



“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.” -Fred Rogers

Dear Tiny Thinkers Families,

We are excited to welcome you to September, a month full of exciting events! The school year is off to a fantastic start, and with fall just around the corner, we have some wonderful activities planned.

Upcoming Events:

1. **Labor Day - School Closed:**

The school will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, 2024, in observance of Labor Day. We will resume classes on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing long weekend!

2. **Grandparents Day:**

The children have been preparing a special surprise performance for their grandparents, which will be streamed live on Instagram and Facebook on Friday, September 6th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

3. **Hispanic Heritage Day:**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Day, each classroom will focus on a different Hispanic country. Teachers have chosen fun, educational activities related to their selected country for the children to enjoy.

4. **Back to School Night:**

We invite you to visit your child’s classroom during our Back to School Night. Each class will have a designated day for parents to tour the classroom and meet the teachers. Please plan ahead to attend.

- Monday, September 23rd: Ladybugs (4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, September 24th: Butterflies (4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, September 25th: Busy Bees 1 (4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, September 26th: Busy Bees 2 (4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

5. **Annual Material Fee:**

The \$120.00 annual material fee for the 2024-2025 school year is now due. Please ensure payment is made at your earliest convenience.

6. **Contact Card Update:**

As the new school year begins, we kindly ask all families to update their contact cards with the most current information. Please complete both sections of the card to ensure that your child’s file and the center's emergency contact book are up to date.

7. **Clothing Exchange:**

With fall approaching on September 22nd, we encourage families to swap out summer clothing for warmer options in your child’s cubby to prepare for the cooler weather.

8. **Our Scholastic Book Fair:**

We are excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair will be held from **September 23 to October 5**. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your child's love of reading while supporting our school. We hope you'll join us in exploring the wide variety of books available!

9. **Extended Care:**

Our regular school hours are from **7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** If you require **extended care** for the morning (AM), afternoon (PM), or both, please inform the Director or Assistant Director as soon as possible. We're happy to accommodate your needs!

We encourage you to engage with your children and ask them about what they're learning in preschool. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to fostering your children's love for learning and curiosity throughout the year!

Big News: We've Opened a Third Location!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our third school location **Montessori of Santa Clarita**! This exciting new campus is now open and ready to serve families in the Santa Clarita area. We are currently enrolling children from **6 weeks to 12 years** old and offer a variety of programs, including **Infant Care, Toddler Care, Preschool, and School-Age Classes**. Our after-school program is also enrolling now, providing a safe and nurturing environment for school-age children.

We would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word about our new location! If you know families looking for quality care and education, please let them know about **Montessori of Santa Clarita**.

Contact Information:

- **Phone:** 661-296-0175
- **Website:** <https://www.montessoriofsantaclarita.com>
- **Address:** 27757 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA
- **Email:** info.sc@tinythinkers.com

We are excited to offer an excellent learning environment with a Montessori and Play based curriculum designed to support children's growth and development at every stage. Whether you have an infant or a school-aged child, our programs are tailored to meet their needs with a focus on fostering independence, creativity, and a love of learning.

Referral Program: Earn \$200!

If you're happy with our care and services, we encourage you to take part in our referral program! For each new family you refer to **Montessori of Santa Clarita**, you'll receive a **\$200 referral bonus** per family. It's our way of thanking you for your support and helping us grow our community of learners.

We are excited about this new chapter and look forward to welcoming more families to **Montessori of Santa Clarita**.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community!

September Reminders

- If you've chosen Tuition Payment Option 1, the full tuition amount is due on the 1st of each month. To avoid a \$35 late fee, please ensure payment is made in full no later than the 5th of the month.
- Please remember to adhere to your agreed drop-off and pick-up times. Staying within these hours is important.
- For those using Tuition Payment Option 2, half of the tuition is due on the 1st of each month, no later than the 5th, to avoid a \$35 late fee. The second half is due on the 15th, no later than the 20th, to avoid an additional \$35 late fee.
- A 2.5% fee will be applied to card payments. Cash or check payments are also accepted.
- Please note that children will not be admitted to the center for the following reasons: non-payment of tuition, inappropriate dress (e.g., open-toed shoes), poor hygiene, signs of illness, or arriving after 10:00 a.m.
- Every Monday, please send your child with a straw zippy cup (with a lid or seal) for water only.
- All children must bring a fitted sheet (size 28 in x 52 in [71.1 cm x 132 cm]) for naptime each day.
- If your child is out sick for more than two days, a note explaining the absence must be provided upon their return.
- Children arriving after 10:00 a.m. will not be admitted unless the school has been notified in advance due to a doctor, dentist, or WIC appointment. A note confirming the appointment is required, and children must arrive by 11:30 a.m.
- If your child requires medication during school hours, please complete a "Consent for Medication Form."
- Birthday Celebrations are optional! If you'd like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please fill out the "Birthday Celebration Form."

Important Note:

The school does not offer make-up or substitute days for absences. There will be no refunds for missed days, and we do not pro-rate tuition for vacations, illness, holidays, or school closures. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call.

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Resources: Developmental Red Flags

In clinical terms, there are certain "absolute indicators" or **red flags** that can signal a potential concern in a child's behavioral or developmental progress. These markers are often early signs suggesting the need for further evaluation. For parents, recognizing these red flags is crucial as they serve as a prompt to initiate developmental screenings. Early detection ensures your child stays on the right developmental path. If your child exhibits two or more of these signs, we strongly recommend consulting your pediatric healthcare provider for an immediate evaluation.

Developmental Red Flags Resources:

- English
 - <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4a2bc8/siteassets/educational-materials/cws/supplemental-handouts/developmental-red-flags-birth-to-age-5.pdf>
 - <https://helpmegrowmn.org/HMG/GetHelpChild/WhenRefer/RedFlags/index.html>
 - <https://mcpres.mayoclinic.org/parenting/5-developmental-red-flags-in-your-kid-that-may-surprise-you/>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>

- Spanish
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/Spanish/actearly/milestones/index.html>
 - <https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/track-your-childs-developmental-milestones-spanish>
 - <https://www.zerotothree.org/issue-areas/early-development/>

We encourage parents and guardians to stay actively involved and ask their children about what they've been learning in preschool. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and your children, fostering a lifelong love of learning and curiosity!



Teachers Corner

This month our focus topic will be:

Theme: Community Helpers; Clothing; Autumn; Feelings

Letter: B,C; D,E,F

Number: 1,2,3; 4&5

Color: Yellow; Blue

Shape: Semi Circle; Oval

Cooking activity: Ants in Your Pants; Cookie Dough Feelings

Science: Firefighter Activity; Bubbling Pumpkin Experiment

Sign Language: Teacher & T-shirt; Apple & Happy

Vocabulary: Doctor, Teacher, Officer, Firefighter, Chef; Autumn, Apples, Leaves, Colors, Weather

Spanish Vocabulario: Doctor(a), Maestra, Oficial, Bombero, Chef; Otono, Manzanas, Hojas, Colores, Clima

Canción en español: A mi burrito le duele la cabeza; El Otono

Songs: Occupations; Leaves are falling

Character of Education: "Sharing Is Caring/ "Be Respectful of Others Property"; "Respect Others"/ "Be a Problem Solver"

Outdoor Painting: Easel Painting; Marble Painting

Gross Motor Activity: Bean Bag Toss; Obstacle Course

Recyclable Project: Fall Tree; Apple



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

*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.*



Mon. 9/2/24 Labor Day School Closed

Sun. 9/8/ 24 Grandparents Day

Sun. 9/15/24 Hispanic Heritage Day

Sun. 9/22/24 Autumn (Fall) Season Begins

Mon. 9/23 – Thu. 9/26/ 24 Back to School Night

Mon. 9/23 – Fri. 10/4/ 24 Scholastic Book Fair

