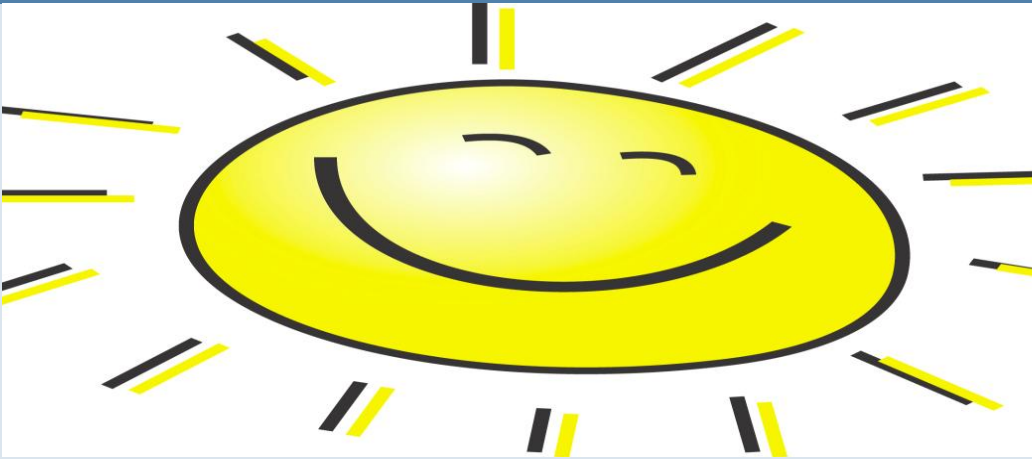


# Sonshine Times

November 2015

Sonshine Christian Preschool      14515 Harvey Oaks Avenue  
Harvey Oaks Baptist Church      Omaha, NE 86144    208-7333

*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

### **Book Orders can be done online!**

One of the greatest gifts you can provide to your child is the gift of reading! Scholastic offers a great selection of books for every reading level! Every time you order a book online, Sonshine collects points to purchase books for our library here at school. Just click on the link on our website and register. Use the code **H6LN9** to link your account to Sonshine. The deadline to order is the first Friday of each 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 a big thank you to the Harvey Oaks church members that were able to come and help us, we appreciate all of your help and time! We hope that your children enjoyed the festival as much as we did! Thank you Kaumudi Poore for face painting for us!

## Harvey Oaks Baptist Church invites you!

Join us for "An Evening of Thanks" on Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 pm at the Harvey Oaks Baptist Church and listen to the Open Door Missions Director Candace Gregory speak on the homeless. She will begin with a special message with the children on what it is like to a homeless child in Omaha. Childcare will be available after the children's message for any little ones. After the service please, join us in the Fellowship hall for coffee and a slice of pie!

The church will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Open Door Missions' food pantry. The preschool will also be collecting nonperishable food from now until November 24 to help with the Missions pantry. Any food donations can be placed in the box located by the entry door. We hope to see you there and appreciate your support!

### November Calendar...

**November 9:** P2-Hammes & P3-Dickens  
Cooking! Bring your favorite fruit!

**November 18:** P2, P3 Koca Chiropractic  
will be visiting! They will teach us how to  
keep our bodies healthy!

**November 19:** P2 & P3... Crazy Hair

**November 26 & 27:** No School  
Thanksgiving break

### December Calendar...

**December 11:** P2 and P3 Christmas  
Program: The Real Night Before  
Christmas starting at 7pm

**December 13:** P2 and P3 Christmas  
Program: The Real Night Before  
Christmas starting at 10:15am

**December 16:** Mom and Dads' night  
out! Sponsored by Harvey Oaks  
Baptist Church from 6-8 pm! Children  
may be dropped off from 6-8 pm and  
pizza will be served for dinner. Get  
that last minute shopping done!

**December 21- January 1:** Christmas  
Break

### **Cough, Cold, Running Nose...**

Should they come to school or stay home?  
With the winter months approaching, please  
take a moment to review our sick policy. It  
can be found on our website under the  
handbook tab.

Please call or text the school at 402-208-  
7333 if your child will be absent.

### 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!