



Discoveryland News

One year ago our center closed down for the first time in the entire history of the school. "This won't last too long", I thought. After realizing what a unique and serious situation our world was in, my heart sank. We stayed sheltered in our homes, away from friends, loved ones and co-workers. We can all go down this path and remember how it all began and what emotions we were feeling when one, two months went by and still no sign of things getting better.



When we got the news that we could open because we are an essential business, I was excited at the thought of being back at work, providing much needed childcare for our community and work for my teachers. But there was no interest until June. So we prepared. We went through the strict reopening procedures and educated our staff on how things were going to be handled from now on. We started with 5 students, and now 9 months later, we have grown to almost 30. I honestly went through grief, hardship and uncertainty with our center. I didn't know if we would still be here in 2021. We dug deep to find ways to encourage you parents to bring your children back to us. We longed for our kids to be here in the classrooms learning and being around their friends safely. Children have missed essentially an entire year of their lives being home and away from the classroom and all the developmentally appropriate stages we help them with. Our Pre-K class missed a graduation. The teachers had it all planned out already. Children missed summer school with our fun days in the

sun. We missed "First day of school" jitters and excitement that usually fills the classrooms. Our annual programs have been set aside and we have had to celebrate with each class safely and wondered how much longer this is going to last? I am deeply grateful for the educators who have worked throughout this pandemic. They knew they would be putting themselves at risk but came and endured working minimal hours, trying to keep their families fed and basic needs met. I am in awe of how dedicated they are to the field and to our center. I will be eternally grateful to the parents who said "It's time. Our kids are missing too much." Or the parents who just needed some space and quiet to do their work from home and chose to bring their children back to us. You have helped our center stay open. But we still need more students to continue the legacy of Discoveryland. Our teachers and staff need their full hours back. We need our school back. As you think about the months ahead, please consider enrolling your child with us. Even if it is part time. It will give your child the opportunity to regain



Dr. Seuss

kindergarten in the fall will have a more difficult time adjusting to the classroom because they have been away for so long. Having your children attend a few hours a day will also give you time to do what you need to in peace and quiet and without the disruptions of a young one needing your full attention. We are here for you when you decide "It is time." As you think back on this year, I hope you are able to be grateful for the family you have safe at home. Or carry on wonderful memories of loved ones lost

some normalcy. Those who will be attending



during this time. Many of us have dealt with personal loss here at Discoveryland. Or have known people who went through it and struggle to regain their strength. This will end eventually, and God willing, I will be here when things get back to normal. Thank you for letting us spend a portion of our day with your child. It is our honor and joy to watch them grow.

Ms. Penny Corpus,
Director

Dates to Remember

March

- 2 Dr. Seuss Day
- 14 Daylight Savings Time
- 10 Picture Day
- 26 Reading Awards Chapel
- 29 Cesar Chavez Day
- No School



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Corn Chex Cereal, Blueberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Penne Pasta w/Marinara Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Oranges & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Belvita Crackers, Yogurt & Grape Juice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Waffles, Strawberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Bean & Cheese Burritos, Green Beans, Spanish Rice, Watermelon & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Whole Wheat Crackers & Apple Juice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Blueberry Muffins, Papayas & 1% Milk</p> <p>Chik'n ABC Soup, *Cheese Sandwiches, Peas & Carrots, Apples</p> <p>Ritz Crackers & Cranberry Juice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Croissants, Mangos & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Beef Stir Fry, Broccoli, *Steamed Rice, Pineapples & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Cheese-It Crackers & Orange Juice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>*Raisin Bran Cereal, Bananas & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>*Tuscan Grill Cheese Sandwich, Curly Fries, Oranges & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Graham Crackers & Grape Juice</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Cheerios, Peaches & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Cantaloupes & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Wheat Thins Crackers, Cheese & Apple Juice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>*French Toast, Papayas & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Tostaditas, Corn, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Watermelon & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Animal Crackers & Cranberry Juice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Burritos, Strawberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Beef Salad Wrap, Cucumbers, Apples & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Belvita Crackers & Orange Juice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bagels w/ Cream Cheese, Mangos & 1% Milk</p> <p>Chik'n Casserole, Peas & Carrots, *Steamed Rice, Roll Bread, Pineapples & 1% Milk</p> <p>Cheese-It Crackers & Grape Juice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Corn Chex Cereal, Blueberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Hot Dogs, Tater Tots, Honey Dews & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Belvita Crackers & Pineapple Juice</p>
<p>15</p> <p>*Raisin Bran Cereal, Bananas & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Spaghetti w/ Pesto Sauce, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Oranges & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Vanilla Wafers & Cranberry Juice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>*Oats & Banana Pancakes, Strawberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Cheese Quesadillas, Corn, Spanish Rice, Watermelon & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Pita Bread Sandwiches & Apple Juice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Croissants, Papayas & 1% Milk</p> <p>Chik'n Nuggets, Cucumbers, *Cheese Sandwiches, Apples & 1% Milk</p> <p>*Goldfish Crackers, Yogurt & Orange Juice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>*Cinnamon Toast, Mangos & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Cantaloupes & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Ritz Crackers & Grape Juice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Corn Chex Cereal, Bananas & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Cheese Pizza w/ BK Crumbles, Curly Fries, Pineapples & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Whole Wheat Crackers, Cheese Stick & Cranberry Juice</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Cheerios, Peaches & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>South-of-the-Border Pasta, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Apples & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Belvita Crackers & Orange Juice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>*French Toast, Papayas & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Flautas, Green Beans, Spanish Rice, Watermelon & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Goldfish Crackers & Pineapple Juice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Waffles, Strawberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Beef Tortas, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Oranges & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Wheat Thins Crackers, Cheese & Cranberry Juice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Egg & Cheese English Muffins, Mangos & 1% Milk</p> <p>Orange Chik'n, Broccoli, *Steamed Rice, Pineapples & 1% Milk</p> <p>Animal Crackers & Apple Juice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>*Raisin Bran Cereal, Bananas & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Cheese Burger, French Fries, Peaches & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>Cheese-It Crackers & Grape Juice</p>
<p>29</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Cesar Chavez Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pancakes, Strawberries & 1% Milk</p> <p><i>Cheese Enchilada, Corn, Spanish Rice, Honey Dews & 1% Milk</i></p> <p>*Whole Wheat, String Cheese & Apple Juice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Croissant, Papayas & 1% Milk</p> <p>*Beef Salad Wrap, Carrots, Apples & 1% Milk</p> <p>Ritz Crackers & Orange Juice</p>		

* (WGR) Whole Grain – Rich food item. Examples below:

- * Whole grain bread
- * Brown rice
- * Whole grain tortilla
- * Whole grain cereal

* We serve only 100% juices at our center