



# November Newsletter



## Family Night

Family Night was a huge success; thank you to all who attended! We know how excited the children were to show you around their classrooms.

Young World will be closed on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in honor of Veterans Day.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

If your child is out sick, please call us to let us know. It can be unsettling 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. Every classroom is working with the children on covering coughs and sneezes. We are also helping them to use tissues, and handwashing is in full swing; we encourage you to do the same at home.

## ILLNESS POLICY FOR SY24/25

We have communicated with our healthcare consultant, Kate Rolland, about handling the cold/flu/COVID-19 season, which will be here before we know it. It is explained as follows:

If a child becomes ill at school, they will be isolated, and the parent or designated person will be called to pick up the child within 30 minutes. If the child leaves school to go to the doctor at that time, we will need a note stating the illness, and we will follow our Health Care Consultants' advice for readmission.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhea, your child should not attend Young World. **Your child should be symptom-free with no vomiting, diarrhea, or fever for 24 hours before returning.**

If your child has been running a fever of 100.0 Degrees F or higher, your child should not attend Young World. Your child should be fever-free without medications (such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen) for at least 24 hours before returning.

If your child has had antibiotics administered, the student should have received a **minimum of 24 hours' worth of antibiotics** and be fever-free and symptom-free before returning.

Suppose your child has been diagnosed with a viral illness, including but not limited to Influenza or Covid-19. In that case, your child should be fever-free without medications for at least 24 hours (see above for more on fever), have minimal and much-improved symptoms, and feel well enough to be out of the home for a class day. If the child has been diagnosed with a virus and their symptoms worsen throughout the day to the point that they cannot remain at school, they will be isolated, and the parent or designated person will be called to pick up the child within 30 minutes, as noted above.

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## 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; they are choking hazards, as our handbook states.

## 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 dress your child appropriately for outside play, including 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.

Backpacks are now being dropped off and picked up in your child's cubby to keep our hallways clear and free of obstruction for fire and safety reasons.

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 28<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, in honor of Thanksgiving.** Also, if your family celebrates any special or unique 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 from December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 our Young World Families!  
We are THANKFUL for you all!!**

