

Sonshine Times

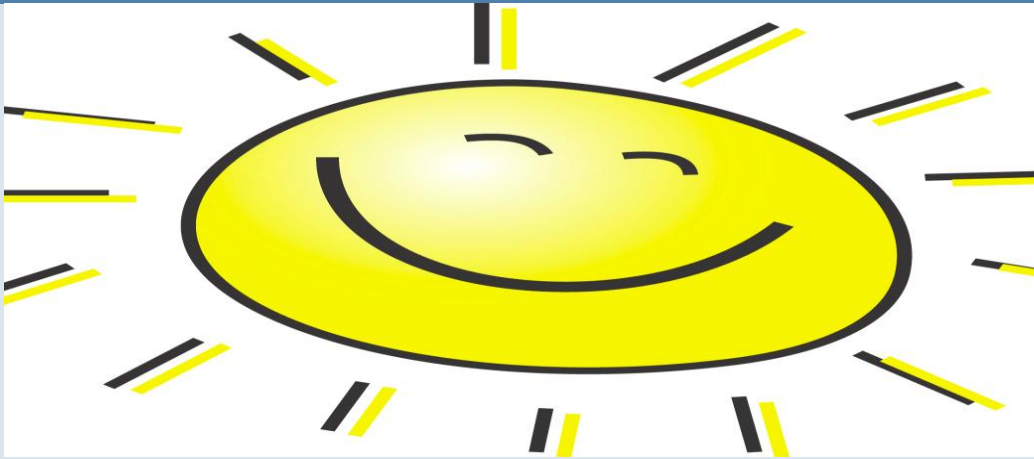
Sonshine Christian Preschool

Located inside Harvey Oaks Baptist Church
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www.sonshinechristianpreschool.org

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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 master 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.

The temperature is falling

(okay maybe not this week) but...

We will still be playing outside even as the temperature falls. Please remember coats, mittens, hats, etc... Sometimes we need just 5 minutes to enjoy some fresh air and run around!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

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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!

November Calendar...

November 9: Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Hammes P2(MWF) Fireman Visit

November 24 & 25: No School
Thanksgiving break

November 19: Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Hammes P2(MWF) ... Crazy Hair Day
The crazier your hair...the better!

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.

December Calendar...

Friday, December 9: Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Hammes P2(MWF)
Christmas Program: Candy Cane
Christmas starting at 7pm. Doors open at 6:50pm.

Sunday, December 11: Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Hammes P2(MWF)
Christmas Program: Candy Cane
Christmas starting at 10:15am at Harvey Oaks Baptist Church.

December 22- January 4: Christmas Break