



Haven for Tots Daycare & Preschool By: Dina Haleem November 2020

Free Play in Early Childhood

You may have heard teachers use the term “free play” either in conversations or reports that are sent home with your child. Do you know what it is and, more importantly, why it’s so important?

Free play is literally that: we allow the children to play in their different areas (kitchen, cars, blocks, manipulatives, etc.) without any real direction or instructions. One of my favorite things to do when sitting in on a class is to listen to the conversations children have among one another; it gives me a peek into their imaginations and paints a picture of the children's likes and dislikes. Did you know that bracelets can double as earrings? Or, that if you want to be a policeman, you have to get good grades and behave in school? How about using magnet tiles to make a stadium so you can go watch the monster truck race?

Free play is especially important because it helps children develop social skills, increases creativity, begin to problem solve, sharpens cognitive development, helps fine-tune fine motor skills, and assists in building life skills. Play is also a way that children can communicate through actions, signals, and language. It can sometimes tell us WHY a child is acting out of normal behavior. It's not that children are “just playing” – they are learning skills for life!

Reminders:

-Please help us keep the Daycare Center healthy by keeping children displaying signs of sickness home. We are sanitizing frequently, but we need your help!

-Please remember to sign in and out on the laptop located in the front entrance.

-A mask must be worn upon entering the building

-Please make sure children enter the building with a fresh diaper.

Fundraiser

Exciting news! We are doing a popcorn fundraiser called Double Good Virtual Fundraiser! Everything is done online, and shipped straight to each participant’s door! The fundraiser will last for 4 days, and Haven will receive 50% of all profits! All you have to do is:

1. Download the ‘Double Good’ app and make a profile
2. Enter Haven’s event code “KQO KNQ” and create your own pop up store
3. Start selling by sharing your pop-up store link!

This fundraiser will begin on Monday, November 9th and will end Friday, November 13th. Please sell as much as you can!

Welcome

We would like to send a warm welcome to our newest families: Welcome to the Dennis family, the Morales\Jimenez family, and to the Dorich family! We are so excited to have you in our center.

Also, welcome to Miss Delilah, who has joined our Toddler classroom. Miss Delilah comes to Haven with many years of experience in Early Childhood Education and has been singing and dancing up a storm with our Toddler classroom!





A look Inside the Classrooms:

Infants:

Hello Infant room families! We hope everything has been well with all of you. The Infants have been doing a wonderful job with the lessons! We hope you have been enjoying their little projects. We have a few friendly reminders: Please remember to check Brightwheel as it is our best way to communicate with and update all of you. We will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after, and we hope that you enjoy this time with your loved ones. Remember, it's cold and flu season; if you could donate some Kleenex, we'd greatly appreciate it. Please stay safe, healthy, and warm! Love, the Infant room teachers.

-Miss Luisa, Miss Jessica, and Miss Andrea

Toddlers:

Exciting news for the month of November! It's hard to believe that November is here; we are looking forward to lots of outdoor time as the weather cools off. We do have many fun indoor activities planned to keep the children busy and motivated to learn. Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and our toddlers are getting into the holiday spirit by reading books, engaging in group discussions and creating beautiful artwork centered around the theme of gratitude. Everyone is doing such a great job! A friendly reminder: please take out Summer clothes from your child's bin and replace them for warmer clothing. Thank you if you have already done so. A big thank you to the parents who brought in some delicious treats for the children for Halloween! It was such a fun and special day for them!

-Miss Melanie and Miss Delilah

Twos:

We can't believe November is here already- we have a lot of great kids to be thankful for! We have had a lot of fun learning our names, colors, shapes and numbers; we will continue working on our self-help skills. We will also begin letting you know if we feel like your child is ready to potty train. We will be learning about the colors brown and orange, the square, letter Cc, and number 3. Our theme is Thanksgiving. Please make sure your child has extra clothing in their cubbies.

-Miss Tammy and Miss Melissa

Preschool:

Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Birthday to Riley on November 5th and to Miss Carmen on November 24th. Please remember to check your child's cubby every night for notes and classwork. This month we will be doing letters J, K, L, M, and numbers 10,11,12, and 13. We will also be making some fall projects! Gobble! Gobble!

-Miss Janet and Miss Carmen

Pre-Kindergarten:

Happy November, Families! Wow, October flew by and boy was it an amazing month! Many, many thanks to all of our amazing parents who celebrated birthdays all month with us. We appreciate you so much and appreciate you for sharing such magical times with us! For the month of November, many new, exciting things will be happening. We will have our first pajama day and will be encouraging children to think about what they are thankful for. Please remember the drastic weather change and make sure to switch out your child's clothing if needed.

-Miss Christina and Miss Red



November Birthdays

Miss Lisa: 11/4

Riley Ready: 11/5

Miss Tammy: 11/7

Miss Jessica: 11/15

Miss Carmen: 11/24



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The older you get, the more fragile you understand life to be. I think that's good motivation for getting out of bed more joyfully each day."

-Julia Roberts

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 13th- Holiday sheets due

November 26th- Haven closed Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27th- Haven closed

