SAVE THE DATES:

September 1 & 2
Early Learning Facility Closed for Clean Up and Fall Preparation

September 5
Closed for Labor Day Holiday

September 6
First Day....Welcome Back

September 12-16
Gym, Swim and Music Classes begin

September 14
Kindergarten back to School Night 6pm

September 23
St. Jude Trike-a-Thon

September 29
Picture Day (wing A)

September 30
Picture Day (wing B)

FUN FRIDAYS:

September 2
CLOSED for Annual Shutdown

September 9
Moon bounce and Pizza Friday! Children will only need snacks and water cups

September 16
Glow Stick Dance Party

September 23
Kona Ice Day & St. Jude Trike-a-thon

September 30
Movie Day
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS:

Dear Families,

We are sad to see Summer come to an end but really looking forward to the school year! The month of September won’t be any less fun than Summer activities. We will “bounce back to school” and enjoy a moon bounce on Friday, September 9th and have our trike-a-thon on Friday, September 23rd (more info to follow).

New this school year: Music Class for our preschool, pre-k and kindergarteners! Music class along with gym and swim class will begin the week of September 12th.

As many of you know already; Kelly Shearn, former Early Learning Director, is our new branch director. We are so happy to have Kelly continue to support all of us here at the Y. Moving forward, please direct all Early Learning emails/calls to Early Learning Directors.

We are looking forward to having a great school year!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Complete all drop off and pick up tasks everyday including supervising your child during handwashing each morning for 20 seconds prior to entering the classroom.

Please remember drop off should be prior to 9:30 am. The door locks between 9:30 and 2:30 every day.

Remember each child should be dropped off with a lunch and at least 3 snacks for the day. All cold (perishable) items should be in a labeled gallon Ziploc bag and placed in your child’s lunchbox for staff to pull out and place in the classroom refrigerator.

Updated enrollment agreements are in the classrooms with teachers, they need to be signed prior to the first day of school. If you haven’t signed yet, please ask your child’s teacher about the form.

Seasonal Change of Clothes
Does your child still have a summer change of clothes in their cubby? Does your child have a change of clothes at all in their cubby? There are numerous reasons that require children to have a spare set on hand, and the center does not have extras. Please check to ensure your child has a seasonal set of clothes complete with underwear, socks, shoes, top and bottom, appropriate for the current outdoor temperature.
CLASSROOM NEWS

**Young Toddlers:** We are so excited to start the school year. This month we are going to learn about our families and household pets. We will also talk about apples and school buses. As Autumn approaches, we will begin to learn about the leaves changing colors and how the weather effects the way we dress.

**Toddlers:** Room 5 and 6 had an amazing summer! We enjoyed playing outside and doing water play every week! We look forward to jumping into the school year, starting off with our “All about me” unit. We are also very excited to participate in the St. Jude’s trike-a-thon! Don’t forget take a look at our Amazon wish lists posted outside of your child’s classroom! Thank you for your continued support we are excited for a wonderful year ahead!

**Preschool:** This summer has been a blast getting to know all of the kids and having so much Summertime fun! We are so excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year and have lots of exciting things planned! This month we’ll be focusing on 2 themes: All About Me, where the kids will explore different types of families and share about themselves and also make a fun picture collage to hang up in the classroom (be on the lookout for a paper sent home about this fun activity!), and Spaces & Places, where we’ll talk about the different spaces and places in our community and what they do! We’re looking forward to having lots of fun and learning so many new things this year; welcome back to school!

**Pre-K:** We are so excited to start a new school year. Each month we will be learning about different letters and numbers along with a special theme each week. This month we will be focusing on letter “s” and “a” and numbers zero and one. Our special themes are welcome back, all about me/family, germs and colors/shapes. We will also be sending home a family project for you to work on with your child every month. More information will be provided. Please remember to check the white board for important information and read what we did in school that day. We also ask that you check and empty your child’s folder daily. We look forward to a fun school year.

**Kindergarten:** Kindergarten is very excited to begin our reading adventures by getting our very own library cards! We will be riding the Y school bus to the Ridley Township Children’s library for our weekly visits with the children’s librarian. We will begin practicing our numbers and letters in our Phonics and Math books and illustrating our ideas in our journals.

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**HAPPY KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS**

**Hand Washing**

Parents are reminded to escort your child to the bathroom immediately upon entering the facility each day and ensure your child is properly washing before dropping them off in the classroom.

Effective hand washing is one of the most important steps in controlling the spread of germs. This is particularly true when children are touching and eating food. Recommendations from *Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards* state that children and adults should wash their hands in running water that is a comfortable temperature.

Hands should be lathered with soap, preferably liquid soap and thoroughly rubbed for at least 20 seconds. After washing, rinse until soap and dirt are removed, and use a disposable paper towel for drying.

Adults should model appropriate hand washing procedures. Ensure that children and adults wash their hands before setting the table or serving food, before eating and after cleanup.

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**FAMILY BOOK TIME**

*Curl Up With a Good Book!* Studies show that reading to your child increases their vocabulary and makes them better readers. This month, why not head to the library and check out one of these great books:

- **The Pigeon has to go to School!** By: Mo Willems
- **All Are Welcome** By: Alexandra Penfold
- **We Don’t Eat Our Classmates** By: Ryan T. Higgins
- **The Night Before Preschool** By: Natasha Wing
- **How the Crayons Saved the School** By: Monice Sweeney
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Children need the freedom to appreciate infinite resources of their hands, their eyes, and their ears, the resources of forms, materials, sounds, and colours.”
Loris Malaguzzi