



Cornerstone Preschool

APPLE Accredited/Florida Gold Seal Preschool ~ License #C860613

Children & Holidays Around the World

During the month of December we will be learning about children and holidays around the world, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and traditions from various other countries. By exposing the children to stories, songs, crafts, and games from other cultures, we hope to foster a sense of respect for cultural diversity. If your family has a special holiday tradition you would like us to include in our lessons or activities, please let us know. We wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

*Merry Christmas. Feliz Navidad
Happy Hanukkah. Kwanzaa. Diwali*



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Newsletter

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Cornerstone will be CLOSED on
Dec. 23, 24, 20, and 31.

Happy Holidays!

Mark Your Calendars

- ♦ December 20-31 - Non-VPK weeks (Vacation Weeks)
- ♦ December 23 & 24 - CLOSED
- ♦ December 30 & 31 - CLOSED
- ♦ January 17 - CLOSED for MLK Day
- ♦ March 1-31 - Registration for fall
- ♦ March 14-18 - Non-VPK week (Vacation Week)
- ♦ March 21 - No VPK

Tuition

Two weeks in December (12/20 - 12/31) are considered "vacation weeks" for Cornerstone. We will be open Monday-Wednesday and closed on Thursday and Friday both weeks.

- ♦ If your child attends school any day(s) during a "vacation" week, your full tuition is due.
- ♦ If your child is absent for an entire "vacation" week, half of your tuition is due.

Daily Notes & Accident Reports

If there is an Accident/Incident Report for your child please read and sign it and leave it with one of our staff. We are required to obtain a signature on the same date as the report and keep it on file for licensing inspections. *Please do not take it home.* If you would like a copy, just ask.



New Phone Numbers

Have you gotten a new cell phone since your child enrolled? Changed jobs? Moved?

Please make sure you give us your new information so that we have a way to contact you during the day in case of illness or emergencies. Also, don't forget to update phone numbers for your emergency contacts when they change!

What is **APPLE** Accreditation?

APPLE Accreditation is a voluntary, nationally recognized program that earns us a Gold Seal designation from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Accreditation is not the same as licensing. All preschools need to be licensed, but only a small percentage of them choose to become accredited. While licensing monitors for basic health and safety, accreditation examines all components of a program and expects higher standards in administrative procedures & policies, staff to child ratios, learning environment, curriculum, staff credentials & training, parent and community involvement, and advocacy.

Cornerstone was the first preschool in Pinellas County to become accredited back in 1988, and we continue to meet the highest standards in the industry.



What Did You Do in School Today?

Chances are if you ask your child this question, they will answer either "nothing" or "I played." It is hard for young children to remember and explain all that went on during the day in school.

Much of what we do at school cannot be packed up and sent home, such as songs, games, or small group instruction with the teacher. However, if you want to know more about your child's day, please read the teacher's daily comments on their notebooks, look at the art projects on the walls, read the monthly calendar, and/or ask the teacher at pick-up time. Lesson plans are posted in each classroom for those who are interested in more details.

They think they just play all day; we know they are learning!