



Children's World

BILINGUAL MONTESSORI

INFANT • TODDLER • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

February 2021

Dear Parents,

The month of friendship and love is here and Children's World will be celebrating by exploring acts of friendship and kindness during our Valentine's Day celebrations.

Summer Session

It may still be cold and snowy outside but Children's World is encouraging you to look to the sun filled summer months and imagine where your family will be.

Our Summer Session attendance notifications will be going out by email this year, starting on Monday February 1st. We will need to know if you plan to continue your attendance as is, reserve your space or withdraw. Please respond to the email with a YES or NO for each month of June, July, August and September.

This information will help us determine Summer movements for the children and classroom placements for our teachers. Please understand that this commitment will be honored and finalized this Spring. If you choose to reserve the Summer months there will be a reservation fee that coordinates with your enrolled schedule.

Operational Hours

Children's World is thankful to see the outbreak of Covid-19, within the Municipality of Anchorage, starting to decrease in numbers of infections. With children returning to in-person learning in the Anchorage School District and an ongoing vaccination plan, we

Reminders

Children's World will be **closed** on Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day.

Valentine's Exchange: All Valentine's will need to be present in the classroom the week prior to exchanging between children.

Summer Session Attendance emails will be sent out starting February 1st.

Snacks & Lunches: Please remember to provide **2 snacks and a lunch** for your child every day. Each meal should be in its own container, labeled with your child's name, date and either **Snack 1, Snack 2 or Lunch**. Please always pack extra food, as growing children's appetite fluctuate daily. Each meal should have a balanced diet of fruit, vegetables, protein and grain. Please do not send sugary cereals, treats or juices to school.

feel confident to take the 1st step to return to our previous hours of operation of 7:15 am to 5:30 pm starting Monday, March 1st. We will be adding a drop off time of 7:15 am and pick-up times of 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Administration will contact everyone, by email, in February to adjust drop off and pick-up times if it is needed for your family. Please remember that there are only so many spaces we can allot at each time.

Even with the return to normal operational hours, we at any time may change back to a reduced hours or operation. If there is a significant increase in cases, widespread community transmission or mandate by the Municipality of Anchorage or State of Alaska, Children's World will follow necessary steps to keep our community safe.

10 Questions

1. Will Children's World Bilingual Montessori give a refund if my child's class closes due to a positive Covid-19 exposure?

Answer: No. Children's World has been able to stay open during this pandemic due to the hard work and dedication. Financially, giving a refund for closures is not fiscally responsible. Children's World has had a 35% decrease in enrollment, 100% staff retention and a 15% increase in cost (just related to Covid supplies alone). Children's World **will not** reimburse any family for getting Covid-19 testing.

2. When will Children's World return to normal hours of operation of 7:15 am to 5:30 pm?

Answer: We will return to normal operating hours when the Children's World has determined that widespread community transmission has stopped for an extended period of time.

3. Does Children's World determine the length of classroom or school closures when there has been a confirmed positive Covid-19 exposure at school?

Answer: No. Children's World is informed by the Anchorage Department of Health and the AHD COVID Child Care Licensing Department to determine the length of the closure. These departments determine the risk level, in accordance with the type and level of exposure that occurred, to determine how long the classroom needs to close.

4. Who is required to be tested when an exposure to a Covid-19 positive individual has occurred inside and outside the school?

Answer: All staff are required to be tested if they have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for Covid-19, regardless of where exposure took place. If parents have been exposed to a Covid-19 positive individual we ask that they are tested and complete their 10-day isolation before their child may return to school. If children are exposed to a Covid-19 positive individual we ask that they are tested and complete their 10-day isolation period. These are requests for our families and are not required, but taking the test helps assess the risk for the school, classroom and our community.

5. What is the drop off location and procedure for my child's classroom?

Answer: Each classroom has different schedule which can create some confusion about where and how to drop off your child. If your child's class is expected to be on the playground at your

drop off time, please have them ready for outdoor play (i.e., jacket, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves). If you will be dropping them off at their classroom door, please put their belongings in their cubbies, change their shoes to inside shoes and proceed to the designated classroom door.

6. What is the policy for returning to school after a vacation?

Answer: Children's World is following the Alaska State Mandate for interstate and international travel. Currently, if you travel outside of Alaska, for more than 72 hours, you will need to have a negative test result produced within 72 hours of departure and then socially isolate for 5 days upon return. It is suggested, not required, to perform a second test after your 5 days of isolation has ended. If one chooses not to be tested, they will have to complete a **14-day quarantine.**

7. What items are safe to leave at school and what items need to come home every day?

Answer: Items that may be left in the classroom are a child's extra clothing. These items will be kept in a separate cubby, labeled with their name, located in their classroom. Outside clothes and napping items will need to be taken home daily and cleaned before they will be allowed to be brought back to the classroom.

8. What is my child's classroom phone number?

Answer: **Infant:** Younger Side: 907-244-2026

Older Side: 907-244-8134

Baby Toddler: 907-349-4180

Younger Toddler: 907-770-0871

Older Toddler: 907-868-3105

Preschool: 907-334-1963

Pre-Kindergarten (Gym): 907-868-3107

Pre-Kindergarten (Casa): 907-243-4190

Administration: 907-349-4182

9. What is the name of my child's classroom?

Answer: Classroom names and locations can be confusing, here is a list and explanation of location for each classroom.

Infant: Located in Calvary Church at 3800 W. 80th.
Head Teachers: Juana and Melissa

Baby Toddler: Located in Jewel Lake Parish at 3833 Strawberry Rd.
Head Teacher: Massiel

Younger Toddler: Located in the Green Building at 7423 Jewel Lake Rd. Lower Level, South Side.
Head Teachers: Maria and Betty

Older Toddler Located in the Green Building at 7423 Jewel Lake Rd. Upper Level, South Side.
Head Teachers: Bianka and Yesenia

Preschool: Located in the Green Building at 7423 Jewel Lake Rd. Upper Level, North Side.
Head Teachers: Lisa and Francisca

Pre-Kindergarten II: Located in the Green Building at 7423 Jewel Lake Rd. Lower Level, North Side. **GYM.**
Head Teacher: Maria

Pre-Kindergarten I: Located in the House at 7423 Jewel Lake Rd. Upper Level. **CASA.**
Head Teacher: Alicia

10. How can I increase my communication with my child's teacher about their time in class?

Answer: Drop off and Pick Up is a bit rushed right now to ensure the safety of our families and community. If you have specific concerns about how your child is doing, issues they are having or just want to check in about how their time is going in class we encourage you to let their teacher know at drop off that you would like to talk. Teacher are able to call parents, during nap time (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm) and will call to discuss any concerns or just to give a better insight into how the child is engaging in the classroom.

Sincerely,

Children's World Bilingual Montessori