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April 2024

Refrigerator Dates



April	Looking ahead to May...
<p>3/29 & 4/1: MADLC Closed: Good Friday & Easter Monday</p> <p>3/29-4/5: Spring Break for Preschool Classes</p> <p>4/2: FCPS and CCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to South Mountain Creamery</p> <p>4/3: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Tea Room</p> <p>4/4: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Sophie and Madigan Playground and Jimmie Cone</p> <p>4/5: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Bear Branch Nature Center & Planetarium</p> <p>4/8: Eggs and incubator arrive!! (We will be observing baby chicks hatch this month!)</p> <p>4/8: DINE OUT Night! Memories Charcoal House 5-9 PM</p> <p>4/9: CCPS Early Release: School Age field trip to Watkins Park</p> <p>4/15 & 4/16: Spring Class Pictures (Individual Make-up Pictures also)</p> <p>4/22 & 4/23: Soccer Shots visit!</p> <p>4/23 & 4/24: Hearing Screening for Preschool 3's and 4's</p> <p>4/25 & 4/26: Preschool 3's and PreK 4's Bookmobile Visit</p>	<p>5/1, 5/2 & 5/3: School field trips to Elioak Farm- Permission slips and money due 4/26</p> <p>5/6-5/10: Staff Appreciation Week!! (More info to come!)</p> <p>5/8 & 5/9: "Donuts with Dear Ones" (more info to come!)</p> <p>5/14: Preschool Classes ONLY Closed- Parent/ Teacher Conferences</p> <p>5/20 & 5/21: Outdoor Days (Please apply sunscreen before school. Wear a hat and bring a water bottle)</p> <p>5/22: Last Day for MWF Preschool classes</p> <p>5/23: Last Day for TTH Preschool classes</p> <p>5/27 : School Closed – Memorial Day</p> <p>5/28: School Closed- Inservice Day</p> <p>5/29: Pre-K 4's Graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room 1 MWF at 11:00 AM Room 1 TTH at 1:30 PM Room 4 at 4:00 PM <p>5/30: Pre-K 4's Picnic at Wildwood Park @ 2:00-4:00 PM</p> <p><i>Looking ahead to June...</i></p> <p>6/5: Last Day of School for FCPS (2-hour early release)</p> <p>6/10: First week of Summer Camp! (Extended hours change to 7:30 AM- 5:30 PM)</p> <p>6/13: Last Day of School for CCPS (2 hour and 45 min early release)</p>



Director's News

Welcome April! Hopefully, April will be a nice warm month. March was busy with our Literacy. Night, Scholastic Book Fair, and St. Patrick's Day.

This month we will DINE OUT at Memories Charcoal and Grill on Monday, April 8th from 5-9 PM! We hope everyone can come out and either dine in or carry out their dinners. We will purchase curriculum guides for the teachers to help guide their literacy instruction. We would also like to purchase some literacy toys for the PreK classrooms.

Next month we will have our second round of Parent Teacher conferences. As always it is nice being able to talk to our parents about the milestones each child has made this year. Please take a moment to make an appointment to discuss your child's successes this year.

If you need your tax statement from 2023, please email kids@mtairydaycare.com or message Ms. Patti. She can email you a statement. The EIN number is on your statement.

Spring is here! We wish you and your family a wonderful Spring season!

Kindly,

Michelle

Class Picture Dates!!

Each class will get a photo taken together on the following dates:

April 15

MWF Classes



April 16

TTH Classes and Room 4

More info will be posted to ClassDojo as it gets closer.

Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation
Week

is COMING SOON...



Be on the lookout for information coming home later this month about Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10. The office will be collecting monetary donations to put towards a catered luncheon as well as daily door prizes for the staff. I will also be sending home some fun things the children can do to shower their teachers with LOVE.



Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers will be sending out a pre-conference form. We are asking you to fill it out and send it back prior to your child's conference. With your help we can make the best use of time during your conference.

Conferences will be held the afternoon and evening of May 13th and all day on May 14th. Teachers will be sending out a sign-up genius link to sign up.

Conferences are an opportunity to increase communication between school and home, keep parents informed about your child's progress, and develop a plan for your child's future. If the dates do not work, please reach out to your child's teacher to make other arrangements.



Summer 2024 Plans

We will be offering a Summer Camp as well as an Extended Day Camp and School Age Camp over the summer months. Our 9-1 Summer Camp will run for 8 weeks, starting on June 10. We will be closed this summer on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th, as well as Monday, August 26th and Monday, September 2nd for the entire school. Our Extended Day Camp and School Age classrooms will be open 7:30 AM-5:30 PM effective Monday, June 3rd.

We are excited that we will be having a summer camp again this year. We will be having an eight-week program, beginning June 10 and ending August 9th. The camp will meet from 9:00-1:00 each day Monday-Friday. You can sign-up for one, two, or all eight weeks. The cost will be \$175 each week. There is a 5% discount if you sign up for all 8 weeks! We also give a discount for siblings that enroll. If we have enough interest in a 2-year old camp, we will open room 2 for our younger friends. Children in this classroom do not need to be potty trained but will need to turn 2 before June 10, 2024.

The registration form will be a google form just like our regular registration. The link will be posted to the school story Monday, February 5th at 10 AM. This program sometimes fills up with our in-house families, so please sign up if you are interested. There is not a registration fee, however, to reserve a spot, you must deposit a \$50 reservation fee at the time of registration. The remainder of the tuition will be due the Wednesday before each week.

Our extended day camp classrooms (Rooms 3 and 4) as well as our school age classroom will also follow the themes these weeks. The weekly tuition of \$290 for these rooms will be due on the Monday of the week enrolled. Please see below for more details about class options. Feel free to talk to someone in the front office if you have questions.

The children will benefit from lots of outdoor play, music and movement activities as well as sensory experiences. We also have lots of fun, in house field trips, planned as well! The School Age calendar will be posted later next week that will show all of



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the fun field trips planned. The School Age Camp is for children entering 2nd-5th grade.

The teachers are busy planning lots of fun experiences for the children. The weekly themes are listed below:

June 10-14

Under the Big Top

We will kick off our summer camp with Mike the Magician visiting us this week. We will conduct LOTS of science experiments, including several that will result in delicious treats!

June 17-21

Pirates and Princesses

Who doesn't love to pretend in dramatic play? We will read lots of favorite fairy tales and retell stories using the puppet theatre. We will "walk the plank" and have a treasure hunt!

June 24-28

Under the Sea

Let's explore life under the ocean- including SHARKS! We will investigate sea life as well as use all of our senses to explore the sensory bin. We will take a virtual field trip to the Aquarium!

July 8-12

It's a Bugs Life- Camping

Let's go camping under the stars! We will make smore's, have an outdoor picnic and sing songs around the campfire. We will bring our bikes/scooters and have a bike day this week!

July 15-19

Dinosaurs!

Have you ever danced the dinosaur stomp? This week we will go back in history and learn all about volcanos and have lots of scientific investigations!

July 22-26

Out of This World

This week will focus on space and our solar system. We will play games outside, as well as enjoy lots of STEM activities! Eric Energy will also visit us this week.

July 29- August 2

Summer Olympics

We will kick off the week visiting Tri-Star Martial Arts in Mount Airy. Throughout the week we will experience lots of movement both inside and outside. We will bring our bikes/scooters and have a bike day this week!

August 5-9

Water, Water, Everywhere!

Children will have fun in the sun as they explore water everywhere. We will visit the Aquarium with a virtual field trip and have a WATER DAY! We will investigate sink or float, and we will discover how long it takes popsicles to melt!

Details...

- Registration will begin at 10:00 AM on February 5th.
- Attendance is flexible for the Summer Camps and School Ageds. You can choose one week, two



weeks, or all 8! Our Extended Day Camp and School Age classrooms are open ALL summer, with the exception of July 4-5 and Monday, August 26.

NOTE: In the event of insufficient enrollment, parents will be notified of class cancelation two weeks prior to the first class. Fees for the class will be refunded. This does include the \$50 reservation fee.

A non-refundable \$50 reservation fee will be due upon registration for each week you are registering for the Summer 9-1 Camp. This means if you are registering for 3 weeks, you will pay a \$150 reservation fee to hold your place. This applies to anyone registering for the 9-1 Summer Camp and children that are attending the School Age Camp part time this summer. The remainder of each week's camp tuition should be paid no later than the Wednesday before your child is scheduled to attend. ***(This does not apply to our Extended Day Camp in Rooms 3 and 4. It also does not apply for our School Age children that will attend all summer. These children's tuition will be due on the Monday of each school week.)***

- We recommend that sun block be applied prior to arrival each day as the children will be playing outdoors. A labeled sun hat or cap is also recommended

Forms:

Completed and up to date forms, these include the Health Inventory, Emergency Card and Allergy Form (if needed) are required in the office at least a week before your child starts.

We will need Emergency Forms *updated* after June 1, 2024. Please see the office to do so.



Summer Program for Preschoolers and School Ageds!

- Taught by our MADLC Staff!
- Mixed Age Groups
- Outdoor Play
- Reinforcement of math and language academic skills
- Creative art experiences
- Songs, fingerplays and movement
- Snack time and cooking projects
- Small and large group motor games and experiences
- Weekly units
- In-person field trips and experiences
- Peanut/ Tree nut free environment



Reminders:

- This is just a friendly reminder that we strive to maintain a healthy environment for our children and staff. There is an understanding that all children in our care can participate fully, including active play, indoors and outdoors. Please take a few minutes to review our sickness policy as stated in the Parent Handbook. Mt. Airy Daycare and Learning Center has set the following standards for the health and safety of children and staff: Your child may not come to school and will be sent home, if we notice any of the following symptoms:
 - Temperature 100°F or higher (Your child cannot return to the center until he/she is fever free for 24 hours without medication)
 - Vomiting and/or Diarrhea
 - Unidentified Rash · Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
 - Head Lice – a child must be nit free before returning to the center
 - Any Communicable Disease

We reserve the right to refuse admittance to any child with any of these symptoms.

- *Lunch time* is an important part of a child's day. This is a time that children build their peer relationships and social skills, but even more importantly children can replenish their bodies with healthy and nutritional foods. Many of the prepared meals, such as Lunchables, often contain a high amount of sodium and other preservatives. While this can

be a convenient alternative occasionally, here is a website with more information.

Nutrition - HealthyChildren.org



- *Weather Appropriate Clothing:* Classes will be going outside every day that weather permits, even in colder temperatures. Please make sure that your child wears weather appropriate clothing so he/she can enjoy the time outside. The weather is changing day by day, and even sometimes hour by hour. Please send in a jacket with your child every day. Remember to label your child's jacket.
- *Extra Clothes:* Please check your child's supply of extra clothes to make sure all the clothes are weather appropriate and fit properly. Remember to include extra underwear and socks.
- *Absences :* Please call the school to let us know when your child will not be here or is running late (301-829- 6364). You can also message your teacher on ClassDojo. This is extremely helpful to the teachers, so they may plan their days accordingly.



Family Resources

MSDE Office of Child Care	410.549.6489
Child Protective Services	410.386.3434
Department of Social Services	410.857.6224
	1.800.222.1222
	301.829.1742
Infant/Toddler and Child Find – Carroll County	410.386.8340
Infant/Toddler and Child Find – Frederick County	301.694.1611
Zero to Three	202.683.1144
Carroll County Public Library	301.829.5290

Parent Resources:

In addition to our Parent Handbook, there are several websites we have found useful that touch on parenting tips and developmental milestones:

<http://www.readyatfive.org/resources/tips.aspx>

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/guidelines

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/child/default.htm>



WE ARE VERY THANKFUL THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE RESPECTFUL WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING THEIR CHILDREN HOME WHEN THEY ARE SICK. PLEASE USE THE SYMPTOM CHECKER BELOW IF YOU ARE UNSURE AS TO WHETHER YOUR CHILD SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO MESSAGE ME ON CLASSDOJO OR CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

😊 **MICHELLE**

If you answer yes to any of these questions your child cannot come to school.

Please call the office at 301-829-6364 and speak with the Director. Thank you!

We are trying hard to keep our children and staff as healthy as can be- we appreciate your cooperation with adhering to these health guidelines.

Does your child have one (1) of the following symptoms?	Does your child have two (2) of the following symptoms?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever of 100.4 or higher • Difficulty breathing • Diarrhea or vomiting • New loss of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Congestion • Sore throat • Runny nose • Headaches • Body aches • Lethargic
YES/ NO	YES/ NO





**Inclement Weather Policy
for Preschool Classes
2023-2024 School Year**

Our Inclement Weather policy affects **ANY and ALL** Preschool activities (i.e. field trips, conferences, and class time).

When **Carroll** County is CLOSED, Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center Preschool will be **CLOSED**.

When Carroll County Schools open **1 Hour LATE** the preschool classes will begin at 10:00 A.M.

When Carroll County Schools open **2 Hours LATE** the preschool classes will also begin at 10:00 A.M.

Early Closings:

Early Closings due to bad weather will follow Carroll County Schools. Should either or both counties decide to close early, the afternoon classes will close accordingly (i.e. if schools should close one hour early, classes will dismiss one hour early.) If either of the school systems closes 2 hours or more early, the afternoon classes will be canceled.



PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE ZONE



Due to multiple serious peanut/tree nut allergies in our center, no nuts or nut products are permitted in our school. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, almond butter, and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Thank you for your cooperation to keep all the children in our school safe.



School Closings 2023-2024

August 28 Monday	Professional Development Day
September 4 Monday	Labor Day
October 24 Tuesday	Professional Development Day
November 23 & 24 Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Break
December 25 & 26 Monday & Tuesday	Winter Break
January 1 Monday	New Year's Day
March 20 Wednesday	Professional Development Day
March 29 & April 1 Friday & Monday	Good Friday and Easter Monday
May 27 Monday	Memorial Day
May 28 Tuesday	Professional Development Day
July 4 & 5 Thursday and Friday	Independence Day Holiday
August 26 Monday	Professional Development Day
September 2 Monday	Labor Day