



"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,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year! August is here, marking the end of summer and the beginning of an exciting new school year! This month brings many wonderful changes and opportunities for your child. They will be transitioning into new classrooms, meeting new teachers, and making new friends, a new adventure awaits! In preparation, we'll also be updating cubbies and making additional enhancements to help us start the school year strong.

We're excited to welcome you back for a wonderful new school year! Please take a few minutes to carefully review the following reminders and updates to help ensure a smooth and successful start:

First Day of School

The new school year begins Monday, August 17th, 2026. Many children will be transitioning into new classrooms with new teachers. We understand that transitions can be exciting and sometimes emotional, but our staff will work closely with every child to help them feel safe, comfortable, and confident during this exciting new chapter.

Staff Development Closure

We will be closed on Friday, August 14th, 2026, for Staff Development Day. **Classes will resume on Monday, August 17th.**

Back-to-School Essentials

Please send the following items with your child at the beginning of each week:

- A fitted crib sheet, A small blanket
- A straw water cup must be brought every day
- A clean and dry diaper upon arrival

Daily Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders

- Drop-Off Cut-Off Time: 10:00 AM sharp. Arrivals after this time disrupt classroom learning.
- Sign In/Out: Parents must use their full name (not initials) to sign the child In and Out

Extended Care Contracts

If you require before-care, after care, or both, please complete the Extended Care Contract.

Reminders:

- A fee will be charged for early drop-off before 7:30 AM.
- A late fee will apply for pickups after 5:30 PM unless you are enrolled in extended care.

Emergency Comfort Kits

Please submit your child's Emergency Comfort Kit by **September 21, 2026**. If you have not done so.

Each kit should:

- Be in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag labeled with your child's full name
- Contain a 2-day supply of nut-free food, water, a family photo, a comfort item, and an optional letter of support
- Exclude perishable or nut-containing items
- Must be updated every 12 months

Emergency Contact Card Updates

Please update your child's Emergency Contact Card. Fill out both the top and bottom sections, one for your child's file and one for our emergency binder.

Water Play & Final Weeks of Summer Camp

Water play is also coming to an end and if you wish to have your child participate in water play your child must come dressed in their swimming suit and closed-toe shoes. Children must bring a separate bag in which they bring extra shoes, socks, clothes, a towel, and sunscreen. Water Play is optional.

Don't miss the last two Summer Camp Performances!

There are 2 weeks left for summer camp to come to an end. There is still a total of 2 shows left for this summer camp in which your child can participate and have fun. Thank you to all our families for making Summer Camp 2026 such a success!

Dress Code & Hygiene

- No open-toe shoes allowed; shoes must fit securely to ensure safety.
- Please ensure your child's nails are clipped before school.
- If your child stays after 4:30 PM, Please don't forget to pack a snack. Please make sure snacks are nut-free.

CCRC Families

Please follow the approved schedule hours provided by your case specialist. If you need a schedule change, please contact your case specialist first, then inform our office so we can make the official update.

Withdrawals & Kindergarten Transitions

If your child is transitioning to kindergarten or withdrawing from Tiny Thinkers, please provide a written or emailed two-week notice and include your child's last day of attendance.

Tuition & Payment Reminders

- Tuition is due on the 1st and 15th of each month.
- A \$35 late fee will apply to any late payments.
- Payments can be made at [MyProcare.com](https://myprocare.com):
 1. Enter your email address
 2. Enter the confirmation code sent to your email
 3. Set your password
 4. Use the Pay button to make payments
- Card payments include a 2.5% processing fee.
- Cash payments must be exact; overpayment will be credited and no change will be given.

Annual Material Fee

A reminder that the \$120 annual material fee per child will be billed on **September 1st, 2026**.

Please make a note! The school is unable to allow make-up or substitute days for times that a child is absent. There will be NO refund given for days not attended. We DO NOT pro-rate tuition for vacation, sickness, holidays, or school closures. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

Resources:

Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease (HFMD) is a mild but highly contagious viral illness commonly seen in young children. It typically causes sores in the mouth and a rash on the hands and feet. HFMD spreads quickly especially during the summer and fall and is closely monitored in early childhood settings.

We encourage all families to stay informed and vigilant. If your child shows any symptoms of HFMD, please:

- Contact your child's pediatrician
- Notify our school administration as soon as possible

Prompt communication helps us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children and staff.

To learn more about HFMD including how it spreads, its symptoms, treatment options, and prevention tips please refer to the trusted resources below:

Helpful Links

In English:

- [Nationwide Children's Hospital – HFMD Overview](#)
- [CDC – Causes of HFMD](#)
- [Mayo Clinic – Symptoms & Causes](#)
- American Academy of Dermatology – Self-Care Tips

En Español:

- [Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de LA – HFMD \(PDF\)](#)
- [CDC en Español – Acerca de la Enfermedad de Manos, Pies y Boca](#)

We also encourage you to stay engaged in your child's early learning journey. Ask them about their day, what they're exploring in class, and what new things they've discovered, it makes a big difference!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and partnership. We're looking forward to another wonderful school year with you and your child!

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Teachers Corner

This month our Summer Themes will be:

Theme: **Science Week**

Event: Foam Party

Activity: Rock Mineral Treasure Hunt

Craft: Rock Painting

Canoga Park – 8/03/2026 @ 9:30 am

North Hills – 8/04/2026 @ 9:30 am

Santa Clarita– 8/05/2026 @ 9:30 am

Theme: **Carnival Week**

Event: Movie Day

Activity: Bean Bag Toss Game

Craft: Paint Pin Wheels

Canoga Park – 8/10/2026 @ 9:30 am

North Hills - 8/11/2026 @ 9:30 am

Santa Clarita- 8/12/2026 @ 9:30 am

This month our focus topic will be:

Theme: **Back to School; All About Me**

Letter: **Aa**

Number: **0; 1**

Color: **White**

Shape: **Circle**

Cooking activity: **All About Me Pizzas**

Science: **Germ Simulation Experiment**

Sign Language: **Please; Thank you**

Vocabulary: **School, Teacher, Friends, circle time; Family, Pets, Favorite Color & Myself**

Spanish Vocabulario: **Escuela, Maestra, Amigos; Rutina, Yo, Único, Gustos**

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**

Outdoor Painting: **Germ Blow Painting; Ice Painting**

Gross Motor Activity: **Duck, Duck, Goose**

Recyclable Project: **Cereal Box Back-Pack**

Montessori: Practical Life: **How to use and Roll a Work Rug**



**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.



Mon. 8/3/2026 National Watermelon Day

Mon. 8/10–Thurs. 8/13/2026 Last Week of Summer
Camp

Fri. 8/14/2026 Staff Development Day School Closed

Mon. 8/17/2026 First Day of School

