

The Chronicle September 2018

Welcome and Welcome Back!

Excitement is in the air as we enter our new “school year”! The classrooms are arranged to facilitate learning for the children’s “new” ages and developmental needs, cubbies and mailboxes are in their new spaces, and staff are incorporating our plethora of resources to augment their lesson planning!

As you look over the Curriculum, keep in mind you (and family members) are always welcome to share a family tradition, recipe, craft, hobby or read a story to their child’s class! If you have any questions about your child’s program feel free to ask his/her teacher, Lisa, Lisbeth or Marge. We welcome your input!



“Color Days” at Cornerstone!

Color Days are fun days at Cornerstone! On Yellow Day, Tuesday 9/11, we will “celebrate” the color YELLLOW as we wear yellow clothes, consume yellow foods, and engage in yellow themed activities! Your child may play with yellow Legos or paint with yellow paint at the easel or whip up yellow playdough or yellow goop, read stories like Maisy’s Colors, find and graph yellow objects inside and outside, dance with yellow balloons or string yellow necklaces. You get the idea! We envelop the children in yellow discovery and by the end of the day your child is familiar with the color yellow – in all its variations. For our young toddlers, that is enough to absorb in a day. Our Preschool and Pre-K children may recognize one of our letters of the month when they realize the word yellow contains the letter “O”, and discover the “O” sounds in everyday life or discover yellow outdoors, which of course is a signal that season is changing!

Let us suggest this – on our upcoming Color Days – wear that color to work! Your child may recognize it – if not at drop off, certainly at pick up. And when you catch a glimpse of your colored clothing you will smile knowing your child is having fun filled day of learning all about that color at Cornerstone!

Did You Know?

Every month we send home a newsletter, a monthly calendar of events and activities, as well as, lunch and snack menus to keep you in the know! Additionally, you receive a daily note. The daily note depicts a main learning activity which can be used as a conversation starting point.

Please review our website (www.cornerstonekids.com). You will find our monthly calendars, menus, and newsletter is posted under the heading “This Month” and necessary forms, policies, procedures, as well as, our complete parent guide are posted in “Parent Corner”. Urgent information, such as weather delays or closings, are posted at the top of the main page! Feel free to “Like” our Facebook page and to receive reminders and see pictures of our fabulous children in action!

Did You Know?

The CT Office of Early Childhood (our licenser) requires parents to:

1. sign their children in and out every day. If you do not know how to sign in/out, or need a new code please see us in the office.
2. Update emergency notification information annually. Please stop in the office to review, correct, initial and date your child's emergency form.
3. Annually update medical forms.
4. Have the flu shot before 12/31/18. Please make an appointment a.s.a.p. and bring us the updated immunization form.



Happy Staff Anniversaries!

Ms. Marge - 32 years! ♥ Ms. Lisa - 17 years! ♥ Ms. Kim - 10 years!
Ms. Jenna - 5 years! ♥ Ms. Sheniece - 4 years! ♥ Ms. Laila - 3 years!
Ms. Erin - 3 years! ♥ Ms. Adrianna - 2 years! ♥ Ms. Sonia - 1 year!
Ms. Kelsey - 1 year! ♥ Ms. Alona - 1 year! ♥ Ms. Molly - 1 year!

Congratulations! ♥ Thank You!



To our fabulous professional team...

April Hecht, Bella Siberon, Deonna Mangione and Jesseline Diaz!

In addition to her experience working with young children, Ms. April holds an Associate Degree in Baking and Pastry from the College of Culinary Arts! Ms. Bella, a Senior at Trumbull High School plans to study Pediatric Nursing next fall. Ms. Deonna is a Junior at Sacred Heart University pursuing a degree in Elementary Education; she also brings with her many years of childcare experience. Ms. Jesseline has many years of experience working with young children and their families and is working toward medical assistant certification.

Look for their "About Me" pages to be posted in the foyer soon!



Scholastic Book Club



Reading to children not only inspires a love of reading but encourages language and vocabulary development. To foster this love of reading, our teachers read to children multiple times a day and we encourage you to do the same at home. To help build your home library, Cornerstone will once again be participating in Scholastic Book Club. A flyer will be sent home for you to browse through with your child, once you are ready to place an order all you have to do is go to Scholastic's website and link your account to our Center. For every order placed, Cornerstone will receive a free book to augment our classroom libraries!

New & And On The Move!

Joining our nurturing Nurseries...Alyssa, Arlo, Dahlia and Maeve!

Exploring with our tactile Toddlers...Rosanna!

Discovering our big kid Preschool...Andreas, Julian, Nathaniel and Stella!

Moving up to our studious Pre-Kindergarten... Alex, Braelin, Ella, Ellie, Enrico, Gianni, Jacob, Jack N., Jack P., Juliana, Lily, Mairyn, Noelle, Paul, Sydney and Veronika!

Happy July, August and September Birthdays to...

Parker, Maeve, Dahlia, Charlotte, Annabelle, – 1 year old!

James, Mason & Ruth – 2 years old!

Nathaniel & Andreas - 3 years old!

Veronika, Jack P., Sydney, Jacob, Alex, Ella, Mairyn & Paul - 4 years old!



Kids say the funniest things!

Conversation is an important component of our food program. While discussing the health benefits of our meal, Paul flexed his biceps, and proudly exclaimed "Look at my muscles! They are strong because I ate my salad dressing!" Baby steps!

The big day was here for our Preschool children! They were full of excitement and pride as they helped move their cubbies over to Pre-Kindergarten! Ella was sooo full of anticipation she excitedly exclaimed "OH! SUPER!"

September Highlights:



9/3 **Labor Day! – Closed**

9/6 **Exercise Day! - (Toddlers)**

9/11 **Yellow Day! - Dress in Yellow! - (All)**

9/17 **Tumble Train Gymnastics! w/Ms. Fran Del Vecchio - (PS & PK)**

9/19 **Cornerstone Curriculum Meeting - 6:30-7:30 p.m ALL Parents invited**

9/21 **Music Day! - (Toddlers)**

9/26 **Creative Music & More! w/Ms. Debbie Ross - (All)**

9/27 **Ball Day! – Bring in a labeled ball from home (Toddlers)**

9/27 **Happy Feet Soccer! - (PS & PK)**



Toddler's September Theme: All About Me, My Family and Friends!

Literacy is an important component of our Toddler curriculum. The books we select are specifically chosen to launch us into each week of learning. This month, our Toddlers will focus on comparing what makes each of them special! In addition, we will discover and identify body parts, make the correlation between the number 1 and a single object and explore the 3 primary colors through a multitude of art media. They will also engage in special events such as Yellow Day, Exercise Day, Ball Day, Color Day, the first day of Fall and Music Day!



Preschool and Pre-K's September Theme: Family, Friends and Me!

The children will focus on understanding self, family and our diverse community through exploration of relationships and communication. The children will sort and classify by color, shape and size focusing on the numbers 1 & 2 and counting with cardinality. They will explore and apply sounds for the letters C & O, identify primary colors, graph skin tones and body parts, as well as, chart their height!

Save the Dates!



Cornerstone Curriculum Meeting: Wed. September, 19th 6:30-7:30p.m.

ALL Cornerstone Parents are invited to learn about Cornerstone's curriculum objectives, how we align our objectives with the CT Early Learning and Development Standards and the importance of reading! Please sign up for this event on the clipboard in the foyer if you plan to attend. If you will need childcare we must know in advance. Please indicate your needs when you sign up.

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Open House! Friday, October. 19th from 6-7 p.m.

Preschool & Pre-K Parents are invited to experience, **with** their child, a typical day of learning! Please sign up for this event on the clipboard in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Infant & Toddler Pot Luck Social! Thursday, October. 25th from 5:30 – 6:30

Infant and Toddler Parents are invited to join us for a pot luck supper! It's an opportunity to meet your child's friends, parents, and staff and ask questions about the program! Please sign up for this event on the clipboard in the foyer if you plan to attend and to indicate what food you can bring!