

The Play School's STAR NEWS

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Brain Food:

Monthly Basics:

	Numbers:	Letters:	Color:	Shape:	Opposites:	Sign:
Toddlers:	10	Y, Z	Black	Oval	Stop/Go	Stop
Preschool:	19,20	Yy, Zz	Black	Oval	Stop/Go	



Gross Motor: Jump & Run

Tape Jumping Game — ask the kids how far they can jump. This surprisingly simple game will entertain the kids longer than you think!

Hula Hoop Jump Game — a great activity to center an obstacle course around! Create different variations: jump with two feet, hop through with only one-foot, alternate feet, etc! (*Coyne's Crazy Fun Preschool*)

Shape Hopscotch — a fun way to learn color and shape recognition while still jumping and working on gross motor skills. It's the perfect activity to do inside if the weather isn't on your side. (*Housing a Forest*) OR if the weather is nice try this Chalk Shapes Jumping Game from *Craftulate*.

Puddle Jumping Alphabet Activity — another great one when you're stuck indoors. (*Mom Inspired Life*)

Alphabet Jump Game — I love how gross motor skills and learning phonics come together in this game! (*The Imagination Tree*)

Lily Pad Hop — This activity is awesome because it's open-ended and leaves room for a lot of creativity from the kids. Although she pictures the game indoors, it would also be tons of fun if you played with it in the backyard. (*Toddler Approved*)

Make up your own silly games like filling cups of water to the brim and jumping from one side of the yard to the other and seeing how much water you have left over. And don't forget the good ole' **Jump**

Rope and Hopscotch too. Link attached for details! <https://www.therealisticmama.com/10-jumping-activities-for-kids/>

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those of our teachers who have showed up and worked hard to ensure a fun and safe school environment. They have worked on tasks such as power washing, deep cleaning, teaching, waxing floors, and so much more!

OUR STAFF-Legacy



OUR STAFF-Arbor



OUR STAFF-Saxony



Keeping You Safe



We are so very excited to see that more of our friends will be returning to school in the next couple of weeks! I wanted to summarize a few friendly reminders:

- 1) We are still asking that parents stop into the front desk each morning for a temperature check for your child(ren). If there is not an administrator there, please be patient and she will return to the desk soon.
- 2) Only parents who drop off/pick up regularly are allowed into the building beyond the foyer. Grandparents, therapists, neighbors, nannies, etc. will continue to be asked to wait at the front desk and cannot enter. Parents: please continue to drop your child off to his or her teachers at their classroom door. Do not cross the threshold and enter the classroom.
- 3) We continue to enforce our 100 F or higher temperature policy.
- 4) We have been, and will continue, our endless sanitation and additional cleaning efforts. It will continue to be critically important to us as more students and faculty begin to return.
- 5) The package of additional COVID credits we extended the last 2 months are now done. We will begin charging regular tuition for all student's school-wide next week, 5/4 week. It is important, now more than ever, that you communicate your attendance or absences with your Director with as much notice as possible for ratio and staffing purposes. Your communication efforts are very much appreciated!



Preschool Math

In preschool and even before school starts, young children are learning math through daily routines and activities. Simple activities — such as counting blocks or sorting laundry — can build a foundation for more complex mathematical concepts in the future. There are many easy ways you can help your preschooler feel confident and excited about math, including reading counting books together or spotting numbers and shapes around them. Find more fun ways to add math throughout the day below.

Preschool Literacy

The most powerful ways to develop children's literacy skills are also the simplest: talk to them, listen to them, read to them and write with them. Young children are all "pre-readers" who pick up clues about reading from their environment. They have an exploding vocabulary and are eager to explore their world with you. And every time you read to and talk with your child, you build key early reading skills. As children's author Emilie Buchwald wrote, "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

COVID CREDITS UPDATE:

We hope that you have been able to enjoy the extra time with your family without the worry of tuition for the last 6 weeks. However, our COVID credits will expire as of Friday May 1st. We sincerely look forward to your return. We will be private pay again for all effective May 4th. Unused covid credits do not roll over. The week of 4/27 was the last week to use these, as expressed in late March via our BrightWheel messaging. It is our hope to retain all our amazing families, but we understand you must do what they feel is best for your children. Please remember, we do require a paid two week notice to withdraw if families are not ready to return and do not wish to pay tuition. Unused vacation and/or covid credits cannot be used toward two-week notice. Your 2 yearly vacation credits will restart in August 2020.



KONA ICE

All three of our schools enjoyed a special treat of KONA ICE. Thank you to our owners for this little surprise to keep all our kids smiling!



TEACHER APPRECIATION

Would you consider contributing to our teacher appreciation baskets? We can accept cards, notes of "thanks", labeled art work, lotions, gift cards, chocolates, spa items, bath bombs, bottles of wine, fuzzy socks, books, DVDs, nail polishes, movie rental gift cards, board games, card games, etc. While gift items like this are NEVER required, they will be greatly appreciated as we will be dividing up your love offerings among our essential staff that have been working tirelessly through this last month. Please consider donating an item (or more) and we promise to get it into the hands of the Play School teachers that you love and respect so much!



We would be grateful if you would take a moment to say thank you to our teachers for their investment of time, energy, and love into the children of The Play School. We are asking that you would consider taking a picture of your child with a sign stating their favorite qualities they/you see in their teachers. This part can be written by the child, if applicable, or by the parent. When you have taken the adorable picture of your child and are ready to share, please email them to your director. Thank you for all your help in acknowledging our talented faculty of teachers. We are looking forward to the many ways we will say thank you to our incredible staff for National Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 5th!

OUR GRADUATES-Legacy



Ethan Barr
Lola Vance
Lawson Miller
Reagan Bivens
Mason Hollander
Miles Raber
Aiden Mayer
Axel Ludwig
Jasmine Ortiz
Emma Bradley
Reed Rosser
Valerie Large
Max Watson
Charlie Watson
Jarrett Lunsford
Lilly Hunt
Adeline Shaffer

Mia LaBuz
Porter Revilla
Eli Winegardner
Rowin Medlin
Luke Brinkman
Elizabeth Hutton
Sabrina Kahoush
Everett Hall
Ceci Kramer
Miles Raber
Lucas Miller
Francesca Cody
Mason Hollander
Alexander Falk
Murphy Quirez
Addison Studer
Kieran Ball
Lucas Miller

OUR GRADUATES-Arbor

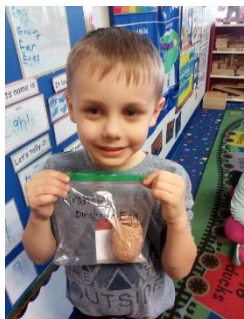


Evelyn Owens
Wilson Owens
Lucy Kelly
Sawyer Duncan
Felix Jensen
Bobbie Van Valer
Gyani Patel
Anna Breslan
Grant Campbell
Cameron Rollins
Cece Pippenger
Carter Follis
Olivia Solomon
Caroline Connolly



Ava Means
Connor Cook
Rowan Kinsella
Connor Quinn
Blake Luchene
Reagan Schone
Cullen Barr
Noor Alsaraj
Ben Smoots

OUR GRADUATES-Saxony



Addison Bailey
Evan Berisha
Max Carter
Henry Caudill
Beau Counterman
Madyx Ecker
Calvin Flees
Vivian Fisher
Nora Huggins
Eden Garrison
Anika Gazula

Abigail Matthews
Owen Prothero
Graham Richardson
Adeline Sobczak
Krew Spencer
Dylan Sullivan
Natalie Sullivan
Eleanor Talaga
Grayson Townsend
Madeline Watson
Chloe Winn



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY WE ♥ YOU



“Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn’t know you had.” —Linda Wooten



**Save
the
Date!**

Teacher Appreciation
Day- May 5th

Cinco De Mayo- May 5th

Mother's Day-May 10th

Memorial Day- May 25th

Father's Day-June 21st



THE PLAY SCHOOL 2020 CLOSURES

- Monday, May 25th ~ In observance of Memorial Day
- Friday, July 3rd ~ In observance of Independence Day
- Thursday, November 28th ~ In observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 29th ~ In observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday, December 24th ~ In observance of Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25th ~ In observance of Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 31st ~ Closing at 3:00pm in observance of New Year's Eve
- Friday, January 1st ~ In observance of New Year's Day
(All tuition remains the same)



Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza, Pears, Corn, and Milk	5 Swedish Meatballs & Pasta, Peas, Strawberries, and Milk	6 Submarine Turkey Sandwich, Cheese, Apple Slices, Lettuce, Tomato, Light Mayo, and Milk	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Warm Cinnamon Apples, and Milk	8 Homemade Launchable, Ham Slices, Mozzarella Stick, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Salad, Crackers and Milk
11 Whole Grain Breaded Cod Filet, Applesauce, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Whole Grain Roll, and Milk	12 Chicken Egg Roll, Veggie Fried Rice, Edamame, Blueberries, and Milk	13 Beef & Cheese Burrito, Corn, Watermelon, and Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Diced Grapes, Cornbread, and Milk	15 Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce, Pears, Mixed Veggies, and Milk
18 Homemade Mac & Cheese, Pears, Baked Beans, and Milk	19 BBQ Chicken Sliders, Cinnamon Apples, Green Beans, and Milk	20 Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Peaches, and Milk	21 Deli Pin Wheels, Turkey, Cheese, Diced Grapes, Carrot Sticks, Light Mayo, Ranch, and Milk	22 Cod Nuggets, Wild Rice, Strawberries, Steamed Broccoli, and Milk
25 CLOSED	26 Panko Crusted Alaskan Fish, Applesauce, Steamed Cauliflower, Bread, Cheese, and Milk	27 Homemade Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Diced Apricots, Green Beans, and Milk	28 Tuna Noodle casserole, Peas, Diced Grapes, and Milk	29 Grilled Turkey Sandwich, Cheese, Peaches, Sweet Potato Fries, Bread, and Milk.

The May snack menu will include the following homemade and whole grain items:

- Veggie Pizza
- Scones
- Homemade Fruit Crisp

We will also continue to serve many of the children's favorites including carrots, hummus, cucumber slices, whole grain crackers, fresh fruit, and so much more.

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Become a Foster Parent



If you have a passion for helping children heal, you may be a great fit to join the #NYAPFAMILY. This is the perfect time to start your foster journey to become a foster parent.

Did you know the National Youth Advocacy Program (NYAP) is the Premiere foster care agency in the state of Indiana? We serve more than 500 children in our elite, passionate foster homes statewide. Our top-notch foster parents receive the most thorough education in the state and receive premiere status support and care as members of our NYAP family. We walk alongside our families every step of the way.

As you may know, the Department of Child Services continues to work and assess child safety, even in times of crisis like our country is currently facing. While many of us are now spending more time in our homes, children in Indiana still suffer abuse and neglect, and in many ways, may be more at risk now than ever before. We continue to receive referrals on a daily basis from DCS, looking for foster homes for Indiana's children. At NYAP we are committed to providing safe, stable and temporary homes to these children. If you have ever considered opening your home and heart up to a foster child, you are needed.

Due to current world events, our trainings have moved to a completely virtual platform that can be completed from your home. If you choose to utilize our "Fast Track" training pathway, you can complete all required training over the course of two weekends.

Included are a list of State Requirements to become a foster parent:

- Provide a safe, clean, loving, temporary home
- Provide adequate bedroom space of 50 sq. ft. per child
- Clean criminal history including fingerprinting, CPS checks & adequate driving history
- Medical & physical ability including current vaccinations for household per your physician
- Financial security
- Complete thorough training & interviews

If you are interested in learning more about NYAP please contact our local office, (765) 393-1858 or 1-877-NYAP-CAN or send us a message on Facebook at National Youth Advocacy Program Indiana (@NYAPIndiana) or National Youth Advocacy Program – Anderson (@AndersonNYAP). You may also contact me directly at lttonning@nyap.org. Please include your Name, county of residence and a good contact number. We can't wait to meet you!