SAVE THE DATES:

September 1
Open House 6-7pm

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

SPECIAL REMINDERS

Due to severe allergies, the Preschool classroom is NUT FREE. Thank you for your cooperation.

Information about weekly themes and class happenings will be posted outside the Preschool classroom and sent home in your child’s folder. Please be sure to check your child’s folder daily.

Napping items are required to fit inside your child’s backpack. Children are allowed to bring one comfort item. Napping items will be stored in each child’s backpack for the week and sent home every Friday to be washed.

Early Learning tuition is due every Monday. All payments can be paid at the Front Desk, online, or over the phone.

Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7am-6pm. Students are expected to be in class no later than 9am so group learning can take place with minimal classroom disruptions. After 6pm, a fee of $10 for every 5 minutes will be added to your child’s tuition. Please be prompt when picking up your child.
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS:

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Early Learning Preschool Program at the Springfield YMCA! We would like to extend a warm welcome to your child and your entire family. The staff are looking forward to another successful school year and are happy to have your family join the YMCA family.

We are excited to have the Springfield School Age Kindergarten Enrichment Program join us at the Springfield YMCA this year! Please join us in welcoming all our new friends and teachers!

If you have any questions throughout this school year, please do not hesitate to speak to a staff member or call the Early Learning Office at 610.557.9822.

Sincerely,
Emily Ranck, Early Learning Program Director
610.557.9822; ERanck@cyedc.org

CLASSROOM NEWS

We are thrilled to start our Early Learning school year! This month we will be spending a lot of time focusing on getting to know one another and our classroom routines, navigating through the classroom and discussing the classroom rules for the year. These necessary skills with help us create a warm classroom environment for our students! We will also be learning about how the seasons change, with a focus on fall. We will also study and explore apples! Again, we are looking forward to getting to know your child and your family!

~Miss Trish and Miss Steph

SEPTEMBER NEWS

Emergency Procedure Plan

The Early Learning Center has a written plan detailing how emergencies are to be handled. A summary of this plan is being sent home for your review so that you have an idea of how we plan to handle emergency situations should they arise.

This plan was updated to include natural disasters that could happen in our area. The staff annually review the plan, and a copy is posted in the classroom. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding this plan.

Communication

White boards, located outside the classroom provide important weekly information about classroom activities and special reminders. Parents are encouraged to speak directly to the classroom staff whenever you have a question regarding daily/weekly activities or other concerns about the program.

In addition to the memo boards, each teacher provides individual child mailboxes for your student’s paperwork and art projects. Important information will also be sent home through email so please be sure to provide an up-to-date email address.

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A very happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday this month!

Nate and Miss Steph
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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:
“Children need the freedom to appreciate the infinite resources of their hands, their eyes, and their ears, the resources of forms, materials, sounds, and colors.”

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.