

THE DRAWBRIDGE

August

A Children's Kastle at Winthrop



August Theme:

Theme:

Back to School and Rules/Routines

Character Builder:

Manners: The Golden Rule

Bible Story:

The Good Samaritan

Scripture:

Luke 6:31



Back to
School

Important Dates:

July 23rd: Vpk Round Up

August 7th: Goodbye to Summer

August 10th: First Day of School

August 21st: School Supplies Due

Sept 7th: Center is Closed

(Labor Day)

Sept. 11th: Patriot's Day

(Wear Red, White, & Blue)

Sept 11th: Parent's Night Out

Sept 17th: Red Day

(wear RED from head to toe to celebrate the color of the month)



Happy Birthday:

Ronan A- 1st

David B- 2nd

Oakley B.- 9th

Brody L.- 10th

Jocelyn J.- 15th

Kyle C.- 15th

Cora W. 16th

Emmerson M.- 18th

Sara G.- 20th

Adelynn T.- 22nd

Lincoln L. 28th

Juien C.- 31st

Ms. Mia- 2nd



40 Years of Growing, Learning & Loving!

As we begin this new school year, we are excited to celebrate our 40th year of educating and caring for children! For four decades, A Children's Kastle has been dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive. We are incredibly grateful to the families who have trusted us with their children throughout the years and have helped make our school a special place. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's educational journey. It is an honor and privilege to partner with your family during these important early years, and we look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence for many years to come.



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A Note From Mrs. Jackie

Welcome to Our 40th School Year!

Welcome to another exciting year at A Children's Kastle! Whether you're returning to us or joining our family for the very first time, we are so grateful you've entrusted us with your child. We know that the beginning of a new school year brings excitement, new adventures, and sometimes a few nervous tears for both children and parents!

Saying Goodbye

Saying goodbye can tug at your heart. You've poured your time, love, and whole self into your child, and leaving them, even for the day, isn't always easy. Many children feel the same way. One way to ease separation anxiety is by creating a simple, consistent goodbye ritual. Whether it's a special wave, a sweet rhyme, or a predictable routine, these small moments offer comfort and security. Try something like, "Hug and smile, I'll see you in a while." Even infants and toddlers benefit from this routine. While they may not understand every word, they will feel the reassurance in your voice and touch. When it's time to say goodbye, make it quick. As difficult as it may be, lingering at drop-off can actually make the transition harder for your child. Staying too long may give them the impression that there's still a chance of leaving with you. A short, confident goodbye followed by a quick exit sends the message that they are safe, loved, and ready for their day.

Here are a few additional tips that can make drop-off easier:

- Keep your morning routine as calm and consistent as possible.
- Always say goodbye, never sneak out. This helps build trust, even if it leads to a few tears at first.
- Let your child's teacher take over once you've said goodbye. We have lots of experience helping little ones feel safe and comfortable.
- Resist the urge to come back into the classroom if your child cries after you leave. Most children settle within just a few minutes.
- If you're feeling anxious, remember that children often mirror our emotions. Your confidence helps build theirs!

We promise that if your child is having a difficult morning, we will comfort them with lots of love and will contact you if needed. Our goal is to make school a place where your child feels safe, happy, and excited to learn each day.

We're looking forward to a wonderful new school year with you and your family. When families and teachers work together, children thrive. To help set your child up for success, we kindly ask for your partnership in the following ways:

- Ensure your child attends regularly and arrives on time. Class begins promptly at 9:00 AM (8:00 AM for VPK A and 8:30 for VPK B).
- Please do not send outside food or drinks into the classroom, including water bottles.
- Follow the 10-hour rule: Children should not remain in care for more than 10 hours per day.
- Tuition is due every Friday for the upcoming week.
- Check your child's art folder, cubby, or classroom communication area daily for important information and creative work.

We are so excited to begin this school year together! As always, my door is open. Please feel free to stop by the office to say hello, ask questions, share concerns, or simply grab a hug.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's journey. We are truly honored to be a part of your family, and we can't wait to make our 40th school year our best one yet!

