



Building Blocks

A Childcare Center of
Children's Service Society



Children's Service
Society of Utah



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Spring is finally here, and we will be spending much more time outside in the coming months, but it is not warm enough yet for children to be sent without a jacket or sweater. Just a reminder that children need to have proper shoes and jackets. Also, all children need to be sent to school with shoes on their feet, per licensing requirements.

As you all know, we are able to offer discounted childcare because we have received a grant that enables us to provide reduced prices to everyone. Recently it has come to our attention that there is some confusion around the grant and all that it entails for you, as caregivers and parents. The name of the specific grant that is allowing us to offer discounts is called *United Way of Salt Lake*. United Way focuses on the elimination of racial and economic disparity gaps in education and health outcomes. They are committed to creating more equitable systems, providing every child and family access to education, financial stability, a healthy life, and opportunities to succeed.

United Way has been kind enough to give Building Blocks CCC of Children's Service Society a grant to allow us to continue discounting tuition through the rest of the 2022 calendar year. The discounts are: 40% for children under 3, and 50% for children ages 3 to 5. We are honored to be able to team up with United Way! **Starting in January of 2023, our prices will no longer be discounted and will go back to their original price.**

For those with students in Ms. Marley's Pre-K session: April was all about buildings in our community, and May is going to be all about clothes! Marley's class will be learning all about the different articles of clothing, how they're made, where the materials come from, and more.

- The Building Blocks Team

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Proper shoes and
jackets

Grant - United Way
of Salt Lake

Memorial Day 2022

Encouraging An
Artistic Mind



2022 HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Our next holiday closure at the center will be Memorial day, May 30th.

Here is a reminder of the remaining holidays this year we will be closed:

- Memorial Day 5/30/2022
- Juneteenth 6/19/2022
- Independence Day 7/4/2022
- Pioneer Day 7/25/2022
- Labor Day 9/5/2022
- Thanksgiving 11/24 - 11/25/2022
- Winter Break 12/26 - 12/30/2022
 - School resumes on 1/2/2023

Encouraging an Artistic Mind

As parents and caretakers, sometimes we forget what it was like to express our creativity when we were young, budding artists. Everyone is creative, and when nurturing and encouraging creativity in our kids, there are a few things we can do to help build up their confidence to continue creating. First, refrain from drawing alongside your child. It seems counterintuitive, but sometimes children can get frustrated that their art doesn't turn out the same way. Instead, you can enjoy creative time by watching them or drawing on their level (scribbling, simple shapes, etc). Second, avoid doing result based activities. These include coloring pages, crafts that have specific steps, etc. These are great for helping improve their fine motor skills, but doesn't encourage creativity. Instead, you can offer different materials and media, and let your child explore. Art is a process based activity, and by providing the supplies and allowing your child to explore, you'll be surprised at how creativity will flow! Some examples of different supplies you can offer or try are: water color paint, finger paints, markers, crayons, feathers, party streamer paper, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, glitter, glue, etc.. The possibilities of making art are endless! And finally, refrain from using binary "good/bad" or "I like" language during the process. Instead, comment on what their doing, Instead of "that looks so good" try saying "you made a big circle with the blue marker" or "wow, it looks like you had so much fun making this!" In short, comment on the process and less on the results. Encouraging your child at a young age will allow their brains to grow into creative, bright minds!