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Dear families,

We had a wonderful time at our Summer Bash last week; it was a wonderful way to say goodbye to the summer while spending time with our Puzzle's families. Also, a HUGE thank you to all of the grandparents and "grand friends" who made our Donut with Grownups Celebration special! It was wonderful to see everyone enjoy that special time together. We plan to make this an annual event!

As we settle into Fall and the school year, all of the children are busy playing and learning lots of new skills! I wanted to take the time to highlight what we are working on in each of our age groups:

Infants— The first year of life is such a big one! Our infants are busy learning to roll, crawl, stand, and walk! Others are exploring finger foods for the first time and practicing using a sippy cup. No matter what developmental stage they are in, we are grateful for our incredibly nurturing infant teachers guiding them along the way!

Toddlers— Our toddlers days are filled with talking, singing, reading, and more talking! Communication skills are essential at this age, especially as they learn to use their new-found motor and social skills. This becomes especially important as we navigate behavior challenges: a toddler who cannot verbally communicate may struggle with pushing, biting, hitting, etc. If you are working through some of these behaviors with your child, know that you are not alone! These behaviors are normal, and we want to partner with you through them.

Twos— Independence and self-help are major hallmarks of our twos program. These skills are monumental as we help them to prepare for our preschool program that begins at three. Potty training is always a huge milestone at this age as well, and is a requirement to enter a three-year-old class. We will be hosting a potty training class for families in October to help partner with you through this phase, so be on the lookout for a date coming soon!

Threes— Fine motor skills take center stage for our three-year-olds! This means lots of tearing paper, squeezing glue bottles, and getting more comfortable using a pencil. Throughout the fall you should notice your child becoming more familiar with their name in print form, as well as getting more confident forming their letters on their own!

Fours— Our fours are always ready for new challenges! Our ZooPhonics literacy program is a great way to practice pre-reading skills, while also helping the children become more confident in their writing skills. As we prepare them for Kindergarten, they are also working hard to practice kindness, empathy, and cooperation with peers— I'm sure you will agree that these are essential skills for children and grownups alike!

Our management team and staff are busy making preparations for a routine review from the Kentucky All Stars Program. We are very proud to be a Four-Star Center— a distinction held by less than a dozen centers in Louisville! You will see a lot of preparations happening in our facility over the next few months as we look to continue that legacy!

As always, thank you for allowing us to care for your children every day. It truly is a privilege and a joy that we get to be a part of your lives.

-Ms. Anna

Upcoming Events

September 30-October 3: Fall Break Camp for Kindergarten-2nd Grade (registration required)

October 2: Sunny Acres Farm Pumpkin Patch Field Trip (Ms. Courtney Hackett & Ms. Karen's classes)
Bus pick up 9:30, return at 1:00

October 4: Center CLOSED for Staff In-Service Day

October 18: 5:30-7:00 pm, Fall Festival, Dinner and Games, Best Family costume wins a prize!!

October 31: 10:00 am Halloween Costume Parade, classroom Halloween parties during snacktime

November 1: Pajama Day!

November 2: JCPS Showcase of Schools (for families entering Kindergarten August 2025)

Sunny Acres Farm Field Trip- October 2nd

**Ms. Courtney Hackett &
Ms. Karen's Preschool Classes**

Please return permission slips and \$5 no later than September 23rd

Parent chaperones are welcome! The cost for adults is \$5- please see Rebecca if interested





it's fall y'all

With the changing seasons, please take the time to make sure your child's cubby is stocked with weather-appropriate extra clothing/socks. We also appreciate everyone taking the time to label your child's jacket with their name- this helps us return them to their rightful owner when they inevitably get misplaced. We also keep a lost and found by the front check-in table.



Puzzle's will be closed on Friday, October 4th for a Staff In-Service Day.

School Break Camp

We will be offering Fall Break Camp for Kindergarten-2nd Grade students September 30th-October 3rd. Registration is required. Cost is \$275, sibling discounts are available. Please email anna@wearepuzzles.com if interested or for more information. Thanks!



Fall Festival October 18th

Everyone please make plans to attend this fun annual event October 18th from 5:30-7:00! We will provide dinner for all in attendance! Parents and kids wear your costumes- Best family costumes win \$100, second place \$50, and third place \$25. The teachers will be preparing fun, games, and treats for the children. Be sure to put it on your calendar. See you there!!



**GRINCHMAS IS COMING...
December 6th
Save the Date!**

Please be on the lookout for a Parent Survey coming early October. We highly value the opinions of our families. We appreciate your honest feedback as we look for ways we can improve and better serve our families!

Referrals!

Puzzle's is now enrolling! Receive one week's free tuition for every new family you refer to our program (new family must be enrolled for 90 consecutive days full time before free week is granted)



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