



Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center, Inc.
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November/December 2021 Newsletter

October was a busy month here at MADLC! The children had a great time learning about fire safety, pumpkin fun and of course celebrating Halloween!

A big thank you to all the families who brought in treats for their child's classroom. It made the day that much more special, and the children really enjoyed them!

Thank you to the McLain family for donating all the pumpkins to the center. The children loved painting, carving, weighing, and measuring them. They also have fun with a variety of pumpkin activities such as pumpkin volcano, pumpkin slime, pumpkin playdough, pumpkin squish bags and a sink or float experiment.





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Mark your calendars

FCPS

Wednesday, November 24 th	Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 25 th	Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 26 th	Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 6 th	2-hour early dismissal	
Thursday, December 23 rd – Friday, December 31 st	Schools Closed	Winter Break

CCPS

Wednesday, November 10 th	2 hours 45 minutes early dismissal	End of marking period
Wednesday, November 24 th	2 hours 45 minutes early dismissal	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 25 th	Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 26 th	Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, December 23 rd	2 hours 45 minutes early dismissal	Winter Break/ Christmas
Friday, December 24 th – Friday, December 31 st	Schools Closed	Winter Break/ Christmas

Preschool Program

Monday, November 22 nd – Wednesday, November 24 th	Preschool Closed - Conferences
Thursday, November 25 th – Friday, November 26 th	Preschool Closed – Thanksgiving Break

Center Closings

Thursday, November 25 th - Friday, November 26 th	Closed – Thanksgiving Break
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Happy Holidays!



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Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at the end of November. Your child's teacher will be sending out a "pre-conference" form for you to fill out. Please return this form as soon as possible so your child's teacher can make the best use of time during your scheduled time. For conferences this year (due to COVID) we have several options:

1. Conference Call with both parents
2. Zoom meeting
3. Face to face (during drop off or pick up time)

If you choose not to have a conference this time around, we understand. We will have a second round of conferences in the spring. Our teachers are still required to do assessments so they will have a Family Summary Report Form that will be sent home for you to view. If you should have questions and the dates below do not work for you, please feel free to contact your child's teacher and schedule a phone conference at your earliest convenience.

The Parent/Teacher Conferences are as follows:

Pre-K 2's – Tuesday, November 23rd

Pre-K 3's – Monday, November 22nd

Pre-K 4's – Monday, November 22nd

Room 2 – Thursday, December 2nd

Room 3 – Tuesday, November 30th

Room 4 – Monday, November 29th

School Age – If you would like a conference with Ms. Jane and/or Ms. Elaina please contact them directly by email room1@mtairydaycare.com

This is a time to learn about your little one, from their strengths and weaknesses to how they interact with their friends and teachers.





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Reminders:

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](http://www.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. If it is more convenient for you please feel free to send in items such as hats, mittens, and jackets that can stay at the center.

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.

Holiday Schedules:

Holiday traveling, change in schedules, and the excitement of the season can throw kids out of routine. Keep this in mind as you are rushing here and there during the holidays. Please let your child's teacher know which days your child will be attending so we can allow our teachers to have time with their families.

Inclement Weather: With the upcoming winter season approaching, it is time to re-visit what to do when we have inclement weather. We are committed to providing you with service throughout the year and we will make every effort to stay open and open on time. However, we also want families and staff to be safe during travels. If we must close early, close for the day, or open late, it will be posted on our front door, on our website <http://www.mtairydaycare.com> and announced on our answering machine. Preschool families please refer to the Inclement Weather Policy that was distributed early this year, extra copies available at the front desk.

Emergency Information -It is critical that any changes in your home, work, or cell phone #s are updated with us. If there is an emergency with your child, we want to be able to reach you as quickly as possible. If we are not able to reach you, we will call the people listed as your emergency contacts. If you do have changes, please see someone at the front desk to make changes on the original Emergency Card.

Absences -Please call the center to let us know when your child will not be here or is running late (301-829-6364). This is extremely helpful to the teachers, so they may plan their days accordingly.



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Child Development: Learning About Books and Print

Your child was born to learn! From birth, your child is learning important language and literacy skills. He sees printed words and symbols all around him; on signs, in books, magazines, newspapers and many items in your home. You can help your child learn that the print tells us something. These skills will help your child learn to read and write.

Your Infant

- Read short, simple books with your infant every day. Choose books that your child can touch and hold. Help her turn the pages. Encourage your child to touch and point to pictures in books. Point out and name the pictures together. Try singing the words in the books as you read.

Your Toddler

- Choose books that are not too long, and that have some words that repeat (The Little Engine that Could repeats the words "I think I can, I think I can...."). Point to words as you read them.
- Look at the cover of the book and talk about it. Soon your child will recognize favorite books by their covers.
- Ask your child to help read the book. Try letting your child "finish" the text. (For example, read the book The Three Little Pigs to your child. You say, "I'll huff and I'll puff", ask your child to finish the phrase and "I'll blow your house down".
- At breakfast point out the letters on the cereal box. When driving point out signs and say "we need to stop when we see a stop sign".
- Make a short storybook with your child. Have them draw a picture, then make up a story for your book.

Your Preschooler

- Read books to your preschooler every day. Be willing to read his favorites over and over again. Talk about the pictures and how they connect with the story. Point to the words when you read so your child knows the story is coming from print.
- Ask your child to help you read. Let your child "read" a favorite book to you using the pictures on the pages
- Help your child recognize a word that is large on a page that may go with a certain noise (ex. QUACK!)
- Write your child's name in various places at home so that she can begin to recognize it.

Want more suggestions Visit: [www. Readyatfive.org](http://www.Readyatfive.org)



Wishing you a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!