



# Parent Newsletter

September 2023

## Preschool This Month

### Character Value of the Month: "Cooperation"

The feature book this month is Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin!

The Twos, Threes, and Pre-K classrooms will learn all about Our Home & All About Me, Apples, Wild Animals, and Pets through interactive learning activities and art

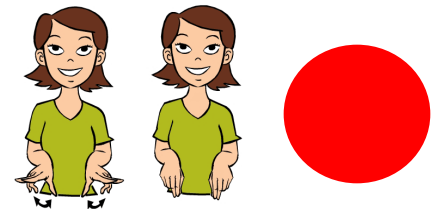
## Center Birthdays!

9/1 Charlie P.  
9/13 Ms. Renee  
9/15 Reed P.  
9/18 Sheffield P.  
9/22 Grant S.  
9/23 Ms. Rebecca  
9/27 Esme M.



## Infants & Toddlers This Month

During the month of September, the Infant and Toddler rooms will focus on the color **red** and the shape, circle. They will learn and sing "Head Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" and their sign of the month is "diaper".



Activity Idea: Create Three Fall themed scent jars by placing a cotton ball in each jar. For each one, put 2 drops of essential oils. Apple, Pine, and Vanilla are a good choice for Fall. Let your little one smell each jar and describe the scent to them.

## September Center Events

### Tie Dye Day!

Friday, September 22nd

Students will be tie dying a shirt in their classroom with their teachers. Parents, please bring in a plain white shirt for your little one before the event date. All rooms will be participating!



### Center Spotlight

We have released our closure dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### Academic Calendar 2023-2024

Monday, September 4	Closed for Labor Day
Monday, October 9	Early Closure at 3:00pm for Professional Development Training
Thursday, November 23	Closed for Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24	Closed for Black Friday
Friday, December 22	Closed in observance of Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25	Closed for Christmas Day
Monday, January 1	Closed for New Year's Day
Monday, February 19	Early Closure at 3:00pm for Professional Development Training
Monday, May 27	Closed for Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4	Closed for Independence Day

## Heads Up!

### Lockdown Drill

Our quarterly Lockdown Drill will happen this month! We will make a school-wide announcement when it begins. The children will go to a designated spot in their classroom and the teachers will turn off the lights, close the window shades and block the door. A Lockdown Drill lasts approximately 2-3 minutes.

### Hearing & Vision Screenings September 13th

Hearing and vision screenings are required by the state of Illinois for kids ages 3 and older. We bring in a third-party company once annually to provide these screenings onsite. You may choose for your child to receive a hearing screening only (for children who have glasses, etc). If you would like to opt your child out completely, you must provide proof that these screenings were performed elsewhere. Please let us know if you have any questions!

## Enrichment Schedule



**Soccer with Coach Ben**  
Chicago City Soccer Club  
(Twos+)  
Friday 9/15



**Yoga with Ms. Donna**  
(Toddlers+)  
Friday, 9/1



**Music with Mr. Cameron**  
Stages Chicago  
(Toddlers+)  
Thursdays 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28



## Important Reminders!

- School will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day!
- Tuition Increase will start Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>
- As the weather changes, please make sure to bring weather-appropriate clothing for your child to keep at school for outside play.
- Please your child's cubby often for important notices, art projects and soiled clothing to be taken home.
- We have openings this Fall! Take advantage of our referral bonus by referring a family. It's a free week awarded after your friend has been enrolled for 4 weeks.