

ST. JUDE'S CHARITY TRIKE-A-THON

APRIL 12TH (Mark your calendars.)

Each spring, our classrooms focus a week of study on Bicycle Safety using materials provided to us by St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Young children learn the basics of safe riding. The week culminates with a Trike-A-Thon in the Playtime parking lot. Children will bring their bike, trike, scooter, or ride-on toy from home to practice safe driving on our outdoor track. We ask parents to make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital during the week of our Trike-A-Thon. St. Jude's donates prizes for individual contributions and Playtime donates an ice cream party to the class with the most donations.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECTS

Playtime Learning Academy has long valued the benefits of getting kids outdoors for learning and using creative play for learning opportunities. Your children's teachers will be working on individual class gardens in the outdoor class area. Feel free to take a moment to visit the gardens with your child and talk about what they have been doing. ***Classrooms would welcome any gardening donations, as we head into spring, such as: small shovels, seeds, small plants, or soil.***

SUMMER CAMP 2019 & VPK 2019-2020

VPK and School Age After Care programs end on Friday May 31st; but Summer Camp programs begin on Monday June 3rd in all classes. Playtime Learning Academy has outstanding Summer Camp programs for all ages to learn and play. All students have a \$25 supply fee charge in the spring to hold a summer space in any class.

Next school year's VPK program begins on August 12th. If your child turns 4 by September 1st, 2019, go to **ELCHC.org** to get your VPK certificate online. Bring it to the office to hold your 2019-20 VPK classroom space.

Important Semester Dates

March 18th-22nd— Spring Break (no classes for Part Time Students)

April 2nd-3rd Spring Picture Days (all classes)

April 12th— Bring your bike (trike) to school for the 13th annual Charity Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital



ALI—MAR. 13TH

YEIZA—MAR. 18TH

Summer Supply Fees

* Note * Annual supply fee charges, per child, are charged in 2 payments: one payment of \$25 in April and one payment of \$75 in August.

The upcoming \$25 payment secures your summer program space. *(Students who do not attend Summer will not be charged the \$25 fee.)*

Please note that students who are not enrolled in the summer are not "guaranteed" spaces for August re-enrollment.

The Curriculum Corner

SPRING PICTURES

Our wonderful photographer, Jen Bailey, will be back again in April for spring pictures. Mark your calendars. **Each child will have their picture taken at Playtime on one of two days: either April 2nd or 3rd.** Siblings will be photographed together. VPK graduates will have cap and gown pictures taken. Check with classroom teacher for your child's picture time.



Be Friendly!
Be Safe!
Be a worker!

Teaching appropriate behavior expectations is an important part of our curriculum here at Playtime Learning Academy.

The Playtime Learning Academy “3 Bs” expectations are based on a school-wide system of support that includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school climate.

The “3 Bs” program emphasizes positive behavioral support for all students, in all classrooms and non-classroom settings (hallways, playground, restrooms, etc). Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important component of Playtime's curriculum that you will regularly see around campus. **The purpose of the “3 Bs” is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.**



Fate

“As I look back on my life, I realize that every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being redirected to something better.”

VPK PARENTS—PLEASE SEND PICTURES

VPK Slideshow

Each year the staff and children work hard to put together a fantastic VPK Graduation ceremony, for parents and family members, to celebrate the move up to Kindergarten. As part of the program, we create a slideshow of memorable moments to share. We need parent's assistance for part of the slideshow. **For each VPK graduate, we need one picture of the VPK graduate as a baby.** Please choose your **one** picture and email them to us: VPKpictures@yahoo.com

We ask that you only send the one picture and not give us a selection from which to choose. **Many parents have already sent their photos; but if you have not, please send your photos by March 30th.**



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Playtime Learning Academy has a Facebook page where you can read/post reviews, share news with Playtime families, and see pictures of events at the school. Among other things, we will soon be posting pictures from the upcoming trike-a-thon, gardening projects, and VPK end of year activities.



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