

# Newsletter: August Edition

**Haven for Tots Daycare  
& Preschool**  
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## Happy August!

In an attempt to stop the spread of COVID19, Haven has taken the following precautionary measures upon reopening the Daycare:

- Staff members are wearing masks during all hours
- Surfaces considered "High Touch" are disinfected frequently during the day
- Children are receiving health screenings each morning, including getting their temperature checked. Per DCFS and the CDC guidelines, any person with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will **not** be permitted in the facility

### Reminders:

- Children aged 3 or higher **must come to Daycare with a mask** for use in common areas.
- We are only allowing **one family at a time** into the daycare for your safety and ours. **Please be patient with this while we attempt to follow social distancing guidelines.**
- Please remember to follow Haven's "9 o'clock rule." If you are running late, please give the daycare a call and let us know-we typically give count at 9 am for lunch and snack purposes. Arriving **on time** limits disruption to the morning routine of all students and teachers. Continued lateness may result in no admittance to Daycare for the day for violation of the 9 o'clock rule
- In order to ensure the safety of all children during drop off time, please make sure your child has a clean diaper and is dressed for the day upon entering the daycare. We have teachers arriving at different times and cannot risk turning our backs to other children in the classrooms.
- Please make sure the entrance doors are **fully closed** upon entering and exiting the Daycare

## Fall Announcements

### Good Bye So Soon- A letter from Ms. Melinda

To the Haven parents and staff,

It saddens me to say in such a short time, that I will be leaving Haven. As a full-time student, there were other opportunities before me that best suited my needs that I couldn't afford to pass up. However, a huge thank you to all the welcoming and cooperative individuals I have encountered during my short time here. It was such a pleasurable experience to work alongside the staff, children, and parents. Haven is special as it's filled with individuals who seek to work together, for the ultimate purpose of serving children and families. On that note, I wish you all the best.

To the children, happy learning and growing,  
Ms. Melinda

### Classroom Transitions

Classroom transition time is finally here! If your child is moving up to the next classroom, you will receive a notice in the beginning of August for transitions that will take place on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Because some of our classrooms are still operating on reduced classroom sizes, most children with Summer and Fall birthdays will hold off on transitioning to the next classroom. Please note that if your child is being promoted to the three-year-old preschool classroom and is **not yet potty trained**, you will continue paying the two-year-old rate until your child is potty trained. This includes no pull up during nap time, and no accidents for 30 school days.



## A look Inside the Classrooms:

### Infants:

Hello Infant room families! I hope all is well with all of you. I have some friendly reminders: we have some infants that are learning how to walk; please be sure to send them to daycare with supportive, flexible shoes. This helps a lot with getting their muscles properly developed. Also, we've been working with our infants that are approaching one year of age to start drinking from a sippy cup and soon they will start using baby utensils. We are so excited that our babies will be getting new friends soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask. Have a blessed month! 😊

-Miss Jessica and Miss Melinda

-Miss Megan, Miss Jessica, and Miss Melinda

### Toddlers:

This month our projects will be of the handprint variety as we work to create an ABC book to send home at the end of the month! We will learn about different animals as we explore each letter of the alphabet. Our older friends will be moving up to twos with Miss Tammy and Miss Melissa! Bye Adonis, Finley, Nora, Remy, and Luke! Welcome to Drew, Ezra, and Ignacio! Happy Birthday to Summer on the 28<sup>th</sup>! Tumblebears return 8\6! Children 2 and up can sign up for the weekly class.

-Miss Melanie and Miss Andrea

### Twos:

Wow the Summer has gone by so fast! This is already our last month of Summer fun. We have had such a great time and are sad to see it end. Our themes for the month: August 3<sup>rd</sup>- Let's go to the Circus August 10<sup>th</sup>- Space August 17<sup>th</sup>- End of Summer picnic August 24<sup>th</sup>: Back to school. Please remember to check your child's cubby daily!

-Miss Tammy and Miss Melissa

### Preschool:

Hi guys! I can't believe August is here, where did the Summer go? I wish the Covid would go away that fast! In August, we will be doing Disney projects, art projects, and a lot of edible projects. We can't wait! Please make sure you check your child's cubby every day. Braddock is turning 4 on the 7<sup>th</sup>- Happy Birthday!

-Miss Janet and Miss Carmen

### Pre-Kindergarten:

WOW! Time sure does fly when you're having fun! And what fun this Summer has been for all of us. It's almost time to go back to school, and we will truly miss all of the wonderful children that will return to their schools in the Fall. This isn't good-bye, just see you later 😊 Time for us to get our last Summer Sillies out! Every Monday is water day. Every Wednesday is show and tell. Each week has a theme that is posted on our calendar. Important dates: 8\4- Bring your favorite book 8\19 End of Summer Jam (TBA)

Just a friendly reminder: Please wear your mask when entering the building 😊

-Miss Christina and Miss Red

## July Birthdays

Miss Melissa: 8/4

Braddock Dequaine: 8/7

Summer Sanders: 8/20

Miss Andrea: 8/22

Shane Ready: 8/26



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

**"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream..." -C.S. Lewis**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Classroom Move-ups

