



September Learning Adventures!

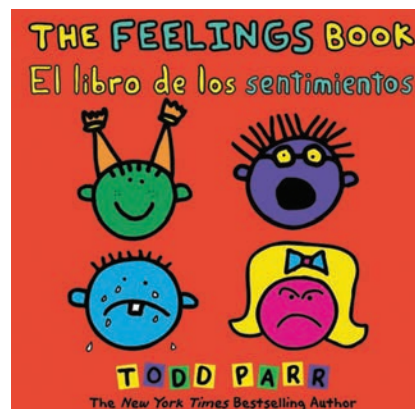
■ WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT JACKSON CHILD CARE!

September marks the exciting beginning of a new school year at Jackson Child Care! We said farewell to five rising kindergartners and welcomed two wonderful new preschoolers into our family. This year, our focus will be on the holistic development of your children, with special attention to their social and emotional growth using the [AI's Pals](#) curriculum.

September was a month of learning and growing. Here is a recap of the exciting activities and milestones that made this month a time of learning, exploration, and growth. We are thrilled to see your children's progress and look forward to sharing more of their achievements with you.

■ EXPLORING EMOTIONS

This month, we introduced Todd Parr's books into our curriculum to help foster emotional vocabulary. Our focus was on self-awareness, with a special emphasis on assisting children to express their feelings in a healthy way.



This was particularly beneficial for some of our strong-willed children, as they learned to navigate challenging behaviors with new emotional tools.

■ CELEBRATING HERITAGE, FRIENDSHIP, AND MILESTONES!

As we embarked on the new school year this September, our preschoolers had the opportunity to explore new cultures, celebrate special birthdays, and grow together through engaging and meaningful activities.

■ SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

We also emphasized the importance of peer-to-peer interactions among our small preschooler group. With a mix of 3- and 4-year-olds, we created opportunities for them to engage in cooperative play and shared learning

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experiences, helping to strengthen social and emotional development.

■ HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Josiah proudly presented his heritage and ancestry on an “All About Me” board. This project provided him with an opportunity to educate his peers about his cultural background. [View Josiah’s presentation.](#)

Ms. Brenda introduced the children to Hispanic culture and the Spanish language. At the same time, Ms. Jackson guided the children in exploring traditional Hispanic foods such as okra, plantains, tacos, burritos, rice, and beans. We also added Mexican candy, which the children enjoyed!

■ ART & CREATIVITY

Our preschoolers have been exploring the elements of art through various hands-on projects. They have been learning about shapes, textures, and forms while enhancing their fine motor skills. Creative expression is a vital part of our curriculum, and it’s always a joy to see the children’s faces light up as they create their masterpieces.

■ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated four special birthdays with piñatas, games, and treats this month. Jerry and Josiah turned 4, Ishaan turned 8, and Jamie had his first birthday! The celebrations were full of laughter, songs, and a spirit of togetherness, allowing us to focus on the importance of friendship, peer interactions, and kindness.

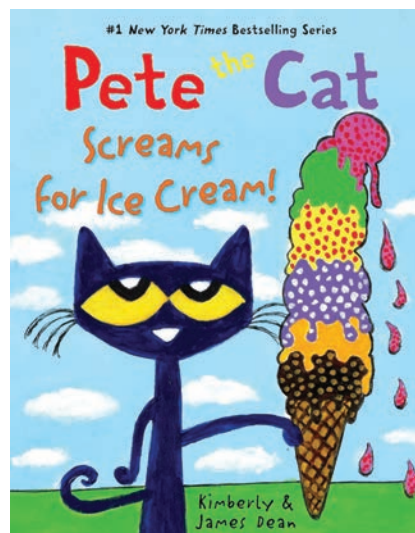
■ NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY

What better way to learn than by getting hands-on? To celebrate National Cheese Pizza Day, the children got creative in the kitchen making customized pizzas. Along with traditional toppings, we offered popcorn, cucumbers, and pistachios. It was a fun way to introduce them to basic cooking skills while reinforcing the importance of healthy eating. [Click to view video.](#)



■ READ! READ! READ!

We love to engage the kiddos with daily interactive read-alouds. We ask questions throughout the story and discuss new words and illustrations. A read-aloud is fun and helps the children build narrative skills, such as describing things and telling events in order. Additionally, Ms. Kelly, our Fairfax County early learning library specialist, visits JCC to entertain the children. This month, she read *Hello Ocean* by Pam Munoz Ryan and *Pete the Cat Screams for Ice Cream* by Kimberly and James Dean.



■ EXPLORING SIGNS OF FALL

We also focused on exploring the early signs of fall. We took nature walks to discover colorful leaves and observe seasonal changes. The kids are learning to appreciate the world around them by creating art projects inspired by the changing season.

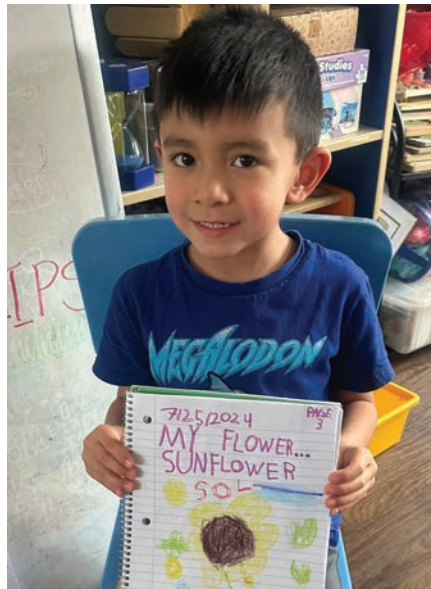
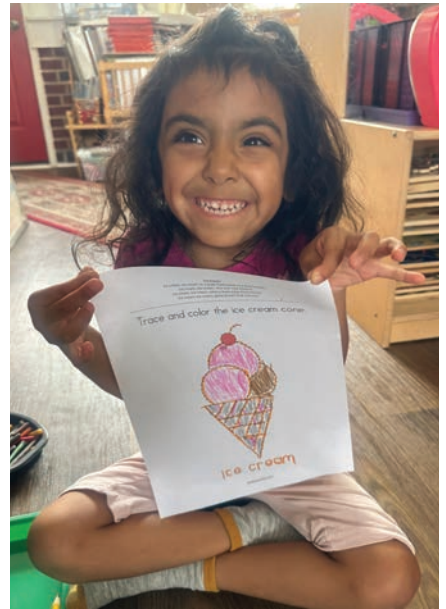
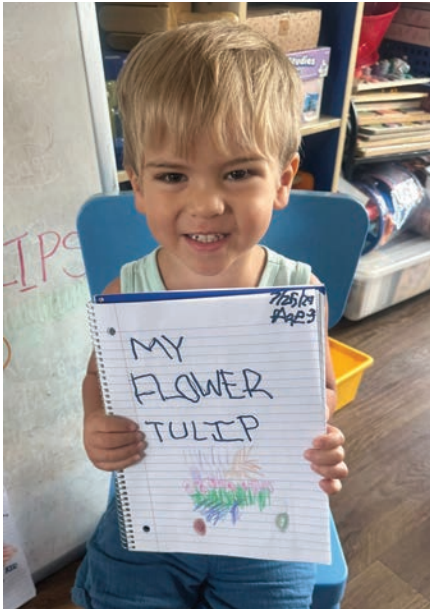
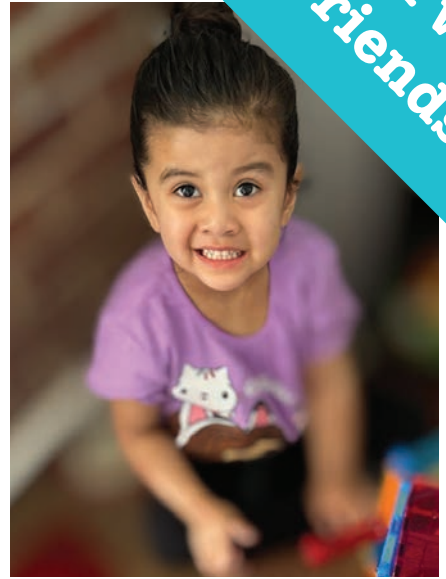
■ HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

This year, our curriculum focuses on holistic development with a strong emphasis on social and emotional growth. We are continuing to support children through the AI’s Pals program, helping them learn how to manage their emotions, build strong relationships, and develop social skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

■ HEALTH & SAFETY AT JCC

Our top priority is the health and safety of our children and their families. To mitigate the risks of COVID-19 and flu, we adhere to the CDC and Virginia Department of Health guidelines. Visit [Protecting Against COVID-19 and Other Infections in Early Care and Education Programs.](#)

We are so proud of how our preschoolers are learning and growing. Here’s to an exciting school year ahead!



Fun with Friends!



Monica Jackson is owner and Director of Jackson Child Care (JCC). Our mission at JCC is to learn, play and grow together! We provide a safe, nurturing, child-centered setting that fosters each child's success and a love of learning in collaboration with parents and the community. We are committed to building a successful early learning foundation to equip children with school readiness skills. We operate according to safety protocols that adhere to the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health Guidelines.

We are currently enrolling children for our preschool program. For information, please contact Monica at 703-354-5913 or jacksonchildcare@gmail.com. Visit us on the web (www.mjchildcare.com) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/mjchildcare).