

September 2020 Newsletter

PIEDMONT FAMILY YMCA EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Summer is coming to an end and the school year is beginning. We are so excited to be a part of the STREAMin3 curriculum and can't wait to dive into the new school year learning and exploring the wonderful world around us!

As the summer comes to an end and cooler weather begins to creep up on us, please **change out your child's clothes** so that they are more weather appropriate.

Your child may be bringing home a take-home project at the beginning of each month. This is a project for you to do at home with your child. You can decorate it however you like and then send it back to school so that we can display it in the hallway.

This month we are celebrating our Community Helpers by having a special parade for our local police officers and fire fighters. We will welcome them with decorated signs created by the children!

We hope that you and your child are enjoying their time here at the YMCA Early Learning Center!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please check with your child's teacher to make sure that your child has 2 changes of season-appropriate clothes.
- Take home linens each day.
- Make sure you drop your child off BEFORE our morning deadlines:
10 AM for infants and **9:30 AM for toddlers through Pre-K.**
- Please do not bring outside food or toys from home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be celebrating YMCA Welcoming Week September 14th-18th.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Seraya 9/10

Amari 9/17

Parker 9/20

Rhea 9/27



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Ms. Anita 9/9

Mr. Brennon 9/14

Ms. Grace 9/23

CLASS EVENTS

September 18th- Pre-K
Field trip to the Downtown Mall: Welcome Week

For inclement weather or closing updates, please be sure to check our FB page:

[Facebook.com/groups/YMCAEarlyLearning](https://www.facebook.com/groups/YMCAEarlyLearning)



CLASSROOM NEWS

Infant 1

We would like to welcome all students and parents to a fresh, new, and exciting school year! 2020 has certainly has been a challenge for us all with the pandemic, but together we will get through it! In the Infant 1 classroom we will be working on developmental milestones, tummy time, gross and fine motor skills. While on our buggy rides, we will explore nature and collect leaves to make art. We look forward to a fun-filled and productive school year!

Infant 2

This month we will be celebrating Lavi, Gabe, and Ella turning the BIG ONE. Please make sure we have extra clothes that are season-appropriate for the weather. We would also like it if you could send in a family picture for our family tree in our classroom.

Toddler

This month we will continue with STREAMin3 and exploring the world around us. This month we will do a lot of exploring outside and activities with outside objects such as acorns, leaves, and sticks. Along with STREAMin3 we will explore and learn colors, numbers, and the alphabet daily. We are all doing a great job using our words and picking up vocabulary every day!

Twos

Now that the school year has started we are working consistently on potty training, shapes, colors, numbers, and letters. This month we would like to work on the color orange, number 1, letter A, and the triangle shape. Beginning in September we would also like to start doing Student of the Week. That week the child will get a special treat and will be the teacher's helper. We will have a "wall of fame" dedicated to posting pictures! On September 18th we will be having a class picnic outside-more information to come.

Threes

WELCOME to our new threes! We are Ms. Alexis and Ms. Alana. We are so excited to meet you!! This month we will be focusing on our emotions and building peer relationships. We will be working to connect what the children are feeling with language to help them better control their emotions and behavior. Your children will also be working on social skills such as empathy. The 3s class would love it if all the families could provide us with a family photo for our family wall! We will also like to remind parents that sheets are to be sent home daily to be washed or replaced with new ones. If you would like your child to have sunscreen as we finish out the last bit of summer, please provide sunscreen and complete a form located at the sign in table.

Pre K

This month we will be talking a lot about our emotions. Activities that we will be doing include: going on a nature hunt, painting with leaves, and exploring shadows. We will also be talking about community helpers! I am so excited to announce that we will be going on our first field trip September 18th to the Downtown Mall to have pizza. YAY!! Please remember that blankets and sheets are to be brought to school every day cleaned please.