



# Children's World

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## February 2022

Dear Parents,

This month all the Children's World classes will be exploring acts of kindness and friendship during their Valentine's Day celebrations. Students will take time to reflect on what they are grateful for and the joy they feel for one another.

## Summer Plans

It is never too early to start daydreaming and planning for summer! In fact, Children's World encourages it. Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, Administration will be contacting all enrolled families, **via email**, to determine their desired Summer Schedule.

Families can continue their attendance as normal, reserve the summer months, or reduce their schedule to accommodate more fun in the sun.

For families continuing as normal, please respond to the email with "Normal Attendance".

For families reserving, please indicate which months you would like to reserve (i.e., June, July, or August). You can reserve all 3 if you like.

For families reducing the enrollment, please specify what their desired enrollment for the summer month (June, July, and August) is and what schedule they would prefer in their September enrollment. For example: families can reduce their enrollment from a 5-day to a 2-day enrollment for the summer months and return to their original enrollment in September. Families can also choose to reduce their scheduled hour (i.e., reduce enrollment from an extended day to a part time day).

## Reminders

Children's World will be **closed** for Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, in observance of President's Day.

**Summer Schedule Emails** will be sent out starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Please respond, via email, with your desired Summer Schedule.

## Reservation Fees

2-Day: \$75

3-Day: 100

5-Day: \$250

\*If you reserve the summer, and are returning on a schedule different than your current enrollment: your reservation fee will reflect the desired enrollment\*

Families will have the entire month of February to respond. There will be weekly reminder emails to families that have not given their schedule to Administration. Response must be through email and must be given by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Moving Forward**

Experiences and reflections have taught us a lot through the past 2 years. Administration has been working diligently to find a balance of safety and freedom at the school, and to help guide the staff and children through this pandemic. It has been trying on all of us. We are starting to focus on the future again and what we choose to have that look like for our community. Teachers are finishing their booster shots, transmission at school is not happening at alarming rates, and more children are becoming vaccinated each month.

Policy changes will happen that will reflect acceptance that Covid-19 is a virus that will continue to be with us. Attendance will be optional during close contact exposures and positive Covid-19 exposures. Arrivals and departures will relax in time restraints. Daily health check ins, before drop offs, will no longer be necessary. With these changes there will also be an equal mandated change in the communication and honesty that will be required in attending this school.

All close contact and positive Covid-19 cases must be reported immediately. Families must trust one another to be forthcoming about any exposures, so that the community can make educated decisions about the risk they choose to take for their family. Diligence in observing for any developing symptoms when there is a known exposure in a classroom will be adhered to; teachers and parents are asked to be a part of this. The health and sanitation policies will still be implemented.

Administration's goal is to provide normalcy to these children. Throughout this pandemic, we have prided ourselves in being an environment that the children could trust, play, and be loved without the outside fear interrupting their lives. **These children are the true heroes.** Resilient in every way. Accepting of every new rule or standard presented in front of them, because in the big picture the only things they care about are exploring, loving, expressing, and connecting. We are grateful to have been one of the places that gave them those freedoms.

Thank you to all the families who have supported this school. Your understanding and encouragement helped keep our heads up on some of the darkest days. It can be easy to forget that we are community and although, we may not always agree, it is important to show one another respect and honesty. Thank you to everyone who has been there for the children, teachers, and administration.

News about the forementioned policy changes will be coming soon. Please keep an eye out for all information from Administration.

Sincerely,

Children's World Bilingual Montessori