

September 2019
The Davis Harbor News
Davis Child Care Center



Message from the Center Director

What a busy past few days we've had! Although the calendar tells us it is only September, in the world of child care, preschool and 4K it is the start of the "new year". It is a bit of an adjustment for everyone when we have so many children that move to new classrooms at the same time, however, the children appear to be adapting quite well!

We are looking forward to a year of fun-filled activities at Davis and we are happy to have your child here with us. If at anytime you have any questions, comments or concerns about Davis and/or our programming, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Angie Soda
Center Director
Angie@davischildcare.com

Announcements

September 26 - Vision Screening for ages 3 and up. More information will come as the time approaches.

October 1– School pictures will start. Watch for more information to come as the time gets closer.

Notes & Reminders

If you have not already completed the 2 forms regarding CACFP Enrollment and Household Size Income (the blue and purple forms), please do so this week. If you have any questions, please contact Erin.

Office@davischildcare.com

Thank you!

Davis Pride

Ms. Leah - 4 years

Ms. Wendy - 7 years

Ms. Ivy - 1 year

Ms. Cassie - 5 years

Ms. Sara C. - 11 years

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into Davis each day!

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS Ms. Deb & Ms. Kimberly

Spectacular September is here! It hardly seems possible that fall is just around the corner. Our infants will be watching for the busses going by the windows and the 4K students walking through the hall. We will be cheering for our favorite football team and raising our arms for a touchdown! You might get a whiff of baked cinnamon apples when you pick up your infant one day this month. Please be sure to have appropriate outdoor clothing at the center so we can take some walks and look for the pretty colored leaves. The results are in for the names of our fish. The blue fish is Dory, the yellow fish with the large tail is Sunshine and the yellow fish with the small tail is Bubbles.

Deb, Kimberly and Savannah



THE CREEPERS

Ms. Rachel & Ms. Ivy

Dear Creeper Families,

Summer has come and gone! Now it is time to focus on the coming school year and fall. We will no longer be doing water play outside so swimsuits and swim shoes can go home. We will keep sunscreen and bug spray until close to the end of October. The weather is a little bit cooler in the morning, if you would like to leave a light jacket for when we go outside please feel free to do so!

The first week of September the Creepers will be celebrating the "Last Splash" of summer. After that we will be focusing on the first day of school, apples, and towards the end fall! We may even be making our very own applesauce!



The Creepers are sad to see summer go but are also excited to watch the weather change and cooler weather. We can't wait to see all the beautiful colors of fall.

Sincerely, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Ivy

THE SCOOTERS

Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine

Families, can you believe it? It is September already, and the summer just flew by. We are excited to start the new school year and welcome in new Scooters to our family. The first day of school will be September 3rd. Ms. Christine and I can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces on the first day of school!

During this month of learning, we will be exploring these lesson themes: Welcome Back/Ready for Learning, All About Me, Apples, and Leaves. We are also excited to continue using and exploring our outdoor classroom in the gardening area; the Scooters have been loving their time out there. As the season of fall approaches, we will be able to see and taste different fruits and veggies. The Scooters have had a blast watching our cucumbers in our own garden grow bigger and bigger. We are hoping to be able to taste one soon.

Also as the new season approaches, the weather starts to change. Please be aware of clothing choice for your child and what is here is your child's clothes bin.

Remember that the Scooter Classroom Library is outside of the classroom, ready for anyone's use. Just remember to check out and check in the story you are borrowing.

Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine



THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Debby

Greetings Parents,

Welcome to all our new families! Debby and I look forward to getting to know you and your children! Thank you for the time you've given us to clean the room and prepare it for our little Wigglers! We know the first weeks will be difficult, as the children adjust to a new room and new teachers, but we also know they will grow to love their new environment! This month's themes will center on getting to know each other, going to school, and apples. We will be using our Surface to periodically take pictures of the little Wigglers and sending them to parents via email so they can stay up to date on our classroom activities. If you have an updated email please make sure to let us know, so you don't miss out on our updates. Home to school connection, First Feeling: help your child name feelings when they happen. You can help them understand feeling worried by telling them, "You look worried. Can you tell me about it?" If your child is frustrated use the words: "I know you are really frustrated, but you can have a turn in a minute." When your child learns that feelings have names, they will be able to handle them more easily.

Enjoy the cooler days,
Miss Kelly and Miss Debby



THE TROOPERS

Ms. Aly, Ms. Melissa & Ms. Lise

Hello and Welcome to the Trooper Family!

September is the first time for a lot of you in the Trooper room. We are so excited to get to know our new families and children. In the Trooper room, we work hard at helping your child thrive to be the best "them" they can be. We work on teaching self-help skills and independence while still catering to the love and affection that they need to succeed. It's so important to us that your child loves to come to school and enjoys being in the Trooper room.

During this first month together, the lesson plans will revolve around getting to know the children, the teachers, the families, and the Trooper routine. We will be sending home "get to know you" posters/pages for you to fill out with your child, and the teachers will post something similar in the classroom for you to read. On that note, please know that we really want to build a relationship with you as well as your child. If you have any questions or concerns, we would appreciate and welcome that you feel comfortable coming to us. In fact, we encourage it. 😊

Parents, for many of you, the Trooper room is new to you. We have folders hanging beside the door before you walk in. Those folders are where we put your child's daily sheet at the end of the day, special notes from the teacher, paperwork from up front, and any artwork that your child has worked on. To ensure that you are well-informed of everything about your child's day, please remember to check the folder every day upon pick-up. I look forward to meeting and knowing you all, and I'm excited to start this year off in a great way! Let's have a great school year!

Ms. Aly & Trooper Teachers

THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Welcome to the Hopper room! I'm so excited for my new friends I have joining my room. The first few weeks we will really be focusing on learning our new rules and expectations, as they may differ from what we're used to. We will focus on our social well-being in and out of the classroom. My goal for all is to feel welcome and safe while a Hopper.

Parents, I would like to remind you to please check your child's folders in the evening when you pick up. Information about your child's day and your child's needs are written on daily sheet, which will be found in their folders, along with flyers about upcoming events and artwork that your child has worked hard on creating. Please make sure to read the Hopper classroom Packet. If you have any questions or concerns you can always contact me in the classroom via email our classroom email is

hoppers@davischildcare.com.

Transitions are hard on everyone, no matter how excited we are for a new classroom. Switching teachers is one of the hardest things that little one's experience. We need a little extra patience all around, as we all get to know each other and the children will be getting used to a more structured routine. I will do my best to make it a smooth transition, and ask that throughout the year you as the parent and I can work together as a team learning and growing together.

Looking forward to a great year!

THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

Welcome to the Snapper room! I'm so excited for this year, we're going to learn lots! The first few weeks we will really be focusing on learning our new rules and expectations, as they may differ from what we're used to. Check out the welcome packet I sent home with you for more information. Our monthly theme is All About Me, including sub themes of I am Special, My Family, and My Friends.

As you are probably familiar with from your child's previous room, I have a Surface Tablet that will be my primary source of communication with you. Any time the center has an update (construction issues, reminders about big events) or your child has a head injury or is late to school unexpectedly without notice, I will use email to get in touch with you. Please make sure I have your email address that you check most often. The Surface Tablet is also how I keep track of your child's progress through assessments. If I see your child meeting a milestone, I will snap a picture of it and put it in their digital portfolio. During parent/teacher conferences this fall I can show you examples of how your child is doing! I also take pictures of things happening during the week and post them outside the classroom next to the parent board, to give you a glimpse of some of the many fun things we do throughout the day!

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THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

Welcome to the new school year!! I am very excited to have my new friends join the Sparkler room. My name is Christy Grund. A little about me - I am married and we have two Dachshund. During the school year we will be

learning so much. We will be practicing our names, cutting skills, working together, and so much more. It is going to be a great year! Make sure to read the Sparkler hand out. The weather will be changing so please make sure that we have extra clothes and a light jacket. On those rainy cold days at home here is a gross motor activity that you can do with your child. Balloon kick - let your child kick a balloon from one end of the room to the other. Lay a box on its side for a goal. See if they can kick the balloon into the box. If you have any question you can always email me at sparklers@daivschildcare.com or you can set up a conference with me at any time. In September we will be learning about back to school, all about me, apples, and colors. It will be a great month and I cannot wait to get started.



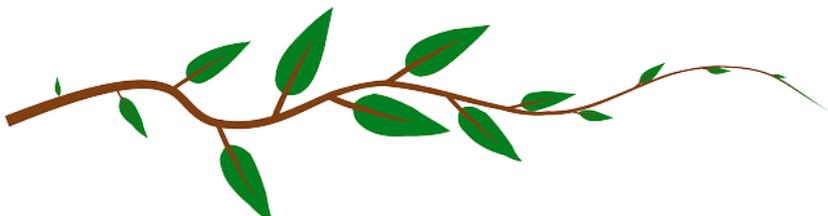
THE RANGERS

Ms. Sara R. & Ms. Brandi

Hope everyone had a fun-filled summer!!! Wow, can't believe how fast it went by and now we're getting ready to kick off another school year. A big thank-you to all the parent chaperones that joined us on our summer fieldtrips and helped to make them a great success. Farewell and best of luck to our former Rangers as they set out to take on Kindergarten; show them how bright your star shines.

We are very excited to welcome and get to know the new Ranger 4K class and their families throughout the school year! This month is going to be a big month for our friends. We will be spending a lot of time on our routines and procedures of our room. We will be focusing on our school family and what it means to be a friend. We look forward to a great school year with our new friends! If you have any questions feel free to e-mail the Ranger Room.

The Rangers



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Ms. Jenn & Ms. Brandi

Hello! It's the start of another school year of STEM exploration! This September, I (Jenn) will be leaving for a short while to spend some time with my new baby. Ms. Brandi will be taking over the STEM Program for September and October. This month she will be doing some apple, leaves, and woodland animal lessons with the friends! We look forward to what she will be doing in the classrooms!

Garden Update

Our garden is starting to wind down for the season. With all the rain and cool weather, it's definitely been an interesting growing season for sure! We still expect to harvest cucumbers, zucchini, yellow beans, kohlrabi, tomatoes, and kale, and we are looking forward to when our butternut squash are ready! Our zucchini and pumpkin plants were attacked by squash vine borers, so we will have less of these items this year. It's all part of gardening, and we have had such a great time in the garden over the summer months!

If you are interested in learning more about sustainability, please check out the link below!



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