



*"A new school year means new beginnings, new adventure, new friendships, and new challenges. The Slate is clean, and anything can happen." -Denise Witmer*

Dear Tiny Thinkers Families,

August has arrived, marking the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. This month brings many exciting changes and opportunities for your child.

#### **Upcoming Events and Important Information:**

1. **Withdrawing Your Child from the Center:** If you plan to withdraw your child from the center, please submit a two-week notice via email or in writing to the admin team. For children starting kindergarten, kindly notify the admin of your child's last day at Tiny Thinkers Preschool.
2. **Last Weeks of Summer Camp 2024:** Summer camp is wrapping up with just two weeks left. There are still two shows remaining, and if you would like your child to participate, the cost is \$20 per show. To participate in both shows, the total fee is \$40.
3. **Water Play:** Water play is also coming to an end. If you wish for your child to participate, please ensure they arrive dressed in a swimsuit and closed-toe water shoes. Additionally, they should bring a separate bag with extra shoes, socks, clothes, a towel, and sunscreen (with the sunscreen form if not yet submitted). Participation in water play is optional.
4. **School Closure:** The school will be closed for Staff Development Day on Friday, August 16th, 2024. Classes will resume on Monday, August 19th, 2024.
5. **New School Year 2024-2025:** The new school year begins on Monday, August 19th, 2024. Most children will be moving to new classrooms with new teachers. Teachers will be sending home a welcome packet with important information.
6. **Emergency Contact Card Update:** We encourage all families to update the Emergency Contact Card with the most recent information for each child attending Tiny Thinkers Preschool. Accurate information is crucial for our records. You will find the Emergency Contact Card attached to the newsletter. Please fill out both the top and bottom sections; one section is for the child's file, and the other is for our Emergency Contact Binder.

We are excited about the upcoming school year and all the wonderful experiences it will bring. Thank you for your continued support.

## Resources:

### Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease (HFMD)

#### What is HFMD?

HFMD stands for Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease, a mild but contagious viral infection common among young children. Symptoms include sores in the mouth and a rash on the hands and feet. HFMD spreads quickly, particularly during the summer and fall.

#### What Should You Do?

We encourage all families to monitor their children for HFMD symptoms. If you notice any signs, please consult your child's pediatrician and inform the school to help maintain a safe environment for all children.

#### Want to Learn More?

For more information on HFMD, including transmission, symptoms, treatment, and prevention, please visit the following links and websites:

#### English

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease>

<https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/causes/index.html#cdc-causes-causes-what-causes-it>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease/symptoms-causes/syc-20353035>

<https://www.aad.org/public/diseases/a-z/hand-foot-mouth-self-care>

#### Spanish

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/HFMD/24SPANISH.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/es/about/acerca-de-la-enfermedad-de-manos-pies-y-boca.html>

[file:///C:/Users/Assistant-Director/Downloads/HHI211\\_Spanish.pdf](file:///C:/Users/Assistant-Director/Downloads/HHI211_Spanish.pdf)

Thank you for helping us keep our community healthy and safe!

We encourage parents and guardians to engage with their children about what they are learning in preschool. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children to nurture a lifelong love of learning and curiosity.

## August Reminders

- **First Day of School:** The new school year at Tiny Thinkers Preschool begins on Monday, August 19th, 2024.
- **Cash Payments:** Please ensure all cash payments are made with the exact amount. Any excess will be credited to your account.
- **Card Payments:** A 2.5% processing fee will be applied to all card payments.
- **Weekly Supplies:** Please bring a fitted sheet, small blanket, weather-appropriate extra clothes, and a straw water cup for your child at the beginning of each week.
- **Sign In and Out:** Families must sign their child in and out every day using their name, not their signature.
- **Volunteering:** If you wish to volunteer, please notify the admin to discuss the best time and day for you to help.
- **Teacher Availability:** The best time to speak with your child's teacher is between 12:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.
- **Extended Care Charges:** If your child is not part of our extended care program and is dropped off before 7:30 a.m. or picked up after 5:30 p.m., a charge of \$5.00 per minute will apply.
- **Footwear:** No open-toe shoes are allowed at school. Ensure your child's shoes are well-fitted and not too tight or loose for safety reasons.
- **CCRC Families:** Please follow your scheduled hours. If changes are needed, contact your case specialist first to update the official schedule.
- **Nail Clipping:** Please make sure your child's nails are clipped before arriving at school.
- **Nut-Free Zone:** If your child will be staying after 4:30 p.m., ensure any snacks sent do not contain peanuts, as we are a nut-free school.

**Important Note:** The school does not allow make-up or substitute days for absences. There will be no refunds for days not attended. Tuition is not prorated for vacations, sickness, holidays, or school closures.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call us.

### North Hills

Email: [info.nh@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.nh@tinythinkers.com)

Telephone: 818-892-2655

### Canoga Park

Email: [info.cp@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.cp@tinythinkers.com)

Telephone: 818-346-3035

### Santa Clarita

Email: [info.sc@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.sc@tinythinkers.com)

Telephone: 661-296-0175



## Teachers Corner

**This month our Summer Themes will be:**

- Theme: Superhero Week  
Activity: Movie Showing  
Canoga Park - 8/8/2024 @10-11:30am  
North Hills - 8/9/2024 @10-11:30am
- Theme: Water Fun Week  
Activity: Tie Dye Party  
North Hills - 8/15/2024 @10-11am  
Canoga Park - 8/15/2024 @10-11am

**This month our focus topic will be:**

Theme: Back to school, rules, and safety; All about me & self-portrait

Letter: Aa; Bb

Book: David goes to School; I like Myself

Number: 0; 1

Color: Yellow; Blue

Shape: Circle; Square

Cooking activity: Eatable Traffic Light; Eatable Me

Science: Underwater Volcano; Pencil & Tape Fingerprints

Sign Language: Please & Thank you; Grandma & Grandpa

Vocabulary: school, teacher, friends, circle time & safe; Family, pets, favorite color, Favorite food & myself

Spanish Vocabulario: escuela, maestra, amigos, rutina; yo, único, mis gustos, mis disgustos

Canción en español: A la escuelita, con Estrellita; Hombros, cabeza, rodilla y pies

Songs: Look who came to school today; I am special, I am special

Character of Education: Friendly; Proud

Outdoor Painting: Germ Blow Painting; Ice Painting

Gross Motor Activity: Race & Wipe Name; Feeling Face Hop

Recyclable Project: Cereal Box Back-Pack; Self-Portrait



**Happy Birthday to everyone  
born in this month of August**



*On your special day, that is your birthday, we wish the best of wishes. We hope that you spend your special day with your loved ones and family. We hope that all your wishes come true.*



**Sat. 8/3/2024** National Watermelon Day

**Mon. 8/12–Thurs. 8/15/2024** Last Week of Summer  
Camp

**Fri. 8/16/2024** Staff Development Day School Closed

**Mon. 8/19/2024** First Day of School





### Contact Card

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mom's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternative Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor's Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dentist's Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medication Allergies & Known Diagnoses List Here: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food Allergies / Restrictions List Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant Tiny Thinkers Preschool permission to photograph my child for possible posting on social media.  
 YES  NO

Please provide the names of any **AUTHORIZED PERSONS**, other than parents/guardians, who are allowed to pick up the child. Ensure that the names match their identification, and if possible, provide a picture of the authorized persons. Please list Full Name, Phone Number, and Relationship to the Child:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

\*If there is a person who may **NOT HAVE ACCESS** to the child, please indicate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is There an Order of Protection in Place? YES  No   
 Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Drop Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mom's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternative Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor's Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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