

Sonshine Times

November 2014

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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.



Why Social Skills Are Key to Learning

You may be hoping that your child has learned to read and write during these first few months of school, but there are many other skills that need to be mastered before academic focus is appropriate. These first few months have been focused on behavioral and attention spans; if a child is unable to take turns, listen and sit in a group... how can she learn what is being taught? This is why Sonshine spends a great deal of time focusing on basic social skills! A child's previous experience with social interactions both at home and in other programs will help them make the transition. Once these basic social interaction and group behavior skills are in place, learning can occur.

Recent research in brain development has shown that a child's ability to interact with others, control and express her feelings and take care of basic self-help skills independently are even more important for success in school as academic skills. The neural pathways needed for learning are actually constructed through positive interactions with others!

The four basic "C" skills we build on are...

Confidence: Focus on the development of the child's self-esteem

Cooperation: teaches a child how to empathize and get along with others

Curiosity: developing that thirst for learning

Communication: expressing herself and representing ideas, feelings and knowledge about the world.

Scholastic Book Orders

We are changing our due date to better accommodate the holidays.

Starting this month, book orders will be due on the first Friday of the month.

Lost and Found...

Please take a moment to check our lost our found, we have quite a few jackets. The lost and found can be found by the office door.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped manage the stations at the Fall Festival AND another BIG thank you to those who donated items, we appreciate all of your help and time! Hope that your children enjoyed the festival as much as we did!

November Calendar...

November 5: P3... bring a family photo

November 5 & 6: P1 bring an orange show-n-tell

November 19: P2 & P3... Crazy Hair

November 19 & 20: P1 Bring in a family photo

November 21: Toddlers will make a fruit salad, bring in a can of fruit

November 28-29: Thanksgiving Break

December Calendar...

December 12: P2 and P3 Christmas

Program: A Candy Cane Christmas starting at 7pm

December 22- January 2: Christmas Break

The temperature is

FALLING...

We will still be playing outside even as the temperature falls.

Please remember coats, mittens, hats, ect...

Sometimes we need just 5 minutes to enjoy some fresh air and run around!

The cooler months are quickly approaching... Please take a minute to update your child's bucket.

It's time for long pants and sleeves, good bye to the shorts... oh how I'll miss those warmer days!!