

Little Bridges News

July 2025



Calendar of Events

CLOSED: Fourth of July
Friday 7/4

CLOSED: Staff Training
Monday 8/11
Tuesday 8/12

New Class Orientation
Tuesday 8/12
9:00 – 9:45 am

First Day of School
Wednesday 8/13

First Day of School Age
Minimum Day
Wednesday 8/13

CLOSED: Labor Day
Monday 9/1

Back To School Night
preschool only
Thursday 9/4
6:30 pm

Teacher Training/In-Service Days

Little Bridges will be closed on Monday, August 11th and Tuesday, August 12th for teacher training/in-service days. We will be using these days for professional development, curriculum enrichment and team building fun!

New School Year Information

We have already sent 2025-2026 admission agreements through Brightwheel to all families enrolled for the next school year. Classroom assignments and specific information from your child's teachers will be available August 1st. Please read all of the information carefully as it will include the yearly curriculum plan, daily classroom schedules, upgraded teacher bios and our 25/26 calendar.

Little Bridges Orientation Tues., August 12th

New Student Orientation will be held August 12th. Any child transitioning into a new room or program in the fall is invited to check out their new classroom. We hope that a brief visit with your child's new teachers and environment will help make for an easy transition on their first day of school. All classrooms will be open between 9:00am – 9:45am. Because this is a teacher training/in-service day, we have to keep the orientation brief.

School Age Summer Camp Fun!

Our summer camp is off to a great start! We have 80 children enrolled every week. The campers go swimming twice a week, explore a different park every Monday and travel by bus once a week for a bay area field trip. The students have been to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Lindsay Wildlife Museum and Alcatraz so far!



Time For Water Play!

During the warm months, your child will experience a lot of water play here at Little Bridges. Water play is a unique activity for children because it's always available, open-ended, and provides opportunities for extended learning. Your kids of course will think splashing and getting wet is fun, but what they—and maybe you—don't realize is that there is a lot of learning that takes place during water play.

Problem-Solving Skills: As children manipulate water play materials, they begin to understand why and how things happen. For example, given sinking and floating objects, a child will soon discover that just because something is large in size does not mean it will sink.

Math: Children begin to understand and experiment with concepts such as more/less, same/different, many/few, empty/full, before/after, greater than/less than, and even counting. Filling and pouring from different sized measurement cups teaches volume and capacity.

Science: Water gives children an avenue to contemplate issues such as, “What makes rain?” “Where does water come from?” “What makes mud?” “Why does my shirt dry off in the sun?” Children also learn physics principles such as the effects of force (increasing the water flow through increased force); effects of gravity (water runs downhill); and change in state (solid, liquid, gas).

Physical Development: Water play encourages the development of eye/hand coordination through pouring, squeezing, stirring, painting, scrubbing, and squirting. Children strengthen their gross motor skills by running, dodging water drops, and hopping through a sprinkler. They widen their sensory experiences as they put their hands in different textures (gritty, squishy, and slimy) and different temperatures (warm, cool, and cold).

Social and Emotional Development: Water play is one of the most relaxing activities children can experience. After all, we adults sure like to relax in a warm bubble bath or hot shower! Water play relieves tension by encouraging children to release their emotions with pouring, pounding, and swooshing. In addition, social skills expand as children play cooperatively; negotiate; and share equipment, space, and materials.

Language Development: Children learn new vocabulary such as sieve, funnel, eggbeater, stream, bubbly, moisture, and evaporation. Water play is such a meaningful experience for young children that it can be extended to writing experiences as well. Children may draw pictures of their water play day, and then dictate a description or story to their teacher. Another valuable writing experience involves the teacher writing down children's predictions, such as how long it will take ice cubes to melt in the sand box, or how many babies one batch of soapy water will wash.

Creative Development: Water encourages children to use their imagination. As children play, they may pretend that they work at a car wash or that they are out fishing on a boat.

On your child's water play day, please send your child to school dressed in their swimsuit, already slathered with sunscreen. Be sure to send a towel and dry clothes for them to change into. All children must wear some sort of shoes (water shoes or sandals with a heel strap are fine). Please make sure to label *everything* with your child's name.