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NEW!

Parent Web Access for Tuition Express!

You'll need two numbers to register the very first time at TuitionExpress.com.

You will need:

1. Tuition Express ID #
You will need to get this 11 digit number from the Office Staff or the Program Director.
2. You will need to give US a four digit Pin #
You will need to supply this Pin number to us when we give you the Tuition Express ID #.

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To Access Your Account

You'll register once to establish a user name and password you'll use each time you log in to TuitionExpress.com.

1. Go to TuitionExpress.com.
2. If you have previously registered enter your User Name and Password then click Log In.
3. If you have not yet registered click the Register Here link (left side) to set up your account:
 - a. Then enter the Tuition Express ID number given to you by your child care provider.
 - b. Enter your Registration Code. This is either the last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card number (used to make payments) or the 4 digit code you chose with your child care provider.
 - c. Select a Username and Password. Then Confirm the Password and click Register.

Hint: Forgot your username or password? Just re-register. Follow the on screen instructions to complete the process.

Make A Payment

1. **Log in** to TuitionExpress.com and click Make a Payment (left side). Click either Use Credit Card **2.** or Use Bank Account. You may have one or both options depending on how you are set up with your child care provider.
3. **For Credit Cards:**
 - a. Click the Select a Card drop down list to choose an existing card or Enter a New Card. For a new card enter the information and click Save Card. If no cards have been set up you'll automatically begin at the "new card" screen.
 - b. Once the card has been selected enter a Payment Amount, choose a Requested Processing Date (lower right) and click Next.
 - c. Confirm the amount, card being used and processing date then click Submit Payment (or Back to make changes).
4. **For Bank Accounts:**
 - a. Enter a Payment Amount, choose a Requested Processing Date (lower right) and click Next.
 - b. Confirm the amount, account type and processing date then click Submit Payment (or Back to make changes).



GBV Preschool & Constitution Preschool

Our teaching staff is comprised of highly educated and well-trained teachers who understand that children grow and learn at their own pace. Therefore they create and provide curriculums geared to provide children with learning opportunities that promote growth in confidence and skills and independence development. We provide an enriching environment with carefully planned activities that en-

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courage each child's physical, emotional, cognitive and social development. We recognize that you the parent are the primary educator of your child, therefore we schedule periodic meetings with you to communicate your child's successes and any concerns that we may have observed regarding your child's development. With spring upon us we are looking forward to more outside spring related activities.

School Age Program

As we continue to expand on the aspects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in the months ahead we will be discussing and exploring more of the ways that STEM is involved in our everyday life and in everything we do. Using the materials that we have in our environment we will spark new interest in your child to identify and use these resources. School age children

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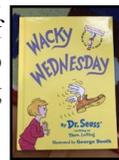
are patiently waiting to begin planting our seeds for the vegetable gardens. Being that we live in New England, and everything weather related is possible here, please remember that there is still the chance for snow therefore, please remind your child to dress appropriately for outdoor play. We try to go outside when the weather is above 25 degrees and clear.

Home Based Child Care

Because children possess an innate curiosity about the world around them it is important that we provide every opportunity to them to help them develop the skill to inquire. Therefore, our Home Based Child Care educators engage their curiosity through story time. Over the last three months your child has been the subject of many books read to him/her. Children always want to know more about things and

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places, keeping this sense of wonder alive through literacy helps your child want to learn more hence promotes school readiness. Providers encourage children to ask more questions and to seek more answers about the stories. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, in honor of Dr. Seuss we had a weeklong of reading Dr. Seuss's books. For each day of the week we had an activity to go along with his silly rhyming books.



Teen Care Programs

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kathleen Dolan as our new substitute teacher at South. Kathleen has over 30 years of experience working with children. Please introduce yourself to her and help her feel welcomed. The children had a fun few months exploring their creative side while the teachers have encouraged them to use their imaginations. We spent a lot of time in our dra-

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matic play center, pretending to cook, to clean, and dressing up as various people. The teachers acted out as they read nursery rhymes and fairy tales to the children. The children were encouraged to tap into their creative side through various art projects, and to imagine themselves as different people and animals. We are looking forward to a spring of more outdoor time including structures and walks.

Up Coming Events:

WCEC will be closed on the following days:

- ✓ April 14 - QRIS Training
- ✓ April 17 - Patriot's Day
- ✓ May 29 - Memorial Day
- ✓ July 4 - Independence Day



Parent Resources:

- ◆ **Child Care Resources**
799 W. Boylston St.,
(508) 796-1829
- ◆ **Dept. Children & Families, 121**
Providence St., (508) 929-2000
- ◆ **Dept. Early Education & Care**
(617) 988-6600, mass.gov/eeec
- ◆ **Dept. Transitional Assistance & Supplemental Nutrition Asst.**
9 Walnut St., (508) 767-3100
- ◆ **Edward Kennedy Community Health Center, 19 Tacoma St.,**
(508) 852-1805
- ◆ **Family Services of Central Mass**
31 Harvard St., www.fscm.org
(508) 756-4646
- ◆ **Fuel Assistance, WCAC**
Denholm Bldg., 484 Main St.
(508) 754-1176
- ◆ **GBV Food Pantry**
176 Tacoma St., (508) 852-8944
- ◆ **Pernet Family Health Services**
237 Millbury St., (508) 755-1228
- ◆ **WIC Program, 19 Tacoma St.,**
(508) 853-2904
- ◆ **Worcester Housing Authority**
40 Belmont St., (508) 635-3000
- ◆ **Worcester Public Schools**
20 Irving St., (508) 799-3020