



MARCH 2020

KID'S HAVEN CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL

Special Events

Infants

3/17: Wear your St. Patty's gear to Kid's Haven

Toddlers

3/17: Wear your St. Patty's gear to Kid's Haven

Preschool & S.A.

3/3: We are welcoming someone into the classroom who works in the construction field.

3/9: We are encouraging families to bring boxes into the classrooms to build with.

3/10: We are inviting family members into the classroom to join us on a walk around the neighborhood to investigate the materials used to construct the building in our neighborhood.

3/13: Disney on Ice -Sign Up (Preschool)

3/17: Wear your St. Patty's gear to Kid's Haven.

3/18: We are inviting someone into the classroom who maintains a building.

3/27: We want to invite our families to our end of the study celebration.

THINK SMALL PARENT POWERED TEXTS

Have fun and boost your child's learning! Sign up for Think Small Parent Powered Texts. It is free and easy. Each week, you'll receive three text messages of fun facts, and easy tips on how to increase your child's motor skills, improve language and health development, to help get them ready for Kindergarten. Monday is a Fact, Wednesday is a tip, and Friday is a growth. If you would like to sign up, for English text TS to 70138, Espanol text TS ESP a 70138, and Somali text TS SOM 70138. Learn more information at ThinkSmall.org/texts. Questions contact Diana Neidecker: 651-641-3555 (ext. 555) or dneidecker@thinksmall.org

SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER PROGRAM

We are in the works of making our school-age summer program fun filled. Some things that are locked in at this point are field trips to MN Twins game, Crayola Experience at MOA, MN Zoo, St. Cloud Rox Baseball Game, and much more to come. There will be a field trip scheduled once a week. We are going to have another play this year hosted by our Music Teacher Pam. She will have a drama class throughout the summer to teach the children about some drama techniques and end the summer with a play to perform. Some extra curricular classes that will be offered are card making, computer, music, arts and crafts. Lastly, we will keep Tuesdays our park days. We will all walk over to the park to have a picnic and fun.

If your child will be entering Kindergarten fall of 2020, your child will be running with the school-age program this summer.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

We will be continuing with our building study throughout the majority of the month. We will begin our tree study on March 30th. We'll be observing and comparing trees to learn about what lives in them, what they're made from, and who cares for them. We hope that this study will help children explore and appreciate nature. As we study trees, we will use literacy, math, the arts, and technology to explore the topic in depth. We will learn important social studies and scientific concepts through first-hand investigations. Please visit the classroom during the study to see how we do this. If you are able to take a "tree walk" with your child, we would appreciate your help in collecting tree parts to investigate. If you can, please take a bag to a tree area and collect things that have fallen, such as leaves, bark, acorns, twigs, flowers, fruit, or cones. Below are suggestions of other tree parts to bring in.

A variety of leaves, small limbs, branches, twigs, food from trees, pinecones, evergreen sprigs, a live potted tree, flower clippings, seeds, tree "cookies", and bark.

We need your help to enrich the children's learning. If you work with trees, please let us know. Perhaps you're a gardener, forester, tree trimmer, tree farmer, or nursery worker. Even if your job is unrelated to trees, you can be involved in our study. Extra hands always help!

At home you can help your child explore and appreciate nature by learning about trees. Invite your child to talk about trees. Share stories about your favorite childhood memories involving trees and games you might have played around them. Wonder aloud with your child to encourage his/her thinking about trees. "I wonder why leaves fall from trees." "I wonder what makes some trees grow so big."

At home, collect parts of trees, and encourage your child to sort them. Your child might also enjoy making a collage by arranging and gluing tree items on a paper. At the end of our study, we'll have a special event to show you what we learned. Thank you for playing an important role in our learning.