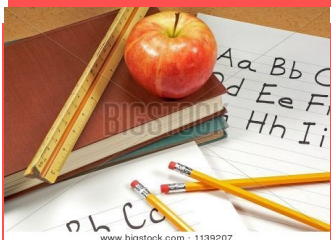


Developing Minds Quality Infant & Child Care

September 2026

September Newsletter



Celebrating Developing Minds' 30th Anniversary

Developing Minds Quality Infant & Childcare will be celebrating its 30 years of quality childcare to parents in the community on September 30. It is a blessing to look back at the many years of service and see the growth and progress of many of our former students. Many of our current parents were once students at Developing Minds and now their children are attending Developing Minds. In fact, our keynote speaker for the 2026 graduation was a student at Developing Minds and is now attending college.

Throughout the years, it has always been our goal to provide a safe environment where our children can grow and develop physically, academically, socially and emotionally. Our motto stays consistent throughout the years: "Our children are reaching for the stars." We believe that a quality early childhood education will give a child a wonderful start when they go to kindergarten. We assure our parents that their child will be ready for kindergarten. To celebrate our anniversary, we will be providing lunch and having fun characters to greet our children. Providing 30 years of quality childcare service to our community is a great accomplishment to celebrate!

Transition-"Moving On Up"

On September 8, many of our children will transition to a new class. It is a time for our children to learn new things in their new class and meet new academic objectives. Parents are asked to talk to their child about their transition to a new class, while giving them the assurance that they will have fun and learn new things. Our age level classes 3, 4, and PreK will have homework activities to reinforce what they are learning during the day. These activities are an opportunity for our parents and children to have quality learning time at home. The homework activities should not take any longer than 15 minutes. Having a partnership with our parents in teaching our children has great benefits for our children.

Parents are asked to meet their child's new teacher before they transition to their new class. The week of August 31 thru September 4 is designated as the timeframe for parents to meet their child's new teacher. Most of our teacher will be available from 3-5:30 pm. When meeting your child's new teacher, you will be given the academic objectives of the class and the supply list for the class. We look forward to a great academic school year!

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“Education is the road that leads you to growth in confidence, knowledge, decision-making, understanding, power, stability, foresight, wisdom and success.”

Emergency & Immunization Forms

During the month of September, our center will be conducting our annual emergency form update. Our center must have updated emergency forms for all children by September 14. This process is mandated by the Maryland Department of Education Child Care Licensing. Please fill out an emergency form (front and back) and return it to your child's teacher or to the main office .

Immunization forms should also be updated. This is another requirement of MDSE Child Care Licensing. When your child turns two years old, they should have all their immunizations and be given the lead blood test. Forms are available for parents to take to the doctor to record the lead test results. Each child's updated immunizations and the results of their lead blood test should be given to the main office. We sincerely appreciate each parent's cooperation to ensure these very important documents are turned in for their child.

CRITICAL-CCS REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

Attendance for CCS is done by the sign in/sign out sheet that parents fill out each morning at dropoff. This information is used by the center and CCS for approval of attendance and is very important in allowing parents to keep their vouchers. If parents fail to sign in/out and fail to complete the recon for their child's attendance in the portal, CCS will terminate their voucher. Please make sure that you abide by the requirements of CCS to keep your voucher. There is still a freeze on new vouchers.

PAYMENT VOUCHER

Policies for a Successful Academic Year



On September 7, our center will start its academic school year. We look forward to a very successful school year. The start time for all children is 9:30 am. It is important that parents drop off their child on time because teachers start their circle time at 9:30 promptly. Circle time is important for your child's reinforcement of things they are learning. If your child has an early morning doctor's appointment, please let the teacher and office know. This will allow the child to come to school after their appointment.

Parents are asked to make sure their child's clothes, lunch and notebooks/supplies are labeled. It is important to label your child's belongings so that their teacher can identify those things that should be placed in their cubby. Parents are asked to take all sheets and blankets home on Friday and return them washed on Monday.

It is the policy of our center that girls are not allowed to wear beads in their hair for safety reasons. Often, children take the beads out of their hair or beads fall off their hair and they put the beads in their mouth. This is a potential for choking. We want our children to be safe at all times.

We want all of our children to remain healthy while at school. If a child runs a fever, has diarrhea, persistent hacking cough, or has a runny nose with green or yellow mucus, they should not be at school. The parent will be called to pick up their child if their child displays these symptoms. Parents are asked to make sure they sign their child in at drop off and be sure to sign their sign out at pickup time. Our sign in/out sheets are official documents of a child's attendance.

“There are no footprints smaller than our children’s which leave an imprint on our hearts and on this world.”

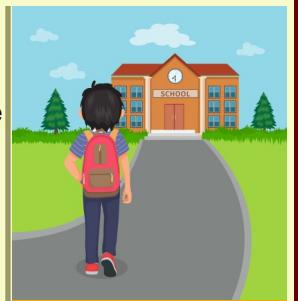
Farewell to Our Summer Trips

Our 2026 summer trip program was a great success. Our children enjoyed bowling, the movies, Sky Zone, Main Event, Chuck E Cheese, Hyper Kidz, Kidz Jungle World, and the carnival. Thanks is extended to parents who allowed their child to participate in the summer trips and a special thanks to parents who served as chaperones. Please see pictures of our last two trips below:

Main Event



Kidz Jungle World



“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, new challenges and new successes.”

Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child has weather appropriate change of clothes since we are changing seasons.
- Parents should ensure they have submitted their child's Health Inventory Part II form and immunization form to the main office.
- The cut-off time for all children is 9:30 am
- Breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 8:00 am
- Children must be signed in and out by an authorized adult or person at least 16 years old.
- Parents are asked not to double park in the parking lot or speed in the parking lot.
- Parents should not park in the handicap parking spaces unless they have a handicap sticker. If you park in the handicap area and do not have a sticker, your car may be towed.
- It is extremely important that parents inform their child's teacher of any allergies their child may have.
- If your child takes medication, the center must have a medication form completed by the doctor. The medication must be in its original box with directions from the doctor on administering the medication.
- Please label your child's jackets, coats and hats. This will help prevent misplacement of your child's belongings.
- Parents are reminded to pick up their child on time at the end of the school day. Late pick up fees are \$20 for the first 5 minutes (6:31 pm -6:35 pm) and \$5 for each additional minute.
- Remember to sign in and sign out your child each day.



“When you do physical exercise, you gain strength for your body. When you read books, you gain knowledge for your mind.”

Parent Thank You's

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Please Note:

We have been experiencing difficulties with our 410-944-5437 line, please use our other exchanges (1340, 1341,

- A hearty appreciation is extended to Mrs. Bridgett for her abundant generosity in providing food bags for ever staff and teacher. We are truly thankful for your generosity.
- Much appreciation is extended to our school-age summer camp parents for placing your children with us during the summer. It is our hope that they had a fun packed summer with us. We wish them a great school year!
- Thanks is extended to all parents who served as chaperones for our summer trips.

Happy Labor Day

We will be closed Monday, September 7 and reopen on Tuesday, September 8. Have a safe holiday!



September Birthdays

Children

Abou F.	9/1
Kevin B.	9/7
Tyler W.	9/11
Tycen W.	9/13
J'reu C.	9/19
Journee B.	9/20
Carson G.	9/22
Trinity-Love F.	9/22
Cyah G.	9/25
Raider S.	9/30



Teachers

Ms. Gwen	9/11
Ms. Aubree	9/13
Ms. Paoula	9/19