



Jumping into the school year!

What a wonderful summer we have had at Growing Places! Our GP children enjoyed water play, mud pies, bug hunting, nature walks, and so many other fun activities. At the end of August our classrooms shut down and our teachers prepared for the new school year. During the shut down week our teachers participated in a Nature Explore Workshop where they dug deep into refining their observation skills of children and enhancing their outdoor classrooms to maximize learning through nature.

During the workshop I watched as teachers worked in small groups and utilized the materials naturally provided in our outdoor space. It was incredible to observe the collaboration among the groups and listen to the rich conversations taking place. I couldn't help but feel proud to be part of such a passionate and professional group of educators. During the workshop it was so clear that each one of our teachers were right where they belonged.

As summer fades away and the school year begins, I am filled with renewed excitement for the opportunities and experiences our teachers will provide for our children. Despite all the past years challenges our fabulous group of educators remain passionate and focused on what is most important, our children.

Best,

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Playing at Pinkham

Pinkham has been all a buzz with new families starting. We have been learning “all about me” around school with new teachers and new friends. Kids have been practicing following new routines, recognizing faces, and learning names. Aside from welcoming new friends, we also have 4 new teachers! Dawn joined Growing Places Pre-K at the end of the summer and Stephanie joined her in September! Missy and Maddy also joined us this summer and are teamed up in our Toddler classroom!

All of our classrooms have been talking about kindness and friendship. Pre-K has taken it one step further, exploring daily acts of love and kindness. Pre-K also added a job chart to their daily routine to help keep kids accountable and included. We’ve all been getting together as a whole school out back almost every day so friends and siblings can reconnect and meet. To close out the summer we enjoyed a pony visit from a community member and had a visit from the ice cream truck!!

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What’s Up at Woodside

We are running a new half day program this year at Woodside! Our Preschool 1 classroom will re-open on September 27th. This is very exciting as this classroom has been closed since the onset of COVID due to low enrollment and staffing. It is so nice to have a full center again and be able to offer high quality early education to the community!

Preschool 2 and Pre-k have been focusing on getting to know one another, self help skills and following routines. The children have engaged in a lot of independent play as they discover the materials presented throughout the classrooms, in new toys and doors and out.

Shane Krafon

Program Director –Woodside



Our Time Updates

It is still hard to believe that the school year has begun and soon we will see the fall foliage begin to change, find pumpkins everywhere, and experience cooler weather! We have had so much fun getting to know your children these last few weeks and hope to learn more about them to guide curriculum activities and make Our Time a safe, fun, and happy environment for all!

We have been working on getting into a routine at Our Time that varies for morning and afternoon but includes fueling up our energy meter with a snack or breakfast, experimenting with different activity stations, and spending time in the great outdoors. We have such a wonderful playground space to explore, and we all unanimously enjoy our outside time best! We will continue how to have fun and explore together year and we look forward to learning



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Want to get involved?!!

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contact Emily Kluun at

Operations

Procare is up and running! If you have any questions on accessing your tuition bill please reach out. Also, please remember to keep all information updated with your Program Director, including phone numbers, address and emergency contacts. I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the new school year!

Sarah Nason
Operations Manager

Marketing and Outreach

Save the Date! We are bringing back our Fall Family Fun Day at Coppal House Farm with a little twist this year... A Corn Maze Costume Party! Join us on Saturday, October 30th from 2-4pm for some outdoor mingling with Growing Places staff and families. We will have a photo area to capture some costumed memories with family and friends, and as always you will have your chance to try your luck in the corn maze and visit the animals and farm store. Contact Emily at emilykluun@growingplacesnh.org for more info.

And don't forget your costume!

Emily Kluun



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