

February 2024

Sonshine Preschool

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Hola-

Expect to see a lot of white, pink, red and purple this month. February will see us preparing for Valentine's Day. The children love to make valentines, heart shaped projects, and talk about how we receive love and how we show love to others. Another fun topic this month will be the Rodeo. Sonshine preschoolers will talk about cowboys & cowgirls, what happens at a rodeo, and prepare for our singing program on Family Pizza Fun Day. All are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Mrs. Castillo

Valentine Parties

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Be watching for information from your child's teacher regarding the day(s) of the party and the day they would like to have Valentine cards brought to school. Each teacher will be sending Remind messages regarding any party food items they may need parents to volunteer to bring. Thanks for your help!

Registration for Summer Camp & 2024-2025

Please read carefully through the registration materials which are being sent home with your child. Registration paperwork will also be available on our website beginning Monday February 5th.

The FIRST DAY of our 6-week

Summer Program will be

Monday, June 3rd with the last day on Friday July 12th.

Parents can register for any week or all 6 weeks.



Upcoming Events

Friday February 9th
Scholastic Book Order Due

Wednesday February 21st
Family Pizza Day

**Thursday & Friday
February 22nd-23rd**
Rodeo Break-NO SCHOOL



Chapel Time

January 30th & February 1st
Jesus Calls His Disciples

February 6th & 8th
Jesus' First Miracle

February 13th & February 15th
Jesus Calms the Storm

February 27th & February 29th
Jesus Feeds Thousands



Please plan to register early for the 2024/2025 Academic Year. We offer currently enrolled families first choice. Registration will open to the general public beginning February 19th. We anticipate that most classes will fill up quickly because we have already been getting a lot of inquiries for next school year. Your family is very important to Sonshine Preschool. Thanks for entrusting us with your children!

Please pass this information on if you know of a family who would like to enroll their child in our program. Registration packets will be available at drop-off each morning.

“Family Pizza Fun Rodeo Day” lunch on Wednesday, February 21st!!

Please plan on joining us for our All School “Family Pizza Fun Day” lunch on Wednesday, February 21st. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. the Ladybug and Butterfly classes will sing a few songs for you. Pizza and cookies will follow for the families of all classrooms. In order for us to know how many pizzas to order, we will need to know how many from your family will be joining us for lunch that day. We will send out a Sign-Up Genius Link for you to RSVP for the event. The school will be providing Pizza and Cookies for everyone that day. We are asking families to donate water bottles, and/or 6 or 12 packs of soda (caffeine free types please), or 100% Fruit Juice Boxes or Pouches for our lunch. Please bring the drinks by Tuesday morning; we will supply the coolers full of ice.

SPS/AC Illness Policy

A friendly reminder that ill children need to stay home from school. Any child who shows symptoms of illness during the day will have his/her temperature taken and be evaluated before the parents are called. A prompt attempt will be made to reach the parents or other designated persons so that the sick child can be picked up. Please plan to pick up your child within the hour. A child will be excluded from the school if he displays any obvious symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, or fever of 100 degrees or more. **If a child is sent home from school due to illness, he/she may NOT return for 24 hours. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours (without Tylenol!) and not having vomited for up to 6 to 8 hours after eating a meal.**

If your child comes to school not feeling well and is unable to participate in their school day, we will call you so they can rest at home. Thanks!!

February Pizza Days

Friday February 2nd

Wednesday February 7th

Friday February 16th

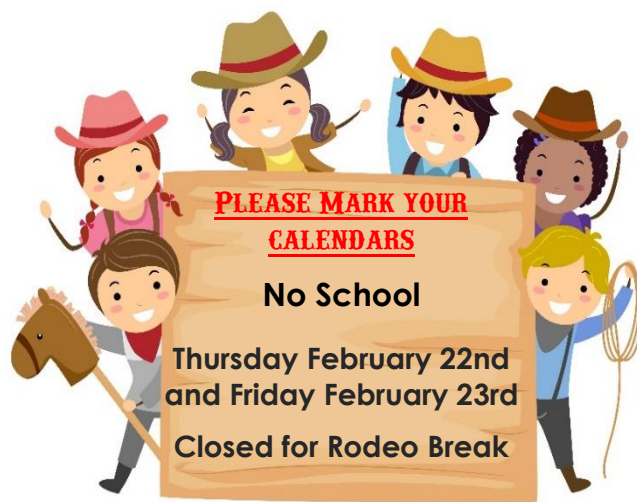
**“Family Pizza Day”
Wednesday February 21st**



**Happy Birthday to
You!**

Kolton Bedient
Penelope Hawley
Zion Anderson
Sebastian Cueto

Ms. Mikayla (end of January)



From our Teacher's Corner. . .

Busy Bees

The first month of the year is already behind us and February is here! This month we will introduce the colors pink, purple, and red. Our shape will be a heart. We will talk about love and family. We will have a small Valentine's Day party with lots of fun activities. Later in the month we will learn about the rodeo, cowboys & cowgirls, and good old Tucson. Your children are doing so well here at Sonshine! Watching them grow and helping them learn new things is a blessing every day.

Fireflies

February will bring us the colors red, pink, purple, and gray. We will continue with our sorting and stacking skills, and our fine motor skills, cutting paper with scissors and gluing various sizes of hearts for collages. Thank you to all the parents for keeping your child's diapers and wipes stocked, it really helps to have these items. Please return any SPS borrowed clothes to the classroom, we are running very low. Thanks for sharing your kids with us. They are awesome and we have lots of fun!

Ladybugs

In February we will learn about Valentine's Day! Our party will be on Wednesday, 2/14. We will learn about what cowboys do and what rodeo is all about. We will also be discussing the beauty of the desert and all the things that go with it. Snakes, lizards, and coyotes are always a big hit! Children can bring 20 Valentines to give their friends. We will send a Remind with the details.

Butterflies

This month we are excited to have our Valentine exchange and party! We will have one party on Wednesday, February 14. This month we will also celebrate Dr. Suess with the Love of Reading and learn about the Rodeo! We will learn about letters T, U & V, position words, patterns, and parts of a book. They have been working hard on writing their name with correct letter formation and we will continue to work on that. What a fun month it will be!

Important Information

Tuition is due by the 1st of every month, and is considered delinquent after the 5th.

If your payment will be late, please contact Amanda to make arrangements.

Looking Ahead

Friday March 8th through Friday, March 15th Closed for Spring Break

Friday March 29th
Closed for Good Friday

Wednesday, May 22nd Butterfly Promotion (Children going on to Kindergarten only)

Wednesday, May 22nd- Last day of School

Thursday May 23rd through Friday, May 31st Closed for Memorial Day/Summer Break

Reminders:

Scholastic Book Order To place an order online go to Scholastic.com and follow Parent links. Our school code is GPL3F. Your books will be delivered to Sonshine at no charge. Please see Amanda, or email her at abanwart@sonshineprek.org if you have any questions.

Sonshine Preschool Summer Program: Please refer to registration materials to sign up

Mon, June 3rd: First day Summer Program

Wed June 19th Closed for Juneteenth


Thurs July 4th and Fri July 5th: Closed for Independence Day

Fri, July 12th: Last day of Summer Program

Your ad could be here!

PARENT BUSINESS CONNECTION

Would you like to place your business card in our Parent Connection section of our monthly newsletter? We distribute this newsletter to current and new prospective parents. The fee is \$10.00 per month for a business card ad, or \$35.00 for a business card ad for 4 consecutive months. We have limited space. If you would like to advertise in our next newsletter, please see Amanda, or call the office at 885-1045.

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Do you ever have a question regarding your child and don't know who to ask? Check out the Southwest Human Development's Birth to Five Helpline. Southwest Human Development's Birth to Five Helpline is Arizona's only toll-free resource for parents, caregivers and professionals who have questions or concerns about the development of children ages birth through five.

 southwest human development. <small>Creating a Positive Future for Young Children</small>	Birth to Five HELPLINE "Nothing Out of the Question" 877.705.KIDS 
	
Early Childhood News and Information for Families, Caregivers and Professionals from the Birth to Five Helpline	



ADHS developed the Empower Program in 2010 as a voluntary program to support licensed ECE facilities' efforts to empower young children to grow up healthy. Today, the Empower Program reaches more than 200,000 children in licensed early care and education facilities throughout Arizona. Empower has won numerous awards for being a best practice, most recently, the program received the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) National Best Practice Award.

turn off the tv turn on play



Kids can learn by watching TV, videos and using the computer. But kids also need time for physical activity to ensure healthy development.

What you can do at

home

If you limit time spent viewing TV, videos and the computer your kids will have more time for fun, healthy activities like jumping rope, swinging or playing hide-and-seek with their friends.

Parents are the most important role model for their children. If you're healthy, they'll be healthy too.

When you play with your kids, whether it's playing a game, sports or even dancing, the healthier they'll be. And the closer you'll become as a family.



What happens when my child spends too much time watching TV, videos and the computer?

1. Attention span is less.
2. There is less time to play with other children and learn to share.
3. Sleep problems may happen, especially when there is a TV in the child's bedroom.
4. There is less time to spend with you.

What to look for in a

child care program

Child care programs should set strict limits for TV, video viewing and computer use.

All TV and video programs should be previewed to make sure they're age-appropriate and educational.

Children attending a child care program for four or more hours a day should have at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

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