

SCOTTY'S NEWS

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DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Welcome Back to School! You may wonder what Back to School means at Scotty's. This is a time where our Preschool and Pre-K classes hone in on the skills needed to progress them appropriately so they are ready to take on Kindergarten. Still the fun, exciting weekly themes, but with some added enrichment.

When handing in your child's most up to date Health Assessment Record, please make sure that the front page is completely filled out by you. Also, if your child's doctor is to fax over anything, please verify we received it.

Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes that are seasonally appropriate. Accidents happen and by having a full set of clothes (shirt, pants, socks & underwear, if needed), we can get your child all set with minimal disruptions. Also, please make sure we have a wet bag to store any soiled clothes in. This can be a plastic grocery bag, Ziploc bag, or even a reusable wet bag. If we send home soiled clothes in a bag, please make sure we have a new bag handy.

Also, as you know the children's safety is my number one priority. We have seen quite a few children get injured due to having sandals on and getting tripped up on them. Please send your little one in with sneakers on so we can prevent these accidents from occurring.

Here's to another wonderful school year at Scotty's!

Lillian

! SAFETY FIRST !

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: School buses are once again making their rounds and children will be waiting at the side of roads throughout the area. We all need to be aware and drive safely this school season.

PARKING LOT SAFETY: Please drive slowly and carefully when entering and leaving our parking lot. The children are loading and unloading from cars and buses all day long and we need to be aware of this at all times. It is equally important that the school children can safely get on and off of the buses and that our buses can leave and return safely.

REMEMBER, the rules of the road apply for a school bus or van in our parking lot loading or unloading children. Do not move your car until the bus or van is done and the children are safely out of harms way. If our cones are out, our buses are in use.

Please, DO NOT park in front of the our buses when our cones are out.



Scotty's will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

Just for Fun

Q: Why didn't the sun go to college?
A: Because it already had a million degrees!

September Highlights

September is a month full of getting back into classroom routines, learning about ourselves and the start of exploring Fall.

Week 1 kicks off with our **Back to School** theme, where we create fun art projects and focus on the rules of the classroom. The week finishes off centering on **Friendship** and how important it is to treat others the way we want to be treated.



Week 2 is where we put our bodies to the test learning about our **5 Senses**. Focusing on each sense gives the children a better understanding of how that sense is used, as well as learning new descriptive words that pertains to that sense.



Week 3 is all about **Apples!** Creating different apple artwork and witnessing an **Apple Volcano** are a couple activities we have planned for this week.



Week 4 we roll on into a Fall favorite, **Pumpkins!** Lots of art projects centered around our favorite orange gourd, but we also learn what two colors combined make orange!



Week 5 ends the month learning about **Dental Health** and **Food & Nutrition**. A visit from a Dental Hygienist for our Preschool and Pre-K friends is sure to lead to some dinnertime conversation.



September is a month of transition. While we are focusing on some core curriculum, all of our learning is play based. Fun is the name of the game!

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<h3>2024 HOLIDAY & VACATION CALENDAR</h3>	<p>Labor Day - Sept 2nd Scotty's is closed Monday, Sept 2nd in observance of Labor Day Full tuition is due the week of Sept 2</p>	<p>Winter Vacation Shutdown Scotty's will be closed the week of December 23 thru December 27 for our Winter Vacation Shutdown No tuition is due the week of December 23</p>
	<p>Thanksgiving - Nov 28-29 Scotty's is closed on Thu, Nov 28th & Fri, Nov 29th in observance of Thanksgiving Full tuition is due the week of Nov 25</p>	<p>New Year's Day - Jan 1st Scotty's is closed Wednesday, January 1st In observance of New Year's Day Full tuition is due the week of Dec 30</p>



Health & Wellness

THE ARRIVAL OF FALL means the hottest days have passed and the weather will start to cool. It is important to continue to provide weather appropriate clothing for your child's outdoor play.

Each child should bring a sweater or light jacket for



the cooler days of fall and should come with sneakers. Children will not be permitted to participate in

outdoor play unless they have sneakers. Be sure to provide sunscreen. We will notify you when your child needs more sunscreen.



Old sunscreen cannot be accepted as sunscreen does expire.



ANNUAL FLU SHOT: Connecticut State Regulations require that all children ages 6 to 59 months attending a preschool and/or day care facility

receive an annual influenza vaccine. This month, we will be passing out forms to all families with children in this age group to have their child's doctor sign and date when this year's flu shot is given.

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulations mandate that a current health assessment record be in your child's day care file.



This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals.

It is required that the Parents fill out and sign Part I on page 1 of the form prior to visiting the doctor.

The doctor must fill out and sign Part II on pages 2 and 3.

Please be sure to review the form before leaving the doctor's office to be sure that they have completed the form, especially that they have:

- filled in the date of the exam - pg 2
- filled in the Medical Evaluation section - pg 2
- filled in the TB Risk section - pg 2
- filled in the Developmental Assessment section - pg 2
- filled in the Immunizations section - pg 2
- signed the form - pg 2
- filled out and initialed the Immunization Record - pg 3

(note that a printout of the doctor's Immunization record form is acceptable in place of page 3)

No incomplete forms can be accepted.

The forms are available for you here at Scotty's, or on our website (www.scottyskiddykorner.com) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

WEEKLY TUITION

Tuition is due on Monday of each week or the first day that your child attends each week. Weekly payments that are not received by Wednesday of each week will be assessed a late fee of \$20.00. To avoid this late fee, please be sure that your tuition is paid on time.

PERSONAL TOYS & BOOKS

We remind parents to help us enforce our no personal toys and books policy. We provide many toys and books here at Scotty's that are easier to share with others than toys and books from home. Children are allowed to have one item to sleep with at nap time that can be kept in their cubby. Scotty's does provide special days for children to bring in a special toy or book to show their friends. These special days are marked on the calendar when they are scheduled.

LABELING YOUR CHILD'S FOOD CONTAINERS

All containers sent in from home must be labeled with your child's full first name and last name initial. Also, to help limit the number of containers you need to send, Scotty's provides the following items: **Bowls - Drinking Cups - Spoons** (forks are not allowed).

Scotty's also has microwave safe bowls for use in heating your child's food. Scotty's does provide 1% milk for both the breakfast and lunch meals. You must provide the drinks for your child's afternoon snack.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW

ATTENDANCE



It is necessary that you notify the center if your child will not be in attendance for any reason or if there will be a change from their regularly scheduled attendance. Notification is especially critical for before and after school children if they will be deviating from their normal scheduled transportation to or from school, (i.e. being picked up from / taken to school by parents). This notification must be made to Lillian or your child's teacher so that Scotty's is able to account for all the children in our care at all times. Remember that tuition is still due for the days that your child is absent.

This & That

HOMEWORK HELP

Scotty's provides time and help with homework for all school children. We ask that parents of school children inform us if your child needs homework help and to instruct their child that he/she should start their homework assignments at Scotty's. We will provide a quiet setting for them and while we cannot provide one-on-one tutoring help, teachers will be available to answer questions and give direction.



Another wonderful year of Summer Camp has concluded. All the campers were sad to say goodbye to their new friends, but have created so many new memories. This past month, they enjoyed a fun filled day at the CT Science Center, were finally able to harvest some vegetables from our Summer Camp Garden, and got to sign keepsake cups for all of their fellow campers. Kudos to our Summer Campers for all their hard work creating the Lemonade Stand that was loved by the younger children in the center. Their patience and hard work did not go unnoticed. Learning about 9 different fields of Science in a fun and educational way made for no "I'm bored" talk all Summer long. We wish them all a prosperous school year and we are already busy planning next Summer's adventures.

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

- Cade Belonick
- Chase Belonick
- Benjamin Chessman
- Maxwell Chessman
- Carlos Gonzalez
- Eleanor Hebert
- Mihika Menon
- Clayton Smelcer
- Enzo Sheff
- Jordyn Sugermeyer

