



FORTS FERRY - OCTOBER

CYC School-Age Childcare programs are licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Hello everyone! I cannot believe we've already made it through our first month of school, it feels like we just started! My staff and I had a great first month getting to know your children.

This month our theme is Spooky October! I have many different crafts planned that we'll be doing throughout the month. On October 29th - the final day of school before Halloween - we'll have a Halloween-themed freeze dance party with each of the groups in the gym.

During program each day, children have the opportunity to play with building materials, play games, make crafts, make free art of their choice, and have outside time/gym time. All program materials are sanitized during and after program. We encourage children not to bring toys from home as we are unable to clean them. If your child does have toys from home, we'll ask that they keep them in their backpacks. Children can have afternoon NUT-FREE snacks if they bring them from home; CYC does not provide snacks. I recommend your children also bring a water bottle with them, so they are able to easily refill it at the water fountain. We also take the children outside as often as possible (weather-permitting), so please dress your children according to the weather.

Like last year's CYC program, due to COVID, we will still be maintaining grouping for your children, as well as requiring masks to be worn indoors. Masks breaks can be given to your child by simply asking a staff member so they can be appropriately distanced from others for their safety and everyone else's. When outdoors, masks are optional. I ask that children have extra masks with them in their backpacks in the event theirs becomes dirty, wet, or broken.

Every day, children are allowed to do their homework in CYC. Typically, most children complete their homework within the first 45 minutes of the program so they can play with their friends but they can keep working on homework for longer if they need additional time. If your child needs homework help, their counselor will be more than happy to assist them. If your child has their homework on their Chromebook, it must be used for homework only. Many of the children play educational games on Prodigy and unfortunately, that is not considered homework.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

~Noah & Staff

IMPORTANT DATES

October 8 (Fri) – Early Release Day
After-School Programs WILL operate

October 11 (Mon) – Columbus Day
No school / no program

October 22 (Fri) – Half-Day of School
*Half-day Program offered

October 27 (Wed) – Half-Day of School
*Half-day Program offered



LOOKING AHEAD

November 2 (Tue) – Conference Day
*Vacation Camp offered

November 11 (Thu) – Veterans Day
No school / no program

Nov 24-26 (Wed-Fri) – Thanksgiving Recess
No school / no program

** pre-registration is required; stay tuned for further details!!*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ❖ CYC promotes a NUT FREE environment. This means that any food provided by CYC will be nut/tree nut free. However, children are allowed to bring snacks from home which may or may not be nut free. In the event that a child enrolls with a "Life Threatening" allergy, this policy is subject to change.
- ❖ Before-school drop off begins at 7:00 am and after-school pickup is no later than 6:00 pm
- ❖ Children must be signed in at drop-off and signed out at pick-up
- ❖ Electronics are not allowed at program (unless otherwise noted)
- ❖ CYC is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items brought from home.

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