



# September 2020

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## From the Director

Welcome autumn and a brand-new, fun-filled curriculum year at Play and Learn at Eastpoint!

Wednesday, September 2, is going to be wacky. The "Wacky Wednesday" theme is to dress as a Nursery Rhyme character. Be creative! I can't wait to see everyone's outfits!

Please be reminded that our center is closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day, but we eagerly begin the new school year on Tuesday, September 8!

Is it Blue with Baseballs, Purple with puppies, or Yellow with motorcycles, what will it be? For "Wacky Wednesday" on September 9, wear your favorite shirt.

On Friday, September 11, Play and Learn will celebrate Patriots Day by wearing Red, White, and Blue. The teachers have a special Patriotic craft planned.

The week of Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18, families are invited to our Back to School event. Come hear about the curriculum and plans for the upcoming school year. We hope you will join us for this "kick-off" event! More information to come regarding which evening has been selected for your child's class.

We will celebrate Grandparents Day on Monday, September 14. Although we cannot have our grandparents visit us, we will be making something extra special to show how much we love them!

On Friday, September 18, we will kick off our "Football Fridays". Come dressed in your favorite team's spirit wear each Friday! Does your family cheer for the "Home-town" team or do you have another favorite? We can't wait to see!

Let's see who can be the wackiest by wearing the most RED on Wednesday, September 23.

To celebrate National Pepperoni Pizza Day, which was on Sunday, September 20, children (2 & up) will make their own pizza on Friday, September 25. The best part of all, the children will enjoy the pizza they made, for their afternoon snack. Please keep an eye out for the permission slip. We hope your child can join in the fun!

Wake up and roll out of bed, "Wacky Wednesday" this week, let's you stay comfy. Wear your Pajama's on Wednesday, September 30.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Mandy as she celebrates 8 years with Play and Learn this month. Thank you for all you do!

We look forward to another wonderful year of fun and learning with your little ones!

Mr. Duane and the Investigating Staff

**Happy September Birthday to  
Charlotte, Ms. Kayelin, and Mr. Duane!**



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### *The InvestiGator Club - Program Overview*

*Excerpt from The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System (Robert-Leslie Publishing)*

“*The InvestiGator Club* Early Childhood with STEAM is a comprehensive, fully-integrated learning system for a full year of instruction. While meeting all of the learning standards is essential, we want the preschool years to be inspiring. In *The InvestiGator Club*, you’ll find fun around every corner!

The curriculum provides the guidance and materials teachers need to encourage children to use their innate curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. As the children progress through this engaging, inquiry-based, hands-on curriculum, they build the skills and approaches to learning that will help them succeed in school.

Whether you’re teaching a class of 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds, mixed ages, or classrooms with children who have developmental or special needs or who are learning English, *The InvestiGator Club* provides a variety of research-based products to help (teachers) customize instruction to support the needs of all children in every type of classroom, while nurturing the whole child and laying the foundation for social, emotional, and cognitive growth.”

Watch for more information to come!

### **Toilet Training: Which Method is Best?**

Just as everyone has a different opinion about when it’s best to begin toilet training, so every parent you know is likely to use or recommend a different training method.

You may have heard that demonstrating toilet use for your child is a good way to help him learn through imitation. A friend may have told you that all she had to do with her son was read him a book about potty use and talk it over with him. Many parents recommend talking with their children about toilet use and then asking every two hours, “Do you need to go?” Some feel that rewarding a child with gold stars on a chart or a small treat is the most effective method. Timing is also a factor, as some parents prefer a brief, concentrated approach (perhaps even taking time off from work to deliver two weeks of “immersion training”), while others feel that their children are less pressured when allowed to adjust to potty use gradually over many months.

Any of these techniques may work well with your child. But keep in mind that it is not necessary to choose a single method—in fact, your child will benefit from a combination of verbal, physical, social, and other forms of training no matter what his age.

Accepting and adjusting to your child’s personal style can make toilet training a much less stressful experience than you may have expected. You may also find yourself getting to know your child in a way you didn’t before—appreciating his special qualities, becoming familiar with his emerging interests, and respecting him as a unique, interesting individual.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/toddler/toilet-training/Pages/Toilet-Training-Which-Method-is-Best.aspx>