

February 2025

# Sonshine Preschool

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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 & 2025-2026

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 3rd.

The FIRST DAY of our 7-week Summer Program will be Monday, June 2nd with the last day on Friday July 18th. Parents can register for any week or all 7 weeks.



## Upcoming Events



**Wednesday February 19th**  
Family Pizza Day and Rodeo celebration

**Thursday & Friday February 20th-21st**  
Rodeo Break-NO SCHOOL

## Chapel Time

**February 5th & 7th**  
Jesus’ First Miracle

**February 12th & February 14th**  
Jesus Calms the Storm

**February 26th & February 28th**  
Jesus Feeds Thousands



**February Pizza Days**  
Wednesday February 5th

Friday February 14th

“Family Pizza Day”  
Wednesday February 19th

Friday February 28th



Please plan to register early for the 2025/2026 Academic Year. We offer currently enrolled families first choice. Registration will open to the public beginning February 17th. 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.

**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.

**Family Pizza Day and Rodeo Celebration lunch on Wednesday, February 19th!!**

Please plan on joining us for our All School “Family Pizza Fun Day” lunch on Wednesday, February 19th. 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 various sodas, or 100% Fruit Juice Boxes or Pouches for our lunch. Please bring the drinks by Tuesday morning (Feb 18th); we will supply coolers full of ice.

**Happy Birthday to You!**

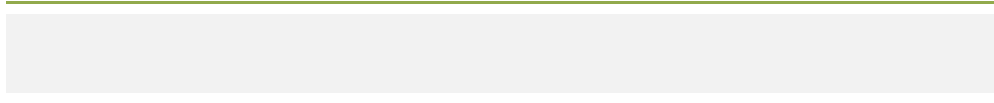
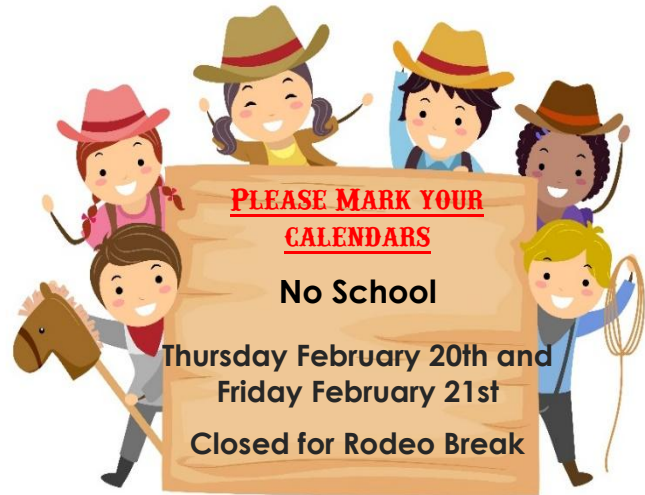
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*Sebastian Cueto*  
*Oliver Corbin*



**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!!**



# 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. We will have two Valentine's Day parties, Wednesday February 12th and Friday February 14th. Please watch for an email with a Sign Up Genius link requesting donations for our parties. 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 and look forward to our party on Wednesday, 2/12. We will send a Remind with the details. Children can bring 20 Valentines to give to their friends. This month we will also learn about what cowboys do and what rodeo is all about. We will be discussing the beauty of the desert and all the things that go with it, snakes, lizards, and coyotes are always a big hit! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Family Pizza Fun Day on Wednesday February 19th.

## Butterflies

This month we are excited to have our Valentine exchange party on Wednesday, February 12th. 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. The kids will continue working on writing their name with correct letter formation and we will continue to work on that. What a fun month it will be!

If you were at Sonshine last school year, you may remember that we partnered with the U of A to conduct vision screenings for preschoolers. We have once again partnered with the University of Arizona, this time around we will be working with the University of Arizona Child Cognition Lab for a research project that they are doing. Like the vision screenings last year, your child's participation is completely voluntary. Permission slips with all the details will be sent home beginning Monday. If you'd like your child to participate, simply fill out the permission slip and return it to us.

## A Quick Look at What's Coming Up in the Next Few Months

more detailed information regarding these events will be available as the time gets closer.

### ❖ **Spring Break**

No School Friday March 7th- Friday March 14th

### ❖ **Closing Early**

Sonshine Preschool will close at 3:00pm on Friday April 4th for a Staff Event.

### ❖ **Good Friday No School**

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday and Sonshine Preschool will be closed.

### ❖ **School Carnival**

Our Annual Sonshine Preschool Carnival will be the evening of Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>

### ❖ **End of the School Year Important Dates**

**Wednesday, May 21st** Butterfly Promotion (Children going on to Kindergarten only)

**Thursday, May 22nd**- Last day of School

**Friday May 23rd through Friday, May 30th** Closed for Memorial Day/Summer Break

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

Mon, June 2nd: First day Summer Program

Thurs June 19th Closed for Juneteenth

Fri July 4th: Closed for Independence Day

Fri, July 18th: Last day of Summer Program

## 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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The banner features the Southwest Human Development logo on the left, which includes a stylized tree and the text "southwest human development. Creating a Positive Future for Young Children". The main text reads "Birth to Five HELPLINE" in large, bold letters, with "Nothing Out of the Question" and the phone number "877.705.KIDS" below it. On the right is a cartoon character holding a telephone. Below the text are four small photos of diverse young children. At the bottom, a red bar contains the text "Early Childhood News and Information for Families, Caregivers and Professionals from the Birth to Five Helpline".

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.