

# **Message from our Director**

September is the month we start to see reasonable temperatures, yellow school busses, and leaves change to yellow. We are looking forward to helping our school age children adjust to the new school year and our before/after care and transportation program. September is also the month we start dressing in "Northwest Layers". We see chilly mornings, followed by sunny warm afternoons, so please remember to dress your child for the weather, and you can bring extra clothes. We will also be continuing with sunscreen as needed during September!

There have also been a lot of new faces in the center. We have Mr. Thomas in Preschool and also as float, Ms. Alicia is training and going to be in the preschool, and Ms. Cindy in our Waddler room. Welcome to our center!

#### **Upcoming Events**

We will be closed on September 4th for Labor Day. Enjoy your day off!

Soccer Shots fall session will start on September 13th-December 6th. We have our classes on Wednesday afternoons. This program is for kids ages 2-5.

1st day of Autumn, September 22nd.

# Supporting Your Child's Development. One Step at a Time...

When children enroll in the center we do a Developmental Milestone for the children, and it is one of the first things we do for a child's portfolio. We base the curriculum that we offer in the classroom based on these assessments. The teachers set learning goals based on this information. The teachers will then go over the information with you as you come in for conferences, open house, and at pick up. Thank you for taking the time to do this with our staff, as we enjoy taking the time to share your child's school life with you!

### **Focus on Fun**

September is back to school, and it is time for our Back to School Unit! The children will be learning about letters, numbers and All About Books! We will also do a getting to know you with the kids, so it will be a fun way for the children to express themselves.

This is the time of year we start to see apple projects go home, and some fun fall themed crafts. We are excited for the change of season.



## Songs & Signs

Open Shut them, open shut them give a little clap, clap clap Open shut them open shut them put them in your lap lap lap. Creep them crawl them, creep them crawl them right up to your chin chin chin, creep them crawl them but do not let them in.

This song is popular in all of our classrooms. It is a favorite which we sing often before meals!



#### Elementary School Schedules & Closures Back to School!

Please update in the office any changes or staggard starts that you may have for your child's school year this year. We will be continuing to transport children to Woodmoor Elementary, John Muir Elementary and Robert Frost Elementary. 1st day of school for LWSD is September 5th, NSD September 6th.



### **Featured Photo**

Birds of Prey came to visit us this summer as part of our summer program! The kids had a great time and learned a lot about birds, and even got to pet an owl!



**Featured Craft** 

Fun fossil craft with Imagine Children's Museum-on-the-go!





### Play...Teach...Love

The children are growing and as some of our kids take the next big step to kindergarten it is a time of reflection for preschool teachers. We often think of how much the children have learned in our care, and what we have contributed to the child's journey so far. We hope that we have given the children life's skills to help them navigate their way in the big world of elementary school. We realize all the little things we do on a daily basis to help children achieve their goals, as we also help them develop social and emotional skills. It puts smiles on our faces to see the children mature and get excited to take their next step!



### Happy Anniversary

Ms. Shyrah!

Ms. Shyrah has been in our center for a year! She is wonderful in our classrooms, and the children enjoy having her in their room. She has great ideas in the classroom, and also teachers the kids yoga! Thank you Shyrah for all you do in the center.



