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Dear Families,

5/21/2025

I am writing to share some important news about our preschool at the AYCC. After much thoughtful consideration, we have made the very difficult decision to close our preschool program at the end of this summer. The last day will be Friday, August 22, 2025.

This decision did not come lightly. Over the past several months, we have faced significant challenges related to staffing, sustainable funding, and decreased enrollment—particularly due to the growth of public preschool options in the area. After careful evaluation and in alignment with our mission, which prioritizes afterschool care and enrichment for school-aged children, we concluded that this is the most responsible path forward for our organization.

We understand that this change may cause disruption for your family, and we are committed to supporting you during this transition. To help you explore alternative care options for the fall, we encourage you to visit ChildCareChoices.me, Maineaeyc.org, or call 211 Maine, all of which offer valuable information on local childcare programs for children ages 3–5.

In the meantime, we are excited to share that after the school year ends, we will continue offering our preschool program with the “Sprouts and Splashes” Summer Program, which will run from June 30th through August 22nd (no need to register). This year’s summer program will be packed with fun and learning, including trips to the outdoor pool, nature-based projects, skill-building games and contests, engaging arts and crafts, and hands-on early childhood STEAM activities. We hope your child will continue with us for a summer full of joy and discovery.

We want to thank you for being a part of our preschool community at the AYCC and for trusting us with your child’s early learning journey. If you need help exploring fall options, please don’t hesitate to reach out. I will be available at the end of the day today and in the classroom after 8am tomorrow morning if you have any questions.

Warmly,

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