



Over The Rainbow Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the new school year! We are very excited to have many new faces with us this year as well as new classrooms, routines, and procedures. Our staff is looking forward to working with you and your family to help your child grow and learn while having fun! The purpose of this newsletter is to inform families of all the upcoming events, highlights, important announcements, etc. and how you can get involved with our center and your child's class. We will send home updates quarterly and have seasonal announcements for families via newsletter format. This will be in addition to the monthly calendar!

We invite you to join us for **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 28th from 6pm-7pm. OTR will CLOSE AT 5PM!** Please, make arrangements for you child to be picked up promptly at or before 5pm to allow our teachers the time to eat dinner and get their classrooms ready for your visit. We also ask that you leave your children at home as this is an adult only event. If you are unable to make it, you may speak with a member of management for more information regarding the back-to-school night presentations.

If you are interested in helping us provide FREE books to each child in the center, please consider donating to our book fairy campaign, all funds raised will go towards providing new books for our classrooms and families. You can donate using this link: <http://bit.ly/otrbookfairy> All children were able to receive a free book on their first day of school and we would like to continue to offer this special gift to them throughout the rest of the school year. Thank you to those who have already donated!



Important Dates to Remember



Friday, October 6th join us in the gym for Family Breakfast. All families welcome to stop in during drop off for breakfast before going to work.



Friday, October 27th from 5-7pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Contact the office for more information!

Thursday, November 9th!



Happy Anniversary



Ms. Anna Hrabowyj
Preschool Red Ladybugs
1 year at OTR

Ms. Anna started with us last year as Ms. Erica's assistant teacher in the Preschool room. This year, Ms. Anna is very excited to lead her own Preschool classroom. She has 5 years of experience working with children. Currently pursuing an art degree, Ms. Anna has taken several classes and earned credits in Early Education. You can always catch her with an iced cold cherry coke in one hand and a paint brush in the other!



Ms. Dyana Garcia
Support Staff
9 total years at OTR

Ms. Dyana started as an assistant teacher helping in all classrooms and with all ages. She eventually became the lead Preschool teacher for 5 years before pursuing a career in the medical field. Loving the Over The Rainbow family, she remained on as a part time staff member to help us as the center opener. In her free time, she enjoys singing in her church's worship team and hiking. Her favorite food is hot Cheetos!



Ms. Jessica Gareis
Assistant Director
7 total years at OTR

First starting out as a teacher assistant to Ms. Dyana, Ms. Jessica left to finish school. She graduated from Thomas Edison with a bachelor's degree in psychology and credits in child development. She returned as a lead toddler teacher and gradually worked her way up to an administrative role. Ms. Jess grew up in Bordentown and currently lives with her fiancé, 2 dogs, and 1 cat. She is a Disney Adult and loves to travel!



9/4 Joshua K.
9/6 Matteo C.
9/10 Alia A. & Xavier H.
9/23 Cora B.
9/28 Allure W.

10/1 Kano R.
10/3 Ms. Jess P.
10/7 Evan G.
10/9 Eve S.
10/10 Mr. Anthony
10/14 Tania P.
10/16 Susana J.
10/18 Sophia T.
10/19 Alex G. & Ms. Susan
10/23 Camellia S.

11/2 Iqual M.
11/5 Laila S.
11/6 Maeve F.
11/11 Ms. Jess G. (Toddler)
11/12 Samar S. & Everlee B.
& Ms. Maya
11/18 Denzel D.
11/20 Chiana & Mizuki T.
11/23 Cameron H.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

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- Be who you are!
- It's okay to be different.
- Do wear new underwear.
Don't wear it on your head.
- Wash your hands.
- Do use a tissue to wipe your nose.
Don't use your finger.
- Wash your hands again.
- Do eat all the food on your plate.
Don't put it in your hair.
- Do smile at people.
Don't stick your tongue out at them.
- Make new friends.
- Be kind.
- Thank your teacher for being a teacher.
- Don't be afraid.
- Do wear clean socks.
Don't make anyone smell them.
- Learn as much as you can.
- It's okay to make mistakes.

REMINDERS:

- Children must be signed in and out daily using ProCare. Please, leave any necessary drop off notes for your child's teacher before signing them in.
- ALL items brought from home MUST be labeled with your child's first and last name. This includes clothes, blankets/sheets, cups/bottles, diapers/wipes, etc.
- Please do NOT bring any toys from home as we will not be responsible if something is lost or damaged. This includes any soft items for nap as they are a distraction to the class routine.
- Don't forget to check out the calendar for all the fun events we have scheduled in September, October, and November



Fun Family Fall Activities



Apple Tree Balance Act: Draw the outline of a tree with chalk on your driveway or sidewalk and scatter “apples” on each branch that they have to gather. For apples, you can use real/ toy apples, pom poms, bean bags, leaves, small balls, or anything you find nearby. Have your child keep their feet on the chalk lines as if they are walking on a tightrope and keep both feet on the chalk as they squat to pick up the “apples.” Increase the challenge by having them do it backwards/ sideways, or incorporating “apples” of varied colors that they need to sort into different baskets.

Nature Walk & Fall Bracelets: Enjoy a family outing with a fall walk in your neighborhood, a nature trail, or local park. Encourage curiosity about wildlife and the plants you come in contact with by making nature bracelets. Simply wrap painters tape or masking tape loosely around your child's wrist with the sticky side facing out. When they find different colored leaves, small sticks, acorns, or other small items that they are interested in, they can pick them up and stick them to their bracelet.



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