



Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center, Inc.
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March 2024 Refrigerator Dates



March	Looking ahead to April/ May
3/4–3/8: Read Across America Week	
Monday: PJ Day!	4/2: FCPS and CCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to South Mountain Creamery
Tuesday: Dress in lots of colors	
Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday	4/3: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip TBA
Thursday: Crazy hair/ hat	
Friday: Crazy socks/ shoes	4/4: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Sophie and Madigan Playground and Jimmie Cone
3/13: Room 4 visit to Senior Center	
3/20: MADLC CLOSED for Staff In-Service Day	4/5: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Bear Branch Nature Center & Planetarium
3/22: FCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Skyzone in Columbia	
3/25: BOOK FAIR BEGINS! (We will be looking for parent volunteers this week)	4/8: DINE OUT Night! Memories Charcoal House 5-9 PM
3/28: Literacy Night 6:00- 7:30 @ MADLC (More info. in newsletter!)	4/9: CCPS Early Release: School Age field trip to Watkins Park
3/28: CCPS Closed: School Age Field Trip to Skyzone in Columbia	4/15 & 4/16: Spring Class Pictures (Individual Make-up Pictures also)
3/27 & 3/28: Spring Egg Hunts! (Looking for volunteers to stuff and hide eggs!)	4/22 & 4/23: Soccer Shots visit!
3/29 & 4/1: MADLC Closed: Good Friday & Easter Monday	4/25 & 4/26: Preschool 3's and PreK 4's Bookmobile Visit
3/29-4/5: Spring Break for Preschool Classes	



Director's News

Spring is right around the corner, and we are very excited for lots of fun, spring things this month. We are loving the extra time playing outside and enjoying our wonderful playground.

Thank you to everyone that wrote kind notes to our school and our wonderful staff! The teachers were so happy and felt all the LOVE! We are also going to celebrate our wonderful teachers in May during Staff Appreciation Week- May 6-10. More information is coming next month in the newsletter!

Registration for the fall went very well! We have some openings in our afternoon 2's class, Full day 3's classes, TTH AM 3's, MWF afternoon PreK 4's, and our School Age program.

Summer Camp is coming soon! We are excited to offer both a 9-1 Summer Camp, as well as an Extended Day and School Age Program. The teachers have been very busy planning fun activities and experiences for the children this summer. We have LOTS of in-house field trips planned, as well as excursions for our older School Age children. Please use the Google Form located on either ClassDojo or our website to register soon. We cannot hold any spots unless we have a completed registration form. The Summer Camp (9-1) will require a \$50 reservation fee per week to hold a spot for your child. The Extended Day Classrooms do not require a deposit for in-house families. Please see me if you have any questions regarding the summer programs we are offering this year. We sure do hope you can join us in the fun!!

I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a Literacy Night for our school families on Thursday, March 28th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Each classroom will have an activity planned. We hope you can join us! A flyer will be coming home with more information. Please return the slip at the bottom indicating the number of people in your family that would like to attend. Again, this is only for current students and their families.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on Monday, March 25th. We would love some parent helpers to help set up. More information is included in this newsletter. In conjunction with our book fair and Read Across America Week, we will be sending home "caterpillar pieces" for you to write a favorite book you and your child enjoy reading together. We will display the classroom caterpillars in the front hallway to celebrate and encourage reading at home!

We are very looking forward to having a DINE OUT Night at Memories Charcoal and Grill on Monday, April 8th from 5-9 PM. Please invite family and friends to support our school. 10% of dine-in and carryout orders will be donated to our school. Proceeds will go towards educational materials for our classrooms. Please help spread the word!

We are excited to announce that we have earned the highest level in Maryland Excels- a level 5! Maryland Excels is a quality rating and improvement system for preschools and early childhood centers in Maryland. We meet the highest standards in Maryland and are fully accredited by the state of Maryland.

A survey will be coming out this month to our families. We value your



feedback and suggestions. We also like to hear what is going well, and things that you would like to see continued. I will share the results with you and the staff later this spring. I appreciate you taking the time to complete it.

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.

Enjoy the last part of winter. Spring is almost here!

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



We will also be doing make-up individual pictures if you did not get one in the fall. More info will be posted to ClassDojo as it gets closer.

Thank you!

Read Across America Week March 4-8



Help us celebrate our love for reading by joining us in a spirit week!

Monday: PJ Day! Let's celebrate the entire day of reading. Wear pajamas or comfy clothes.

Tuesday: My Many Colored Days- Dress in lots of fun colors!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday! Wear your clothes backwards, inside out or mismatched.

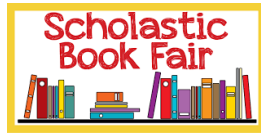
Thursday: Wear crazy hair or a hat! I bet the cat in the hat would like that!

Friday: Wear two different shoes or funny socks! Just make sure they don't have rocks. Be super cool and wear both!

A family activity is coming home this month for all! Please be on the lookout for circles that you will write the titles of your favorite books on. We will be making class caterpillars with the circles.



Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming this month! The fair will be open Monday, March 25th- Tuesday, April 2nd. The hours will be 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM March 25-28 and 7:00 AM- 4:30 PM April 2nd. You can purchase items at the fair using cash, check (made payable to MADLC) or credit card. We will have an online purchasing option also. The online store will open on March 25. You can check out our Scholastic Fair Homepage at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mtairydaycareamplarningctr>

We will have three baskets we will be raffling off at the fair! The baskets will include:

- Animal theme
- Transportation theme
- Just for Fun theme

Tickets for the baskets will be given for your purchases made (the number of tickets you receive will be based on the dollar amount of your purchase)

If you are interested in volunteering before, during, or after the book fair, please check the sign-up genius on ClassDojo. We need help setting up the book fair in Room 1 on Thursday, March 28th from 3:30-4:30 PM. This time can be flexible if you can help at another time that day. We will also need help checking out and helping customers.

All of the proceeds of the fair will go towards books and educational materials for the classrooms.

Literacy Night

Save the Date!

Thursday, March 28th

6:00-7:30 PM

(In-House Families Only)

Room 1: Scholastic Book Fair

Room 2: Games

Room 3: Art

Room 4: Glow Reading/ Snack

Room 5: Sensory

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 Break Plans for School Age

School is out for both Carroll and Frederick Counties for Spring Break. We have room for “drop in’s” for any of the trips below. Please see Ms. Michelle or Ms. Patti for more information.



Friday, March 22:

FCPS Closed- Skyzone in Columbia

(Drop in \$75/day)

Thursday, March 28:

CCPS Closed- Skyzone in Columbia

(Drop in \$75/ day)

Tuesday, April 2:

CCPS and FCPS Closed-

South Mountain Creamery

(Drop in \$60/ day)

Wednesday, April 3:

FCPS Closed-

Trip TBA

Thursday, April 4:

FCPS Closed- Sophie and Madigan's
Playground & Jimmie Cone

(Drop in \$50/ day)

Friday, April 5:

FCPS Closed- Bear Branch Nature Center and
Planetarium

(Drop in \$50/day)

Tuesday, April 9:

CCPS Early Release- Watkins Park

(Drop in \$10/hour)



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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 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!



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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!

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!

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!

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.

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.

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.

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. **Don't forget to label "extras", such as hats, mittens and scarves!**
- *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.



MT. AIRY DAYCARE & LEARNING CENTER

DINE OUT

FUNDRAISER

MONDAY APRIL 8TH
5PM-9PM

10% OF SALES ARE DONATED
IN-HOUSE DINING & CARRYOUT
 (EXCLUDES DOOR DASH ORDERS)

MEMORIES CHARCOAL HOUSE
301-829-2264

403 E. Ridgeville Blvd
 Mt. Airy MD 21771
 (Wal-Mart Shopping Center)

Please Call or Order Directly Online at
MemoriesCharcoalHouse.com





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