1467 Ext. 12 or Ext 16.



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...stay safe, and please continue practicing social distancing!

--Ms. Norma, Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Becca!







