

VPK Orientation Event

SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH 9:00AM-11:00AM

The year before kindergarten is an important preschool experience with many new experiences for our four year-olds. Parents are required to attend this “orientation” event, not only to complete paperwork and get to know their child’s new teacher, but also to become familiar with the upcoming expectations and routines in the VPK program. This will be a time to gather information, explore the classroom, complete paperwork, and ask questions. The academic school year will begin the following Monday. *** Parents and children are welcome to stop in for a few minutes anytime during the 9-11am orientation hours.**



Screen Time

Playtime Learning Academy tries to limit screen time to 20 minutes per week, per child, in our older preschool programs. In our younger classrooms, screen time is not permitted at all.

In the high tech world we live in, children are exposed to screens everywhere they go. As a result, controlling a child's screen time has become much harder for parents. To complicate matters, some screen time can be educational for children, as well as, support their social development.

The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages media use, except for video-chatting, by children younger than 24 months. If you want to introduce digital media to children under 24 months, make sure it's high quality and should be viewed alongside an adult. For children ages 2 to 5, limit screen time to one hour a day of high-quality programming.

Unstructured playtime is more valuable for a young child's developing brain than electronic media. Even if digital media programs claim to be educational, children are more likely to learn and remember information from a live presentation than they are from a video.

By age 2, children can benefit from certain types of screen time, such as programming with music, movement and stories. However, passive screen time shouldn't replace reading, playing, interacting, or problem-solving. Co-view with your child to help your child understand what he or she is seeing and apply it in real life.

School Calendar

1st Semester Dates

August 12th—First Day of full day academic classes

August 13th—First Day of Tues/Thurs classes

September 2nd—Closed for Labor Day

October 31st—Halloween Costume Party

October 17th—Fall Picture Day

November 28th-29th—Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24th-25th—Closed for Christmas



**PLAYTIME CLOSED
THURSDAY
JULY 4TH**



July Lunch Menu

Mondays: Chicken and rice served with carrots, peas, and mixed fruit

Tuesdays: Chicken & cheese tacos served with beans and apple sauce

Wednesdays: Lunchables made with turkey, cheese, sliced cucumbers, and raisins

Thursdays: Sloppy Joe sandwich served with tossed greens and pears

Fridays: Mac n'cheese served with broccoli and sliced peaches

PARKING LOT SECURITY



Just a reminder—always lock your vehicle when you leave it in the parking lot at drop off and pick up time. We also recommend that you not leave valuables in plain view in your car even if it is locked. Although we consider our grounds to be very safe, it is always a good idea to be extra careful. We did once have a couple of thefts from cars in the parking lot. Since that time, we have upgraded both the number and the quality of our parking lot security cameras; but we still recommend being cautious to protect your valuables.



SUMMER WATER PLAY



Water play on our playground takes place each Friday during scheduled outdoor play. The children enjoy playing with sprinklers, water balloons, a water slide, and various other water toys. On **Fridays** we ask that you send your child in a **swimsuit** with a change of clothes for after water play. We also ask that you send **a towel** and **water shoes** for your child.

“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

Kindness Matters

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”



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In addition to Facebook, Playtime Learning Academy can now be found on Instagram. Follow us all summer to see highlights from field trips and water play activities. We are working hard to increase our social media use to better communicate with families. Recently posted, see Blaise Ryndes, Bubbleologist, perform for the kids with a clever mix of science and magic.

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PLAYTIME IS CLOSED THURSDAY JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY