



Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Programs May 2022 Newsletter

Tips for Supporting Pro-Social Behavior How to Encourage Cooperation

As you know, we have been working with the children on encouraging pro-social behavior and cooperation. Social and emotional development and skills form the foundation for all other learning, so it is extremely important that children learn how to listen, show respect, help, support others, and care about peers and other important people in their lives.

In the April Newsletter, we shared how we are linking program expectations (We are safe, Kind, Learners) to classroom rules. To help children remember, we developed a song using the tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb". A copy is attached to the newsletter. We use the "catch the child demonstrating pro-social behavior" strategy to reinforce positive, cooperative behaviors throughout the day.

In addition to also noticing positive behaviors at home, here are some other tips:

- ✓ Spend a few minutes every day as "special time": undisturbed attention given to your child doing an activity that your child likes/chooses. This goes a long way in strengthening positive relationships.
- ✓ **Encourage** your child to talk about what he/she likes in school; listen without interruption and ask questions to get your child to extend language. Children feel important when they know adults are really listening to them and when they can take the lead with a conversation.
- ✓ Recognize efforts on the part of your child. Some tasks are easier and some are harder. Confidence and self-esteem are supported when a child gets the message "I can see that you worked hard on . . . "
- ✓ **Recognize your child's feelings.** Try to read your child's body language and use reflective listening: "It looks like you are upset. Tell me about it."

Progress Reports Are Coming Soon...

In later May/early June, our teachers will be preparing and sending you Progress Reports to let you know how your child is doing in the various developmental and curricular areas. Parents will have an opportunity to have a conference with their child's teacher wither via phone or, as requested, in person or via Zoom.



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Wednesday, May 18th, Moments with Mom

Knowing that everyone is busy in the mornings, we have decided to make a revision to our original Family Involvement schedule.

From 7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. on May 18th, we will have our lobby set up with light breakfast treats for Moms to enjoy with their children. We'll take a photo which we will send to you to treasure a special moment with your child at school.

(In June, we will have a similar event with Dads. More information will be forthcoming)

Beautifying our Outdoor Spaces

To support science learning, our Preschool and School Age children will have the opportunity to plant our gardens with flowers and vegetables.

<u>Preschool Parents</u> – we will greatly appreciate the following items to be donated:

- Child-Size trowels, gloves, hand rakes
- Watering Cans
- Flowers small 1 pint or 4 pack flowers ready to plant flowers (No seeds)

<u>School Age Parents</u> – we will greatly appreciate the following items to be donated.

- Child-Size trowels, gloves, hand rakes
- Watering Can
- Tomato plants, Peppers, Herbs, Basil, Mint

Memorial Day

We will be closed on Monday, May 30th in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country

From all of us at MOCCLC: Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy Month!

Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center **Program Expectations Song** (Tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb") "We are Safe, Kind Learners here, Safe and Kind, Learners here, We are **Safe**, **Kind Learners** at Mt. Olive Child Care!"

Program Expectations: Bea Safe, Kind Learner



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