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A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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Learn About Continuity of Care

At the new campus, we will implement continuity of care for children birth – 2.5 years. We invite you to attend one of four (4) sessions to learn about the continuity of care model, benefits for your child, and staff training. The sessions will be hosted by Julie Wilson, certified Infant/Toddler Care Trainer.

Sept. 11 (11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

Sept. 18 (11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

Sept. 13 (7:00 – 8:00 a.m.)

Sept. 25 (11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

Please feel free to bring your lunch to the noon-time meetings. Bagels and coffee will be provided for the early morning session. RSVP to jwilson@hwccenter.com

Infant and toddler continuity classrooms are beneficial for many reasons. In this model, children remain with a consistent caregiver for the first 2 ½ years of early education. During this time, they build trust, relationships, and encounter a myriad of benefits, such as secure attachment, and a solid social and emotional foundation.

Typically in a continuity classroom there are 8 children ages birth to 2.5 years. The children form a family cohort and build bonds with their peers, often times older children taking on a “caregiver” role to the younger children. The idea of this model is to encourage more one-on-one interactions between caregiver and child.

Relationships and interactions are the basis of high quality education and development for young children. Teachers are allowed the ability to become more intentional with each child due to the ranges of ages in the classroom. For example, while the younger children are sleeping, the caregiver can be engaged with the smaller group of older children.

Sunscreen Reminder

Make sure you apply sunscreen to your child each morning. We will reapply sunscreen after nap.

Fall Paperwork

As a reminder, information sheets are due July 6, and the balance of fall paperwork is due July 13. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Wilson at jwilson@hwccenter.com.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 11
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Meet your teachers, see your child's classroom, and gain important class information. Extra-Curricular program representatives will be present to discuss activities, benefits, and registration.

Special Thank You

Breyer's Ice Cream rolled out the ice cream truck so that children and guests could enjoy cold treats after the 4th of July Parade. Needless to say, the popsicles were enjoyed by all!

Keep Your Child Hydrated

Summertime heat can lead to dehydration or worse. Provide water during and after active play.

Teach your young toddlers the sign for water by visiting <https://bit.ly/2lLwnki>.

Allow your child to be the "water helper" and pass out water to family members.

NO Flip Flop Zone

Great for the pool, great at home, not so great at school! Playgrounds and flip flops have resulted in a few broken toes over the years.

Please make sure children wear shoes with a back strap!



Employee of the Month

Maggie Schooley,
Preschool Lead Teacher

"I am a happy Jaguar mom and just really have to brag and nominate Ms. Maggie. As a single mother and my child's father not in the picture Maggie just really went above and beyond to make sure my little girl didn't feel left out and made me a plaque to give me for the Father's day lunch. She is always smiling and pleasant at drop off and has made our almost full month just a blessing and pleasant. {My daughter} loves Ms. Maggie," states a happy mom!

Ms. Maggie has been an incredible team member for **20 YEARS!** MOST DESERVED MS. MAGGIE!

NEVER LEAVE A CHILD IN THE CAR

"I leave the AC on in the car..."
"It will only take me a minute..."
"My older child is in the car to keep a watchful eye..."

It only takes a minute for extreme heat to consume a vehicle and we all have read the devastating results by leaving a young child in the car.

Please bring your children (of any age) into the building. We are happy to watch your children at the front desk while picking up a sibling.

When Strep Hits

When strep hits, it is important to take precautions to avoid entering the cycle a few weeks later.

Sanitize and wash all personal items at home. This includes toys that are mouthed, bedding, stuffed animals, and lovies.

Additionally, ditch the toothbrush and purchase a new one immediately! Wash sippy cups and other dining items with hot water.

Thanks for helping us minimize cootie bugs!

Evacuation Site

In the event of an emergency, we want you to know where to go.

Isolated incidents (i.e. gas leak): Children will be escorted to the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center's parking lot.

Community wide emergency (i.e. tornado) HWCEC will provide extended care until parents can reach us. The secondary location is:

The First Presbyterian Church
901 NE J Street
Bentonville, AR 72712
479-273-5450
Located on NE J Street next to Amazeum

