🍁 Happy November, Hilltop Families!

As we welcome November, we want to take a moment to express how thankful we are for our wonderful Hilltop families! This season reminds us of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and spending time with those who matter most. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be part of your child's early learning journey and appreciate the continued trust and support you show our staff each day. As we prepare for the busy holiday season, please take a few moments to review the important reminders, upcoming closures, and announcements below.

🤒 Symptoms of Illness

Cold and flu season is upon us, and we are already seeing illnesses circulating throughout our center. To help keep our children and staff healthy, we kindly ask all parents and guardians to monitor their children for signs of illness before arriving at Hilltop.
If your child has a fever, please keep them home, as they may be contagious. If your child is experiencing loose bowel movements or vomiting, please keep them home. They could be contagious with those symptoms and will be sent home. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for everyone!

🦃 Thanksgiving & Holiday Closures

As a reminder, Hilltop will be CLOSED Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving.
Monroe City Schools will be closed November 23rd–27th. Hilltop will offer full-day care for school-age children on November 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

- Full-day school-age care: $30 per day
- Amanda and Lindsey will have a sign-up sheet available beginning the week of November 16th.
- Please sign up in advance if your school-age child will need care on these days.

Upcoming Christmas & New Year's Closures:
Hilltop will also be closed on December 24th, December 25th, December 31st, and January 1st. Please remember that regular weekly tuition rates remain the same during the holiday weeks.

🎄 Monroe City Schools – Christmas Break

Monroe City Schools' Christmas break begins Monday, December 21st, 2026, and continues through Monday, January 4th, 2027. Classes resume Tuesday, January 5th, 2027.
Hilltop will provide a holiday break pre-registration form for families enrolled in our school-age program. Please watch for sign-up sheets in December so we can plan accordingly.
Regular weekly tuition will still apply during the holiday break. An additional $32 full-day fee will apply on Monday, January 4th, for school-age children attending that day.

📚 MidPointe Library Story Time

We are excited to continue welcoming MidPointe Library to Hilltop for monthly story time! The library, conveniently located across the street from our center, visits our classrooms on the third Tuesday of every month. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity for children to develop early literacy skills, strengthen listening abilities, and discover the joy of reading.

👚 Spare Clothes

With colder weather approaching, please check your child's extra clothing at school to ensure it is appropriate for the season.
We recommend keeping a complete change of warmer clothing in your child's classroom, including pants, a long-sleeved shirt, socks, and underwear if applicable.
If your child still has summer clothing in their cubby, please bring in a winter replacement set and give it to their teacher. We will send the previous clothing home.

🧥 Jackets, Sweatshirts & Outdoor Clothing

Ohio weather can be unpredictable, especially during the fall and winter months! Please make sure your child arrives each day with a jacket or sweatshirt.
We recommend dressing children in layers, as mornings can be chilly while afternoons may be warmer.
Outdoor play is an important part of our daily routine, and we continue to spend time outside when weather conditions allow. Please ensure your child is dressed comfortably and appropriately.
Important Reminder: LABEL ALL JACKETS, COATS, SWEATSHIRTS, AND OTHER PERSONAL BELONGINGS!
Even when children have assigned hooks or cubbies, labeling clothing helps prevent items from becoming lost or mixed up.

❄️ Inclement Weather Notifications

As winter approaches, we want to remind families of our procedures for weather-related delays and closures.
Hilltop will notify families through our One Call Alert System via text message, voicemail, and email if inclement weather affects our operating schedule.
Please make sure your current phone number and email address are on file with the office so you do not miss important announcements.

📢 Important Announcement: 2027 Tuition Rates

We understand that tuition increases can be challenging for families, and making adjustments to our rates is never a decision we take lightly. At Hilltop, we work hard to keep our tuition affordable while continuing to provide the high-quality childcare and early childhood education our families deserve.
Our tuition rates remain competitive with other childcare programs in the surrounding area. As a Gold-rated program, Hilltop is committed to maintaining high standards of care, education, and professional development.

Why Are Tuition Rates Increasing?

Maintaining a quality-rated childcare program requires ongoing investments in staff, educational resources, and daily operations.
Hilltop must continue meeting state licensing requirements, maintaining qualified teachers, providing continuing education opportunities, and offering competitive wages to retain experienced employees.
The childcare industry continues to face challenges with staffing and employee retention. With 31 years of experience in early childhood education, I have witnessed firsthand how much

dedication, patience, and responsibility this profession requires. Our teachers deserve recognition and competitive compensation for the important work they do each day.
This tuition adjustment will help support staff wage increases, professional development, and the continued quality of our program.

How Your Tuition Supports Your Child's Education
Being a quality-rated center provides many benefits for children and families. Our experienced and educated staff work diligently to prepare children for success through engaging learning experiences, developmental assessments, and individualized instruction.
Hilltop utilizes The Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies GOLD to support children's learning and track developmental milestones. These resources help teachers observe progress, identify individual needs, and create meaningful learning opportunities.
We also invest in technology that strengthens communication between families and staff, including our parent communication platform and the One Call Alert System for important announcements and emergency notifications.
These programs, along with classroom materials, staff training, and daily operating expenses, are supported through tuition.
Our goal remains the same: to provide a safe, nurturing, educational environment where every child can learn, grow, and thrive.
We sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support of Hilltop and our dedicated teachers.

2027 Weekly Tuition Rates
Effective the week of January 4th, 2027

Classroom / Program	1st Child	2nd Child
New Beginnings	$322.00	$312.00
Busy Bees	$294.00	$284.00
Meadows	$294.00	$284.00
Gathering Place	$264.00	$254.00
School Age – Before & After	$139.00	$129.00
School Age – Before Only or After Only	$92.00	$82.00
Summer School Age	$197.00	$187.00
Full Week – Holiday Breaks	$197.00	$187.00
School Age – Full Day	$32.00	$32.00

Sibling Discount: The youngest child is charged the first-child rate. Older siblings receive the discounted second-child rate.
New tuition rates take effect January 4th, 2027.
Rate changes and re-registration fees do not affect families receiving childcare assistance through the Department of Human Services.

📝 Annual Re-Registration Fee
Our annual family re-registration fee of $60.00 is due on or before January 4th, 2027.

For your convenience, this fee may be added to your regular weekly tuition payment. A separate check is not necessary.

💳 Tuition & Account Reminders

As we approach the end of the year, we kindly remind families that all outstanding childcare balances from 2026 must be paid in full by January 2nd, 2027, unless a payment arrangement has been made with Ms. Vicki.

Weekly tuition and copayments are due on Fridays for the upcoming week or Mondays of the current week to avoid late fees.

Timely payments allow Hilltop to meet our financial obligations, including staff payroll, classroom supplies, vendors, and other operating expenses.

During November and December, monthly account statements will be distributed to families so you can review your balances and make any necessary arrangements.

If you have questions regarding your account, please contact Ms. Vicki:

Phone: 513-360-0123

Email: hilltop.monroe@outlook.com

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping your account current.

🎉 November Birthdays

Happy November Birthday! 🎂

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all our November birthday friends, including: Ms. Lexy, Leo Q. and Cruise W. Levi L.!

We hope your special day is filled with happiness, laughter, and wonderful memories!

🧡 A Season of Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches, we hope each of our families has an opportunity to slow down, enjoy time together, and reflect on the many blessings God has provided.

At Hilltop, we are especially thankful for our wonderful staff, whose kindness, dedication, and passion make a difference in children's lives every day. We are equally grateful for our families who continue to trust us with the care and education of their children.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Hilltop community. We wish you and your loved ones a safe, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving!

With appreciation,

Vicki, Kalah & the Hilltop Staff 😊

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