



November Newsletter



Family Night

Family Night will be Thursday, November 9th, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. We will be closed on Friday, November 10th, in honor of Veterans' Day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

If your child is out sick, please call us to let us know. It can be disturbing when we don't hear from a family for a few days. Understanding what your child has been home sick with is also helpful so we can let other families know what symptoms to look for.

Our Health Care Consultant, Kate Rolland, and I agreed that Young World would follow the following plan for Covid.

Please keep your child home if they are ill. Per CDC guidelines, we encourage you to watch for signs of illness, a fever of over 100.0, diarrhea, vomiting, or COVID symptoms.

All exposed individuals may continue to attend Young World as long as they are tested before attending each day; if they are negative, they may attend Young World. Please let us know that you and your family have been doing this so we can watch for symptoms and changes in your child(ren).

Children and staff who test positive must isolate for at least five days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving, and they have been fever-free without using fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to Young World after Day 5 if they have a negative test.

It is difficult in our setting to keep masks on all day; the state forbids children from wearing masks while resting or outside, and we will not be able to isolate children during snack or lunchtime, so we ask that children can only return if they have a negative test.

We acknowledge that you are sending your child(ren) to Young World in good faith, understand the risk, and know that the Young World staff is taking every precaution to keep everyone safe and well.

There may be times when we must combine groups and close classrooms due to staff being out. We will do our best to keep schedules and routines the same. If too many staff are out sick, we may need to close. If this happens, we will notify you as soon as possible by email, or please check WWLP 22 news, Western Mass News- 3, ABC40, FOX 6, and our website for our closing.

CHOKING HAZARDS

Our Licensor made a surprise monitoring visit and commented on choking hazards when looking at some children's lunches. Please ensure that grapes and hot dogs are cut for your child when making lunches. Please do not send in popcorn, nuts, raisins, or raisins, as they are choking hazards. We have reviewed our snack menu and will take out the following as they are considered choking hazards for 4-year-olds and younger by the DEEC: popcorn, pretzels, raisins, grapes, and grapes. We will be trying new things, and we will be implementing a new snack menu soon. We have attached a handout from DEEC, "Preventing Choking in our Children."

CHILLY WEATHER PREPARATION

There is a noticeable temperature difference between the front sidewalk and the playground outback, as we have seen year after year. It often becomes windier and, therefore, chillier on the playground. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for outside play. This includes sneakers, a warm coat, a hat, and **mittens for children who cannot put on gloves themselves**. Of course, keeping in mind, we ask that you not bring in scarves, hats/hoods with long ties, or mittens on strings, as these may be entanglement hazards.

Hopefully, we won't need this reminder for a while, but just in case, we wanted to provide some information about snow days. We will do our best to stay open during snow days. If staff cannot make it in, we must close for the day; please check **WWLP 22 news, Western Mass News- 3, ABC40, FOX 6, and our website** for our closings.

Please let us know if your child will take any time off during the upcoming Thanksgiving and holiday season. Young World plans accordingly and allows staff some time with their families. **Young World will also be closed on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th, in honor of Thanksgiving.** Also, if your family celebrates any special holiday traditions, please feel free to share! **We are in the planning stages for the week between Christmas and New Year's. A survey will be distributed to all families concerning attendance during that week. Please think about your plans for that week and be as accurate as possible as we want to give staff time off that week.**

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our

Young World Families!

We are THANKFUL for you all!!

