

Sonshine Times

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Our mission is to ensure a Christian based, safe, hands-on, developmentally appropriate, fun learning environment that meets the needs of the whole child...physical, spiritual, emotional, social, and intellectual. This is done by providing a variety of experiences in art, children's literature, music, dramatic play, fitness, cooking, and gross motor activities. We provide an environment where children can discover for themselves, become self-directed and independent, and experience activities that will help them grow and develop.



To my child...

*Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face and laugh when I feel like crying.
Just for this morning, I will let you choose what you want to wear and smile and say how perfect it is.
Just for this morning, I'm going to step over the laundry and take you to the park to play.
Just for this morning,, I will leave the dishes in the sink and let you teach my how to put that puzzle of yours together.
Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone and keep the computer off and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.
Just for this afternoon, I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble when you scream and whine for the ice cream truck, and I will buy you one if he comes by.
Just for this afternoon, I won't worry about what you are going to be when you grow up, or second guess every decision I have made.
Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies and I won't try to fix them.
Just for this afternoon, I will take you to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.
Just for this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you.
Just for this evening, I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry.
Just for this evening, I will let you stay up late while we sit outside and count the stars.
Just for this evening, I will snuggle beside you for hours and miss my favorite television shows.
Just for this evening when I run my fingers through your hair as you pray, I will simply be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever given. I will think about mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children, the mothers and fathers that are visiting their child's grave instead of bedroom, and mothers and fathers who are in hospital rooms watching their children suffer, and I will pray for them.
And when I kiss you goodnight, I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer. It is then, that I will thank God for you and ask Him for nothing, except one more day...*

...From your parent

The SonShine Christian Preschool staff wants to wish all of you some "just for today" moments this holiday season and the whole year through! We are blessed that you share your precious children with us and we wish you all God's blessings this Christmas!

Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Hammes and Mrs. Fitzpatrick



Jesus

*is the reason
for the season*



Sonshine Christian Preschool invites you to join us in the celebration of Jesus,
the true reason for the season!

We will be performing our Christmas program two times, once for our families
and once for the church. The Church is so looking forward to seeing your
children sing this year! We would like everyone to be at both performances!

When: Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00pm & Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 10:15 in
the church sanctuary; please have your child in his/her classroom by 6:50pm Friday
evening and Sunday morning by 10:05am. Doors open Friday evening at 6:45pm.

December Calendar

December 9- Preschool 2 and 3
presents... "Candy Cane Christmas"
Starts at 7:00pm. Children in
classrooms by 6:50 and doors open at
6:45.

December 11- Preschool 2 and 3
presents... "Candy Cane Christmas"
Starts at 10:15. Children in
classrooms by 10:05.

December 19-Last day for Adopt a
family donations

December 22- January 4
No School, Christmas Break

January Calendar

January 5- Classes resume

January 16- No School, Martin
Luther King Day

January 19- Daddy and Me
Night 7-8pm
P3 and P2 Classes only

Why Reading to your child is important

Research has shown that one of the most important things a parent can do to help their child acquire language, prepare them for school, and instill a love of learning is to read to their child. (Russ et al 2007)

While learning to read occurs during the school years, pre-reading skills, such as reading from left to right, turning the pages as you read, and understanding that letters make the words that make up stories are critical for children to learn prior to starting Kindergarten. These are all things that are demonstrated to a child when they are read a story out loud. Reading to your child also teaches them basic speech skills, logical thinking, exposes them to new experiences and ideas, and enhances concentration.

There is something even more important reading to your child may do, instill a love of learning and create a bond between your child and the person who is reading to them. In a world that is never unplugged and always on the go this is **priceless**.

Baby it's cold outside!

The weather is cooling off as winter quickly approaches. We will continue to play outside until the temperature falls below 35 degrees, so please remember those coats, hats and gloves. You may want to label your child's coat as well. Also, remember to send an extra set of clothing inside your child's bucket that is weather appropriate.

Snow Days may soon be approaching; here are some tips to remember...

- ~We follow the Millard Public Schools for weather closings.
- ~We will also send an email and a Facebook update.

Sickness Policy

If your child is ill on their preschool day, please notify the school. Feel free to text the school phone (402)208-7333 or email as well!

Please keep your child at home if:

They are taking an antibiotic less than 24 hours.

They are running a fever of higher than 101.0 or have had one within the last 24 hours.

Additional sickness info located in our parent hand book online.

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Sonshine Adopt a Family

As we ready ourselves this holiday season, there are so many things to prepare and be thankful for....gifts, meals and family gatherings. Many families, in the local area, struggle to put food on the table, pay bills and a mortgage/rent let alone gifts. Sonshine Christian Preschool is sponsoring one family from our community this holiday season. This family very recently has experienced their own tragedy and hardships this year with the loss of their father, leaving their mother with three children ages 12, 11, 8, 2 and a baby due January 20. Their needs extend beyond gifts under the tree this year and we will be collecting donations of canned food, clothing and basically anything else a family needs. All donations can be brought to school office and will be given to the family on December 19. We, at Sonshine, feel this is an excellent opportunity to model God's grace for our children and to help a local family!

Each week we will be collecting different specific items for the family. We are happy to take whatever you are able to give for this family. Monetary donations for the family can also be made and the school will purchase items the family needs for them!

November 28-December 2 Clothing-new or gently used, Christmas gifts

December 5-December 9 Baby, Linen, Cleaning

December 12-December 16-Food, personal items, cleaning

Below is a list of each child's sizes and other items that would be helpful for this family

12 year old boy-size 14-16 handheld games
11 year old girl-size 18 shirt, size 16 pants- loves to play dolls
8 year old girl-size 7-8 likes dolls
2 year girl-Size 5 T-
Newborn-Boy

Items needed

Clothing-New or gently used, Pj's, hats, gloves, socks, underwear
canned food, cereal, non-perishable for items
shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap
Toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant
Diapers, diaper wipes, baby wash, lotion
Towels, blankets
Laundry soap, dish soap
School supplies-paper, crayons, markers
Gift card-Dollar store

Thank you, thank you, thank you for being such giving and caring families!