



September 2020

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Center Director

September is the start of a “new year” in our building, many of the children move to new rooms, the preschool and 4K children are back in our building and things are busy, busy, busy! This can be a tough period for the kids as they adjust to a new room, a new teacher, and new classmates. Typically, this does not last too long as children are very adaptable and they “settle in” rather quickly. The past six months is definite proof of that! The children have adapted to our ever-changing environment much easier than the adults have (I haven’t heard a single child complain about having to wear a mask! 😊).

Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us. If at any time, you have any questions, comments or concerns about Davis and/or our programming, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Angie Soda
Center Director
angie@davischildcare.com



Notes & Reminders

Breakfast– Breakfast is served at 8:15 each day for children under 2 and at 8:30 for children over 2 (Rangers will be served breakfast at 7:45 unless it is a no school day). For healthy and safety reasons, if your child(ren) is not in attendance by 15 minutes after meal start time, they will not be served.

Water bottles– Water bottles are washed each day and need to remain at Davis. Please bring one that is dishwasher safe.

Lightweight Blankets– As we are washing blankets and sheet at Davis, please make sure that the blanket here is lighter weight.

Birthday Treats– We can accept store bought, individually pre-packaged treats that will be sent home with the children (ie. Individual packages of goldfish crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, etc). Parents can then make the decision to serve the treat.

Important Dates:

Monday, September 7th—Davis will be closed for Labor Day



Rockin' Rollers

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.

Ms. Christine



Creepers

Dear Creeper Families,

September is here but summer isn't quite over yet. The mornings will be cool and the afternoons hot. We suggest dressing in layers! When it begins to cool down we will send our water play things home and replace them with warmer clothes.

In the beginning of this month we will be learning about school and apples. We will even make some homemade applesauce! At the end of the month the Creepers will be learning about family and talk about the first day of fall!

We are looking forward to welcoming fall and new friends in September!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel and Ms. Hannah

Scooters

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 1st. Ms. Cassie 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 sunflowers and watermelon in our own garden grow bigger and bigger. We are hoping to be able to taste one of the watermelons 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.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

Ms. Emily & Ms. Cassie

Wigglers

Greetings Parents,

Welcome to all our new families! 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. 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

Troopers

Hello Trooper Families!

Welcome to the Trooper Classroom, and the start of our 2020-2021 year. We are looking forward to getting to know all of our new friends and families. At this time the Troopers would like to say farewell to many of our current friends. We look forward to seeing you in the hallway and on the playground. You will all do great as Hoppers, Sparklers and Snappers, and in your journey over the next year to get ready for 4K. As we say goodbye to some friends, we also say HELLO to our newcomers. The Trooper teachers are looking forward to an excellent month ahead of us.

September is a month of getting to know you for our classroom. To start off our month we will be getting to know each student and family. You will see a questionnaire come home to fill out with your child. Please return the questionnaire as soon as possible so it can help us create an individual book for your child to keep in the classroom. During September we will also be learning about Fall and Apples. Our classroom will be transformed into an Apple Orchard for our friends to play in. We will also do a lot of Math/Science/Cooking activities with Apples. Our class will be work on letter recognition of our names, especially the first letter, this is something that you can help with at home.

As we approach Fall, keep in mind that your child will be outside daily, weather permitting. That being said, please make sure that we have a light weight jacket at the center for our cooler mornings. Our classroom is outside by 9:00am in the mornings, and we have seen some mornings in the 60's. The Trooper Class loves to go on walks. Please make sure that your child has appropriate walking shoes, Davis had a NO OPEN TOED SHOE policy. This is for the safety of your child while walking, or playing on the playground. Also make sure that your child's shoes stay securely on his or her feet. Slip on shoes are great for convenience, however if they are too loose that they fall off when running/walking we will need to have another pair of shoes in the center. Thank you all so much for your participation in the Trooper Classroom, we look forward to a wonderful month and getting to know you.

Hoppers

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 please make sure to read the Hopper Classroom Packet. I have a Chrome book in my classroom so this will be the best way to keep in touch with each other, so please make sure I have your current email address. If you have any questions or concerns you can always contact me in the classroom via email our classroom email is hoppers@davischildcare.com.

I would like to remind you to please read your child's daily sheet and will be placed in their backpacks at the end of the day. Information about your child's day and your child's needs are written on daily sheet along with flyers about upcoming events and artwork that your child has worked hard on creating.

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 ones 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. 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.

Looking forward to a great year!

Ms. Diane

Sparklers

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 Welcome Packet. 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 at home 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@davischildcare.com or you can always set up a conferences 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.

-Ms. Christy



Snappers

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 Chromebook 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 Chromebook 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 to our Davis Facebook page, to give you a glimpse of some of the many fun things we do throughout the day!

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Looking forward to a great year!

Ms. Leah

Rangers

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. Farewell and best of luck to our former Rangers as they set out to take on Kindergarten; show them how bright your star shines. May you all have a happy and healthy school.

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, and keep our room safe and clean. 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 at rangers@davischildcare.com.

School Age

We are excited to offer child care to supplement your school-age child's A/B schedule. We will provide WI-FI access for those students needing to use their Chromebook to do homework, fun, educational activities and breakfast/lunch/snack. We will provide designated work time, with teacher support, for students needing to work on homework/attend virtual classes, however, we are unable to provide individual teacher instruction in the classroom. We look forward to spending time with your child!



Continued Birth to 3 Program Services During COVID-19

Constant support through uncertain times

While families across Wisconsin face uncertainties during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, young children with delays or disabilities are still in need of support. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Birth to 3 Program is here to support children and their families through this public health emergency.

Continue referring families to the Birth to 3 Program

It is critical now more than ever for families and doctors or others who work with Wisconsin families to take notice of developmental concerns in young children. While families and health care providers work together to make sure children see their doctors, the Birth to 3 Program remains open to receive referrals and provide, or start, services.

Families, doctors, and other health and child care professionals should continue to refer any child they have concerns about to the Birth to 3 Program. They can also refer children that have been diagnosed with a delay or disability, as they are likely eligible for services through the Birth to 3 Program.

To refer a child, contact the local Birth to 3 Program in the family's county. You can find contact information at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/contacts.htm.

We are here to support you

The Birth to 3 Program is here to help children grow and learn to their fullest potential.

DHS and local county Birth to 3 Programs continue to provide services to children and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Local Birth to 3 Programs are working with families to come up with creative ways to stay in touch to continue, or start, services. Even when in-person contact isn't possible, services are being delivered over the phone and through video and web based applications and platforms.

To learn more about the Birth to 3 Program, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm.



The Birth to 3 Program is a federally mandated Early Intervention program to support families of children under the age of 3 with developmental delays or disabilities. The program's goal is to help children learn and grow to their fullest potential.



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