

# KIDS' CLUB



## NUSSBAUM FAMILY KIDS' CLUB WESTPORT WESTON FAMILY YMCA

### Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday	8:00am-1:30pm
Monday – Friday	3:45pm-8:00pm
Saturday – Sunday	8:00am-2:00pm

### Welcome to the Nussbaum Kids' Club!

The Nussbaum Kids' Club is a space designed just for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. With games, crafts and the Fort Mack play scape (age 4 and up). Kids Club is free for Family Members. Other types of members or members of other YMCAs must pay \$5 for each use.

### Room Usage

- Children must be checked into the Kids' Club by a staff member. Non-YMCA Family members must pay \$5 guest pass for room.
- Children may be in the room for up to 2 hours on weekdays and 1 hour and 15 minutes on weekends or school holidays or closures. Guardians must remain in the building at all times. Please be sure to list where you will be when signing in your child.
- If the person picking up is different from the person who dropped the child off, you must let the staff know of the change at drop off. The person picking up must show a form of ID. Parents may not stay in the room. They must drop children off and leave the room.
- We will do our best to make your child comfortable in the room. However, if a child has been crying for more than 10 minutes we will need the parent to return to the room to remove the child.
- For the safety of the children, our Kids' Club staff may have to limit the number of children in the room depending on age of children, number of staff and other situations that affect the ability to supervise children.

### Snacks

- Snacks must be nut-free and not require heating or refrigeration.
- Children may not share snacks while in the room because of allergy concerns.
- Suggested snacks include peeled fruit, vegetables, crackers or pretzels.
- We ask that you take cleanliness into consideration when packing snacks. Parents will be asked to clean up any messes upon pick-up. Staff are not able to feed meals to children other than bottles or opening packages.

### Fort Mack

Fort Mack is an exciting play feature in our Nussbaum Kids' Club. In order to make sure everyone is safe and having fun, we require that participants follow the rules of the fort.

- Toys, food and beverages are not allowed in the fort.
- Children must be at least 4 years old and no older than 12 to play in the fort. There are no exceptions.
- Socks must be worn in the fort.
- Rough-housing is not allowed.
- Staff may decide to close the fort for a few minutes if they feel the children need a moment to relax or quiet down.
- If a child under 4 repeatedly enters the play scape, they will be placed in the infant area for their safety.

## While in the Room:

- When dropping off, parents must wait for a staff member to greet them and must sign their child into the room. Staff may not sign children in for the parents. Parents must also sign out their child and let the staff know they are leaving.
- Everything coming into the room should be labeled, including snacks, toys and other items.
- Children in the room must respect the other children, staff, parents and themselves. Parents will be notified of any bad behavior, which can result in the loss of the privilege of using the Nussbaum Kids' Club.
- Children may bring their own toys into the room as long as they are safe and don't disrupt the room. Staff will use their judgment on what toys can be brought in.
- Children will be asked to keep personal toys separate from YMCA toys, and will be asked to sit at a table while using items they brought in as not to disrupt the other children. Any sound must be muted or headphones must be used.
- Children may not use cell phones in the room. This includes calls, texting, games or pictures.
- Staff may take away an item if it is causing problems in the room. The YMCA is not responsible for items lost, damaged or stolen.

## Bathroom and Diapering

- Staff will not do any diaper changes and can't help with bathroom accidents. Parents will be notified and asked to return to the room to handle any toileting problems. Staff will assist with clothing if needed.

## Health Guidelines

- Please respect the health and well-being of the other children and staff. Children who are visibly ill may not stay.
- This room is a nut-free space. If a staff member sees a snack containing nuts, they will discard it and notify the parent at pick-up.
- Staff may not administer any medications.

## Room Closure

- The Nussbaum Kids' Club will follow the late opening and early closing schedule of the YMCA.
- A school delay or closing means Kids' Club will open at 10:00 and will follow the 1 hour and 15 minute time limit.
- If the late opening or early closing means the room would be open for an hour or less, the room will not open.
- Parents may not drop off within 20 minutes of the room closing. If the room is empty 20 minutes before closing the room will close.

## YMCA Policy on Babysitting

We value the role our staff get to play in the lives of your children and family and we cherish the relationships we build together. YMCA staff, however, are not permitted to babysit for members or participants. Please do not approach staff to babysit for your family as they will be dismissed if they are found to be violating that policy.



## Fort Mack Play Area is a gift to our children from the Nussbaum Family.

For more information about the Nussbaum Kids' Club, please contact Danette Meigel, Youth & Teen Director (203) 226-8981 x117 [dmeigel@westporty.org](mailto:dmeigel@westporty.org)

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