



September News


A Note From the





Nobel Learning
Communities, Inc

Starting in September our Links to Learning programs will begin. Here is a summary overview of our updated Links to Learning curriculum components:


learn about emotions, friendships and classroom behaviors.


 • **Language & Literacy**... remain the foundation of our curriculum. We have built upon our already high standards with a deeper focus on vocabulary and writing skills.


 • **Wellness**... helps develop mobility, balance and fine motor skills.


 • **Creative Expression**... we encourage children to discover music and art in various ways.

 • **Science and Social Studies**... in science we have increased our emphasis on observations and experimentation. For social studies we study community helpers and share different family traditions.

 • **Mathematics**... we give children hands-on experience with math concepts such as pattern, size, shape and quantity.

 • **Social Emotional**... component helps children learn appropriate ways to interact with peers and adults. They also

 • **Citizens of the World**... We integrate Spanish throughout the day. Also include awareness of diverse cultures and tradition around the world.

 • **Digital Interaction**... the children learn to use different forms of technology to express themselves creatively. They also understand how technology has changed over time, and learn terminology relevant in this digital age.



Links to Learning

Nobel Learning Preschool Curriculum

September Special Events:

- **3rd Skyscraper Day:** the children will build skyscrapers in the Construction Centers.
- **7th Labor Day:**
School Closed
- **8th Read a Book Day:** bring your favorite book to school.
- **10th Teddy Bear Day:** bring your favorite Teddy Bear to school
- **11th Fortune Cookie Day:** we will have fortune cookies for snack
- **16th National Play Doh Day:** various play dough activities will be planned
- **18th Talk like a Pirate Day:** your child can dress like a pirate!
- **22nd Make a Hat Day**
- **24th Collect Rocks**
Day: bring a rock to school
- **30th National Mud**
Day: All sorts of mud fun!!!

September Reminders:

- ♦ Tuesday, September 1st is the first day of attendance for the month. Tuition for the month is due on that day and can be paid up to the 5th of the month to avoid the **\$50.00 late penalty**.

- ♦ When coming into the school put your **four digit code followed by the # sign**. Please wait for the door to **click twice before proceeding to pull the**

door open. Afterwards, Please make sure that both doors close (for safety) Thanks!



- ♦ Remember to **sign in and out each day** that your child attends.

- ♦ Teachers will be asking for **sunscreen forms** for the month of September. Make sure to sign and drop off at the front desk.
- ♦ We are updating our **allergy list** in all classrooms. If your child has any allergies that you have not **notified us** of please fill out the purple allergy form. You can pick one up at the front desk.

Annual Immunization Reports:

Every year our preschool has to do an **Immunization Report** for the state. This year it is **due on September 30th**. We are asking all families to bring in your child's yellow immunization card that way we can update your child's folder.

Thank you we appreciate your cooperation!



Meet The Administration Team

The **Administration Team** would like to welcome you to the new school year. We look forward to serving you and your family.



From left to right...

Sonia Hargraves is one of the Assistant Principals. She has worked at Discovery Isle for over 8 years.

Rosie Gonzalez is the Administrative Assistant. She has worked at Discovery Isle over 5 years, but has been a part of the administration since January.

Lisa Spurl is an Assistant Principal. She has been with Discovery Isle for over 12 years.

Paula Ortiz is the Principle, she has been with Discovery Isle for over 15 years.



Picture Days Information:



Starting Monday, September 14th Lifetouch will be here to take **"Fall" photos**. Pictures will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only from 9:00-12:00pm. We will be on a very limited time schedule and there will be no redo pictures.

Sibling Photos

We understand that some of you would like to do sibling photos, this will be done by **appointment only**. Eight slots will be available each day, **starting at 8:00am in the morning to 9:00am**.

Photo Schedule:

Monday, September 14th: Rooms 7, 8, 9 and 10. If your child does not attend on Monday their **make-up** day will be **Tuesday, September 15th**

Tuesday, September 15th: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. If your child does not attend on Tuesday their **make-up** day will be **Wednesday, September 16th**.

Wednesday, September 16th: Rooms 11, 12, 13 and 14. If your child does not attend on Wednesday, their **make-up** day will be **Thursday, September 17th**

Thursday, September 17th: The Kindergarten Room 15 and make-ups.



Please sign up at the front for an assigned time. For sibling pictures parents will take their children to the photographer, have the picture taken, and then take student to their classroom.

September Book Order

Starting the month of September we will have the Scholastic Book Order forms available On-line. We have a few Book Order forms so you can see some of the titles that are available to purchase. Once on the site you can order from all the flyers that are listed in the Preschool selection. Please check with the office if you have any questions regarding placing your order on line. **Last day** to place your on-line order will be **Friday, September 18th**.

Steps to order your selection:

1. Do to clubs2scholastic.com.
2. Enter LRWT7 in the class activation code.
3. From there you can move your cursor to Preschool... You will see all the order forms that are available for you to look at and order from.
4. Select your books then go to cart and pay with debit/credit card. Once, finished

your complete order will be emailed to the school.

All orders need to be placed by Friday, September 18th. We will complete order and send it in. Books will be delivered to the school in 2-3 weeks.



Developing Balance Skills in Young Children

From Tummy Time to Bike Riding

Balance is a fundamental controlled positions, such as physical activities like running or riding a bike. Having balance makes motor skill development easier, reduces the risk of injury, and helps children

Our Nobel Learning Education research to ensure that our childhood learning standards. enhanced last fall to include a block for skills such as hand-eye coordination, muscular strength and body awareness.

Here are some ways we help improve balance in the classroom, as well as ideas for you and your child to do



skill necessary for maintaining sitting in a chair, or engaging in running or riding a bike. Having balance development easier, reduces the risk of injury, and helps children focus on academic tasks.

Our team stays up to date with the latest Links to Learning curriculum exceeds The Links to Learning curriculum was greater focus on balance, a building coordination, muscular strength and

prove balance in the classroom, as well as at home.

INFANTS:

In the classroom: Tummy time promotes neck, back and abdominal strength needed for infants to eventually push up, roll over, sit up and crawl. Teachers keep infants engaged by using activity mats or plush blocks.

At home: Place your baby on his stomach and shine a flashlight near him. Once you have captured his attention, shine the light in a rhythmic pattern. For older infants, encourage your baby to move or crawl toward the light.

TODDLERS (ages 1-2):

In the classroom: During the toddler years, children make major strides in balance and coordination. Teachers play music and encourage students to move their bodies in different ways while maintaining their balance.

At home: Push and pull toys require children to use core balance and arm strength, which can be difficult for new walkers. Place a small wagon or toy shopping cart and a pile of blocks on the floor. Show your child how to fill the cart with blocks. He will enjoy pulling or pushing the blocks around the room.

BEGINNERS (ages 2-3):

In the classroom: Sitting cross-legged, or as we say with the children “criss-cross applesauce,” is an important developmental skill for two year olds. Teachers encourage children to sit criss-crossed anytime they are playing on the floor. Sitting in this position strengthens a child’s core muscles and helps improve body control. We discourage “W-sitting,” with knees together and feet on either side of the hips, because it puts strain on knees and hips and fails to engage core abdominal muscles.

At home: Provide your child with a sit-and-spin toy. Ask him to sit on the toy with his legs criss-crossed. As he turns the wheel to spin, he will gain a better understanding of cause and effect.

INTERMEDIATES (ages 3-4):

In the classroom: Around age three, children learn to maintain control of their upper body while moving their lower body. Our Intermediate students practice pedaling a tricycle, bouncing on hopper balls, and walking on a balance beam.

At home: Have your child practice running and stopping with control by playing the traffic light game. Shout out the color green, yellow or red. Have him move quickly when hearing “green,” move slowly when hearing “yellow,” and completely stop when hearing “red.”

PRE-K/PRE-K 2 (ages 4-5):

In the classroom: Teachers encourage children to practice balance and coordination by jumping on their non-dominant foot, walking on a line or beam, or jumping rope. Children also practice balance by crouching down to tie their shoes.

At home: Ask your child to tell you about the games and activities played at school. Include these activities at home and during family events such as birthday parties and vacations. Scooters and pogo jumpers are great toys for children at this age.

Good balance helps children maintain appropriate and controlled body movement during important tasks. By building balance skills in the preschool years, your child will be better prepared as he enters elementary school and beyond.

- Lauren Starnes, PhD – Director of Early Childhood Education