

July 2023

Our Savior Early Learning Center

Family Newsletter

Happy July! It is hard to believe that we are already to the middle of our summer months and we hope you have been able to enjoy the weeks that have already gone by. Our staff and students have been busy soaking in all of the fresh air and sunshine they are able to each day. Our teachers have been doing a fabulous job making sure that each week brings something fun and exciting to our students' days. **Please make sure to contact the office when you will not be sending your child to school!** This is necessary for meal counts and also helps us make sure everyone has arrived safely each day! It also aids our center in curriculum and staff planning.

Hours of Operation

We are blessed to be able to care for and educate your child(ren) here at OSEL. Please remember that our doors do not open until 7:00 AM. When the staff are in the building before that time, they are preparing for the day. Our doors close promptly at 5:30 (5:00 Friday) and our staff are ready to go home to their families. We appreciate your thoughtfulness when planning your day with regards to dropping off and picking up your child(ren).

Medical Forms

As we look forward to an already quickly approaching school year it is time that we ask ALL parents to update their students' important information. These forms will be emailed out to all families this month. **Watch for this important email.** All students are required to have a LILAC emergency card, new health care summaries, immunizations, and asthma/allergy forms filled out and returned with up-to-date information NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2023. If you have any questions about these forms please contact the office ASAP.

Summer Fun

Parents of Preschoolers please make sure that your student(s) come to school each day with sunscreen already applied. We play outside each morning during drop-off times; which would make it difficult for staff to apply sunscreen upon the arrival of each child. Toddler classrooms do not play outside until 9am or later and will apply sunscreen before each play period. If you happen to apply sunscreen to your toddler before arrival it will still be reapplied before outdoor play per the directions on most bottles to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR WATER WEDNESDAY CLOTHING IN A PLASTIC BAG!!!** This is considered a choking hazard and they are prohibited by DHS to be within a child's reach here at the center. A re-usable shopping bag is a great alternative! Closed toed shoes or sandals are recommended for safe play. Hats may be sent for outdoor play if your child will wear one. Make sure whatever you send has your child's name on it!! An extra light jacket or sweater is good to have on hand at school as well for cool mornings outside.

Staff Development Days

Each year at the end of August we **close** our center for 2 business days. During this time our staff receives training, prep time, and cleaning time to prepare their classrooms for the upcoming school year. While we understand this may be an inconvenience for you, it is essential to maintaining the cleanliness of our program, licensing requirements, and curriculum. Please begin your planning for alternative childcare on these days. The dates of our staff development this year will be August 28th and August 29th 2022. Our 2023-2024 school year will begin after **Labor Day on September 5, 2022.**