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Haven for Tots  
Daycare & Preschool  
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The importance of self-confidence in Early Childhood

As early childhood teachers, we are taught that children are like sponges: they soak up everything. We encourage our students to explore unfamiliar territory, to play in the rain, and to think outside the box. We give them hugs when needed and guidance through unfavorable behavior. How we speak to our students stick with them for years to come. We, like all of you, only wish the absolute best for our students.

It is very important to build self-confidence and encourage positive behavior, especially at a young age. When children are misbehaving, using harsh words (like bad) can be really detrimental to a child's self-confidence. Instead, we use phrases such as "I'm sorry you are upset, but we have to remember to use our listening ears and follow directions." This acknowledges the unfavorable behavior, but reminds children of the behavior that is expected of them.

Similarly, we want children to believe they are capable of doing anything they put their minds to. Giving phrase for things done independently works wonders for children. When children say "I can't do it!" encourage them to keep trying. When they eventually get it, it will open the door to so many other successes.

Please help us in building self-confidence early and often- every word counts.

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

Tuition Increase

Last Summer when Haven informed our families about the move to Oak Lawn, we were asked if there would be an increase in tuition because of it. At that time, our answer was that we didn't anticipate an increase. Then, to our surprise, the Covid-19 Pandemic hit full swing. As a small, not-for-profit company, our budget definitely took a hit, especially due to our decreased numbers in enrollment, the cost of food increasing, and increased sanitization costs.

Haven's Board of Directors met in September and made the tough decision to increase tuition \$5 per child per week beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Discounts will remain for families with multiple children in our center. New prices will remain one of the lowest in the area. Prices below reflect the increases; a flyer will be sent home reflecting sibling discounts.

	<u>5-Day</u>	<u>4-Day</u>	<u>3-Day</u>
Infants:	\$236	\$209	\$181
Toddlers:	\$214	\$190	\$165
Twos:	\$203	\$180	\$157
PS& PK:	\$192	\$170	\$148





## A look Inside the Classrooms:

### Infants:

Hi Infant room families! We hope everything is going well with each of you. We are doing great with our lesson plans; the Infants are learning new things with the activities we are giving them. Not only are they learning, but they're enjoying each activity as well. We are so excited about our Halloween Party! We will make a sign-up list for snacks to bring. Please send your child to daycare with their Halloween costumes on. If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to ask! Have a blessed month!

-Miss Luisa, Miss Jessica, and Miss Andrea

### Toddlers:

Happy October Parents! We are excited for Fall to begin as we start working on our colors and shapes! We look forward to sending home crafts to decorate your homes with for this spooky season! We will also take nature walks with the Infants and Twos to look for leaves, squirrels, and other Fall items to complement our projects! Please remember to send children with jackets and to swap out any Summer clothes for Fall items. Thank you!

-Miss Melanie

### Twos:

Wow! We can't believe Fall is here. It is our favorite time of year! We also can't believe that we have finished our first month of school- we are having such a great time getting to know each other and learning new things. This month, we will focus on the color's orange and black, the circle, letter B, and number 2. We will continue practicing tracing practice. Our themes are Fall and Halloween. October 12<sup>th</sup> is Columbus Day. October 30<sup>th</sup> will be our Halloween parties, and the 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween. Please remember to check your child's file daily and make sure they have extra clothing in their boxes.

-Miss Tammy and Miss Melissa

### Preschool:

This month we are working on letters F, G, H, I, and J and letters 6-10. We are also going to be practicing printing and doing Fall projects. Please make sure your child has a mask every day and be sure to check their cubbies. Please change out your child's extra clothing for warmer clothes. Our October Birthdays are Bob on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Gaby on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Owen on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Halloween party is October 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet for treats. Every Wednesday a name practice sheet will go home; if brought back, your child will receive a treat.

-Miss Janet and Miss Carmen

### Pre-Kindergarten:

September flew by and what an amazing month it was! Everyone seems to be adjusting well 😊 We want to thank you all for helping us stay safe with washing hands before entering the classrooms and wearing masks. Throughout the month, we will explore "Fall Harvest." During this unit, the children will observe and talk about changes in the weather and our environment during Fall. Please practice writing your child's first and last name along with our special numbers and letters. Please check each child's file to update their cubbies with extra winter appropriate clothing, undergarments, socks, and a sweater/light jacket. Homework is distributed every Friday and is collected every Monday. Also, in cubbies are announcements from HFT and returned work. Happy Birthday to Annaliese, Jack, Liam, and Thomas! We will have our Halloween party on 10/30.

-Miss Christina and Miss Red

## October Birthdays

Annaliese Powell: 10/3

Miss Cynthia: 10/7

Bob Sleezer: 10/08

Jack Peterson: 10/10

Liam Peterson: 10/10

Thomas Long: 10/18

Owen O'Donnell: 10/20

Ella Kopp: 10/23



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

**"Life brings us simple pleasures every day. It's up to us to make them wonderful memories."**

**-Cathy Allen**



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**October 7<sup>th</sup>- Insurance fees due**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>- Fall Pictures**

**October 30<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Parties**