

"Where Your Child Always Comes First"

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### <u>SHARKS: 5 YEAR OLDS:</u>

Dear parents, we have enjoyed summer at our best; went to the nearest park, took nature walks, enjoyed learning about Labor Day, ourselves, each other's interests, family and about our five senses.

Fall is here, the month of October will be filled with lots of fall activities;

coloring, collecting & painting the fall leaves. Learning about pumpkins, bats and spiders will be spooky and fun. We will dress-up for Dress-up party on October 31st Tuesday. We will learn letters, numbers and shapes. Learning to recognize and writing our own name is important in pre-K, so please help your child practice writing their own



name. The weather is changing and we go outside twice a day to improve our gross motor skills, so please have your child bring a light jacket to school. Thank you so much! Happy October Jaya

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Where Your Child ALWAYS Comes First."

If you have not accepted our Life Cubby Request. Please do so ASAP so you can view and stay informed with your child's progress during their attendance at Toddler Town.

### **REMINDERS:**

- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a <u>contagious</u> illness <u>immediately</u> so that we can do our part at the daycare.
- Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> closed in observance of Columbus Day.
- Update your contact numbers.
  - Wash your child's hands upon arrival.
- Tuition Payments need to be made on time or your child will not be able to stay in school.
  - Please look out for emails from Life Cubby our new curriculum tool.





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#### **BUTTERLIES: 4 YEAR OLDS**

Hello Parents!

During this month, our students will still be learning about emotions and feelings. We will also discuss the classroom expectations as well as self-hygiene such as bathroom manners and proper handwashing. At the end of the month, we will jump into our fall activities. We will have a lot of science projects with pumpkins. We will also include math and food experiences into our lesson plans.



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Don't forget to see the teachers about this month's family project. Also, in our last week of October we will have a fun event week for the students. Stay on the lookout as we will provide a letter with more information coming soon.

October 31st- Halloween Party

#### **CHIPMUNKS:3 YEAR OLDS**

Dear parents, we have enjoyed summer at our best; in the month of September we talked about Ducks and their natural

habitat. We learned what they love to eat, where they live, and how cool and important their webbed feet are to be able to swim. We counted ducks, we sorted different types of ducks, we waddled like ducks, we mimicked ducks sounds, we did it all! We sure had loads of fun with our Duck theme and added new vocabulary words to our word wall. We briefly introduced the changes that we would see in the upcoming Fall



season and how the trees would start to change colors.

October is now here, the month of October will be filled with lots of activities: coloring, collecting, and painting fall leaves. We will briefly talk about Christopher Columbus for Columbus Day. We will have lots of fun topics this month like pumpkins, bats, spiders and spooky fun. We will dress-up for our party on October 31st, we will pass out a handout with more information later on. We will continue learning new letters, numbers, shapes, and new vocabulary words each week.

#### **BUMBLEBEES: 2 YEAR OLDS**

I'm Excited for October, I hope everyone else is too! September, the children learned a lot about themselves and their body, feelings and emotions, Autumn/fall and family. Our main focus for September was RULES AND



ROUTINE. We will continue to focus on that for the month of October, building relationships with the children, teach them how to solve problems and how to play together, all while following the rules and routines of the classroom. Along with that, children will be leaning about Trees, Fire Safety, School Bus and Pedestrian Safety, October fun and Pumpkins. I also want to remind all families that it's important to drop your child off to the teacher, not at the door and say hello to the teachers. When your child is turned in to us, they must have their hands washed and jackets or sweaters removed. Also, at pick up, make sure you check their cubbies and mailbox and have your child say "BYE" "See you later" "Adios" "Toodles", have them say <u>something</u>, since we are teaching them verbal and social skills. THANKS!



# Are you Ready for the Weather?

- 1. We understand that the weather can be unpredictable; therefore, we want everyone to be **SAFE!** Remember to give yourself enough time to arrive at the daycare both at pick up and drop off times. To learn what the roads and weather will be for your day–
  - a. CALL: 847-238-1234 (touch tone phone needed)
  - b. SIGN UP: for personalized email notification of your child care center's status at: <u>www.EmergencyClosings.com</u>

Please choose your center location and follow the instructions so that you can be notified in advance of school closings due to Weather:

- If Chicago Public Schools are Closed due to SNOW related issues, Toddler Town Will Also Be Closed; this way parents can plan ahead accordingly. We will not close due to temperature, only due to snow closings.
- If you did not receive an email, text or update from the Emergency Closing Center please make sure that you do the following:
  - · Update your email address with Angelo or Robert
  - · Update your cell phone number and cell carrier with Angelo or Robert
  - Register with the Emergency Closing Center, as mentioned above.
- Sick/Vacation: We understand there will be times when children will be absent from school due to illness or vacation. However, you must let the school know, especially if they will be absent for more than 2 days. Please be sure to call and leave a message with your child's teacher. Down below are the extensions according to classroom. Our number is still the same (847) 475-1467. Menu directory:
  - For Spanish/Para Español: dial/marca 1
  - To be connected to the 2 year old classroom (Ms. Norma & Ms. Vanessa): dial 12
  - To be connected to the 3 year old classroom (Mr. Shonn & Mrs. Daulat): dial 13
  - To be connected to the 4 year old classroom (Mrs. Maritza & Ms. Carina): dial 14
  - To be connected to the 5 year old classroom (Mrs. Jaya & Ms. Amber): dial 15
  - To be connected to the office (Mr. Angelo): dial 11
- 3. <u>Pick Up List:</u> Don't forget, if you need someone to pick up your child that is not already on your pick up list, you can go to our website and complete the "Emergency Authorization Form" located on the right hand side of the page: <u>https://toddlertowndaycare.formstack.com/forms/toddler\_town\_pick\_up\_form</u>
- 4. <u>Parent Portal:</u> Parents can go to our website and be connected to the parent portal where they can view their child's account. This feature is located on the right-hand side of the page under "Log Into Your Child's Account."





# TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO HEALTHY FOOD POLICY



Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Toddler Town Daycare, we love celebrating birthdays, holidays, and special occasions. We also want to ensure we are teaching the children life-long healthy eating habits. This is why **beginning January 1st**, **2013**, **we will only be allowing parents/guardians to bring in healthy snacks during these special times.** 

We will no longer allow foods such as cupcakes, cakes, doughnuts, or candy to be brought in during birthdays or holidays. Instead, we encourage you to explore healthier options to share with the class and save the sugary foods to eat at home. The teachers will also stop giving out candy as rewards and will instead give out prizes like art supplies, books, chalk, bubbles, and other items to expand your child's mind.

You are welcome to send healthy treats or goody bags to share with classmates. Please let the teachers know in advance that you will be bringing a treat to class and the teachers will arrange to distribute the treats or goody bags to the children after naptime or at dismissal.

All healthy food items must arrive unopened as packaged by the manufacturer or it will not be accepted. Homemade treats are not permitted by the Illinois Health Department. And as always, no nuts are allowed.

Remember, if you would like to celebrate with your child's birthday at school please, Bring In Really Tasty Healthy Delicious Appetizing Yummy Snacks!

## Birthday Treat suggestionsFruit popsicles

- Fruit cups
- Yogurt
- Rice Cakes
- Fruit Muffins
- Fresh Fruit
- Hand Snacks

#### **Goodie Bag suggestions**

- Stickers
- Markers/Crayons
- Books
- Chalk
- Bubbles
- Coloring Books
- Puzzles

Two great websites that also offer snack ideas and healthy eating are: www.choosemyplate.gov and www.colormehealthy.com.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

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