



April-June 2022

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## Literacy Corner

### Infants

- ◇ If your baby enjoys it, engage him/her in frequent games of peek-a-boo. Try various ways of covering your face such as with your hands, using a blanket or towel, ducking behind furniture, or peeking around a door frame. Take turns being the one who gets to hide and how their face.
- ◇ Place your baby in front of a mirror while saying his/her name and talking about him/her. "There's Cindy. I see Cindy smiling!" Move your baby's hand to touch different parts of his/her face or body. "Look, that's Cindy's hair. What soft and curly hair!"
- ◇ If your child can sit without support, let him/her sit on the floor in the middle of a large sheet of paper. Show your child how to scribble on the paper with colorful markers. You may need to help him/her hold the marker the first few times.
- ◇ When your baby is ready to begin self-feeding, provide "finger foods" such as small dry cereal pieces to encourage using the pointer finger and thumb to pick up food.

### Toddlers

- ◇ Invite your toddlers to select and "read" a familiar book to a doll or stuffed animal. Suggest that he/she describe the pictures and point to the words while "reading."
- ◇ Teach your toddler a new song during a car ride or learn a new song from your toddler. During drives it can also be fun for the two of you to sing along to recordings of favorite children's songs.
- ◇ Read and re-read children's picture books that your toddler especially loves. Ask him/her to point to pictures in a book as you read the words about them.
- ◇ At the grocery store, ask your toddler to help you find favorite foods, such as breakfast cereal, by pointing when he/she sees the box on the store shelf. Respond to your child. "Yes, that is Cheerios. You found the cereal we eat."



### Pre-school/Pre-K

- ◇ Read one of your preschoolers favorite books. Then let your child direct as you act out the story with stuffed animals or homemade puppets and other props.
- ◇ Make up new words to sing with familiar tunes. Instead of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." for example, you might sing "Ethan has a smelly cat, smelly cat, smelly cat...." The sillier the words the better!
- ◇ Take your preschooler to the public library often. As you help him/her select books from the children's shelves, look at the book covers together. Point to and read the title. After your child has a moment to look at the cover and hear the title, ask what he/she thinks the subject of the book will be or what might happen in the story.
- ◇ Give your child supermarket ads and flyers that arrive by mail or that are printed in newspapers. Ask him/her to cut out pictures of items you need to buy on your next trip to the grocery store.

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### April-June 2022 CLOSINGS

Good Friday  
April 15

Memorial Day  
May 30

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### April-June 2022 Early Release

Cleaning & Staff Training  
June 10

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### Pre-K Graduation

Tuesday June 7  
6:00pm  
St. Paul United Methodist  
Church Fellowship Hall

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### Spring Pictures/ Cap & Gown Pictures

Wednesday April 27

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# Question of the Quarter

## Parent Teacher Conferences.

### When are they offered and why are they important?

Parent involvement in our program is essential. We recognize that parents are the primary caregiver and most important influence in the child's life. Our goal is to work with the parents to facilitate consistency in every aspect of the development of your child. We encourage open communication between teacher and parent. Parent Teacher Conferences are offered twice a year. Once in the Winter (December-January) and once in the spring (May-June). This is a time for teachers to share progress on development as well a time for parents to ask questions. Teachers will share classroom observations, assessment results, discuss goals and progress towards those goals as well as share children's classwork. Parents may also request a parent-teacher conference at any time or a meeting with the director when concerns arise. These conferences are beneficial to your child's developmental progress and participation is highly encouraged.



## Parent Handbook Policy Highlight

### MEDICATION

Trained staff will administer medication with a signed medical release form providing the center with permission to administer medicine. Over the counter medications will not be permitted at Creative Academy unless instructed by a doctor for use at Creative Academy. All medications will be kept in a locked cabinet with the exception of inhalers and other emergency medication. If a child refuses medication on a regular basis, Creative Academy will not be able to continue administering the medication. The Creative Academy director must be notified if a child has specific medical needs at enrollment to set up any nursing assistance that may be needed. If your child has a severe allergy, asthma, diabetes or seizures, please complete the appropriate action plan in case an episode occurs at Creative Academy. Please notify Creative Academy of any medication taken at home.



Sunscreen/Lotion/Ointments – Containers must be labeled with the child's name and the Sunscreen/Lotion Medication Administration form must be completed and signed prior to administering medication. Permission is valid for 1 year. Spray sunscreens must be used for ages 1 or older. Creams may be used for infants.

Chronic Conditions (asthma/allergies) – Containers must have the prescription label with the child's name, dosage and expiration date or in the original bottle with dosage directions and expiration date listed (i.e. – Benadryl for hives, inhaler for asthma, epi-pen for allergic reaction). A Chronic Medication Administration form must be completed and signed prior to administering medication. Permission is valid for 6 months

Prescriptions – Containers must have the prescription label with the child's name, dosage and expiration date. A Prescription Medication Administration form must be completed and signed by the parent, and a Creative Academy Physician Authorization form must be signed by the physician. Both documents must be turned in to the director prior to medication administration. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Permission is valid for the dates listed on the prescription label.

