

Small Wonder September Newsletter

Dates to Know

- ⇒ Small Wonder is closed **Monday September 6th** in observance of Labor Day.
- ⇒ Chokecherry Festival is **September 11th**. Small Wonder is going to have booth with raffle baskets, coupon cards, and information on our Permanent Endowment. We hope to see you there!

It is hard to believe that Summer is over already! We are super excited about this new school year and all the learning the children will be doing at Small Wonder!

We are still going to be taking some precautions to try and slow the spread of Covid. We are encouraging parents/guardians to wear masks in our hallways, help wash their children's hands upon arrival, keep children in their classroom groups, and the staff will be keeping up on the extra cleaning processes we started last year.

We are doing all of this to try and limit the possibility of classroom closures due to the positive cases or exposures. Our ultimate goal is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment, with as little interruption as possible. We know that if we have to close down a classroom it doesn't just affect our building and staff, it affects a good chunk of the community. So we are trying to be as mindful as possible with making decisions moving forward to help slow the spread of any illnesses. We want to thank all of our families for working with us on keeping our environments as safe and healthy as possible!

SAFETY

NO child will be released to anyone, but the guardians and those people listed on the *Emergency Contact Form*. If there are any custody disputes or people who may **not** pick up your child, let us know in writing. Custody disputes require the court order of protection or parenting plan to be on file. We will not release a child to **a minor** without special prior arrangements. Please keep in mind that we place the safety of each child first. IF an intoxicated or incapacitated person should come to the center, we will not release the child. Please never put us in this uncomfortable position.

Our staff is concerned with the safety of your child. We teach children how to use toys and equipment safely, how to cross streets, safety on stairs and in halls, and how to respond if approached by a stranger. Our rules are based on good safety practices. Your support of this expected behavior will reinforce your child's learning.

In case of emergency, we will use the information provided by you on the *Emergency Contact Form*. Children will not be released to an unauthorized person. Please notify us if there are any changes in the authorized person(s) who will be picking up your child.

In the event a child ingests any poisonous or toxic substances the caregivers will immediately call the Poison Control Number 1-800-222-1222.

Policy Highlight

STAFF CORNER

Miss Bree has rejoined our Small Wonder family and will be in the Purple Room. We are SO excited to have Miss Bree back and she has been building amazing relationships with the kiddos already!

Miss Bree is always ready to jump in and play with the children, provide fun hands-on activities, and get to know each child as a unique individual!

She has such a warm and welcoming personality and the children are lucky to get to have her back!



Things to Bring for the School Year:

Water bottle w/ handle

Extra Clothes

Blanket

back to
School



Be on the Lookout:

There will be a survey sent out in September explaining all the different subcommittees our Board of Directors has and to ask who is wanting to participate in any of them. Included in the information is when the monthly meetings are held and where.

Small Wonder's Annual Closure Dates:

September 6th—Labor Day

October 21-22-MtAEYC Conference

November 25-26-Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24-Christmas Eve

December 31-Observance of New Year's Eve

May 30-Memorial Day

