



The Express

March 2020

Dear Parents,

I want to take a moment to address the importance of play, and focus on why we feel our play based preschool fosters learning at the child's level. Play is how children learn about their world. Children learn social skills by playing with others.



Play helps children to solve problems in an environment that is supportive to the process. Children also develop critical

thinking skills necessary to ask questions and figure out how things work. Through these activities, children continue to strengthen their language development.

According to Dr. David Elkind, who wrote the book *The Power of Play*, "Learning teaches us what is known, play makes it possible for new things to be learned. There are many concepts and skills that can only be learned through play." Some parents regard play as rather trivial in the lives of their preschoolers, and would rather see their children in formal games, educational classes, and organized sports. However, research suggests that free play may actually be healthier for your children than structured activities. Play helps children make sense of and find their place in the world. There is a close link between play and healthy cognitive growth. It lays the foundation for later academic success in reading and writing. It provides hands on experiences with real life materials that help children develop abstract scientific and mathematical concepts. Play is critical for the development of imagination and creative problem-solving skills. Most experts in play research believe a balance approach is best. There should be good opportunity for genuine free play as well as some active involvement of adults in structuring some play.

So, when you pick up your child from preschool and ask what they did at school today you will know all that they mean when they reply, "I just played!"

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Gala on Saturday, March 7th. It is sure to be a fun celebration!

Warmest Regards,

Gail



Dates to Remember

March

- 2 No School - Casimir Pulaski Day
- 7 Annual NCNS Gala
- 23 Start of Spring Break
- 30 School Resumes

April

- 3 Daddy & Me Event - 6-7:30pm
- 10 No School - Good Friday
- 16 Family Restaurant Night @ Portillo's
- 23 No School - Spring Conferences
(Koalas, Dolphins, Bunnies & Ducklings)
- 24 No School - Spring Conferences
(Turtles & Pandas)

May

- 1 2020/2021 Payment Due
- 4 Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
- 7 Pre-K Spring Tea - 2-3pm @ School
- 11 Lunch Bunch & Parent/Tot Session ends
this week
- 20 Last Day for Ducklings & Dolphins
- 21 Last Day for Bunnies, Turtles, Pandas & Koalas
- 21 Summer Sendoff School Party - 5:30-7pm

March Birthdays

Sebastian Aguilera
Sylvia Berger
Marlowe Kivetz
Andrew Ngo
Bella Rohrbaugh
Grace Stahl



Enrollment Opportunities

We still have some availability in our classes for the 2020-21 school year. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors about NCNS.

Interested families should contact Gail Nemoy at [\(847\)272-5430](tel:8472725430) or Jessica Kray at [\(317\)507-7146](tel:3175077146) for more information.





Family Valentine's Day Dance 2020

Thank you to all of our families that came out and danced, hoola-hooped, baby-sharked, jumped rope and chowed down on Marcello's Pizza and the incredible snacks and desserts you provided.



We loved seeing all of the children boogie down on the dance floor. And an additional thank you to the parents who volunteered – Your efforts went a long way to create such a special evening!



Thank you to fellow parent, Kristin Ware, for coordinating this event!



Mark your calendars
for a night of fun, games, and friends!

NCNS Daddy & Me

Please join us for a special, private event at



Friday, April 3rd, 6-7:30pm
Hi-Five Sports Zone in Northbrook Court Mall

There will be organized activities with Dad,
free play and a bouncy house!

**Event for currently enrolled NCNS students only, please.*

This is a **free event, no need to RSVP**,
just a fun night out for our Dads and kiddos!



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April 16, 2020

5:00pm - 8:00pm

at the Portillo's located at:

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Deerfield, IL 60015**

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Save the Date!

Summer Send-Off School Picnic

May 21 - Village Green Park

More details to come!



Get ready for the NCNS Men's Golf Scramble!

Spring 2020

Tee off in support of NCNS! Join us for an evening of good friends and friendly competition, benefiting our wonderful preschool. Non-NCNS players are welcome, as well! Formal invitation to come in April.



NCNS Summer Camp 2020

Kickoff the summer with
fun and creativity at NCNS!

NCNS is offering 4 weeks of camp a la carte
to fill those early summer days!
Your young camper(s) will feel right at home in this
known setting with familiar staff.

Tuesday, May 26th - Friday, June 19th 9am -12:30pm

A nut-free bag lunch should be sent with all campers!

Camp will be mixed-age groups and lead by NCNS teachers,
incorporating daily activities around new, exciting themes each week!

All current 2019/2020 NCNS students are eligible, including PreK

**As we will be spending much of the camp day outside, we recommend campers be potty-trained.*

Enrollment is available for up to 4 weeks*:

Week One (5/26-5/29)

Week Two (6/1-6/5)

Week Three (6/8-6/12)

Week Four (6/15-6/19)

*Minimum of 10/maximum of 28 campers per week



Registration begins March 2nd. See attached form for pricing.

Enrollment is processed on first-come, first-serve basis.

Please contact Gail Nemoy with any questions regarding camp structure & activities.

2020 NCNS Summer Gap Camp Enrollment Form

Please mail completed registration and payment to:
 NCNS P.O. Box 2204, Northbrook, IL 60065

Camper's Name: _____ Camper's Date of Birth: _____
 Mother's Name: _____
 Father's Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
 Primary email: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone #: _____

Enrollment Preferences (You may register your camper for all 4 weeks. Discounts are offered for Week One & Two combined and Week Three & Four combined):

- Week One (5/26 - 5/29) only at \$170 / camper: _____
- Week Two (6/1 - 6/5) only at \$210 / camper: _____
- Week One & Two (5/26 - 6/5) at \$360 / camper: _____
- Week Three (6/8 - 6/12) only at \$210 / camper: _____
- Week Four (6/15 - 6/19) only at \$210 / camper: _____
- Week Three & Four (6/8 - 6/19) at \$400 / camper: _____
- Full Session (5/26 - 6/19) at \$760 / camper: _____

Method of Payment:

_____ Check Total of Enclosed Check: \$ _____
 _____ Credit Card Charge Amount: \$ _____
 Visa: _____ MasterCard: _____
 Credit card #: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ 3-digit security code: _____

*There is a 2.6% service charge for credit card payments

Refund Policy for NCNS Summer Gap Camp:

- If cancellation is received 21 days or more prior to the start of Camp, NCNS will provide a full refund.
- If cancellation is received less than 21 days prior to the start of Camp, NCNS will not issue any refunds unless the vacancy (created by this cancellation) is filled by a child on the waiting list. If a refund is issued, the refund amount will be prorated, less a \$35 cancellation fee.

Parents will receive an email notification of enrollment upon processing. Please contact NCNS Parent Board President, Betsy Kivetz, at eacuster@gmail.com with any questions regarding enrollment.



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Date received:	Confirmation Sent:
Priority #:	Payment Processed:
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