

November 2024

# Sonshine Preschool

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## Nĩ Hăo-

A special thanks to everyone who was able to make it to our annual Fall Costume Parade & Family Breakfast! The children did such an amazing job and they all looked wonderful in their costumes. All of the breakfast goodies were so delicious. Thank you for continuing to make this annual tradition so memorable.

With the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, my staff and I would like to take the opportunity to tell you how thankful we are for our Sonshine families. We appreciate all the support you show us and your children throughout the year. It really does "take a village" and we're so thankful that you've allowed us to be a part of yours.

Your children are fantastic!

*Mrs. Castillo*



## Upcoming Events

### November 4-15th

Parent Teacher Conferences

### Monday, Nov 11th

Sonshine Preschool will be CLOSED for Veteran's Day

### Friday, November 22nd

Scholastic Book Orders Due  
Please remember to mark your order if it will contain gifts.

### Wednesday, Nov 27th

Sonshine Closing at 12:00pm

### Thursday and Friday, November 28th & 29th

Sonshine Closed  
(Thanksgiving Holiday)

## November Pizza Days

Friday November 8th

Wednesday November 13th

Friday November 22nd



**\*\*Reminder- There is no school on Monday November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day**

To our men  
and women in uniform,  
past, present, and future,  
God bless you and

Thank You.

Happy Veteran's Day!



## Chapel Time

**November 6th & 8th**  
"How and Why We Pray",  
in their own words...

**November 13th & 15th**  
"It is a Good thing to Thank  
God" .... "I Thank God" by  
S. & S. Traugh

**November 20th & 22nd**  
We will begin the Christmas  
story



## Christmas Gift Basket Raffle

We're excited to once again be doing our classroom raffle gift baskets again this year. Each classroom has a parent volunteer who has agreed to take charge of the basket for the classroom. They will choose a basket theme and send out info to all classroom parents about the theme and items needed for the basket. We like to let everyone know the themes of the baskets before Thanksgiving Break so you can catch some great Black Friday deals to help fill those baskets! Raffle tickets for the baskets will be sold through the office and can be billed to your account or paid for by credit card. Tickets will be for sale the evening of the program as well. You choose which baskets you would like to try to win.

The winners will be drawn following the program. All money raised is divided equally between the classrooms for the teachers to spend on FUN curriculum materials!!!! They really LOVE getting this GIFT!!!!



**SOME BASKETS  
FROM PREVIOUS  
YEARS**

## Angel Giving Tree

Last year's Angel Giving Tree helped make the Christmas season very merry for several families from Gale elementary school. The Angel Tree was such a success that we are making it an annual tradition and hope to bless even more families than we did last year. Ashley Tozzi, has graciously agreed to be the liaison for this project for us once again, even though her daughter graduated from Pre-K last year. We will have the gift tags available for you to choose on Monday November 25th and all unwrapped gifts will need to be returned by Friday December 13th.

Thank you poster from Gale Elementary students



Last Year's Angel Tree

## Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 11th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Ladybug and Butterfly classes will be performing in the church sanctuary. Mark your calendars now for Sonshine Preschool's Annual Christmas Program. Due to limited seating in the Sanctuary, please plan to arrive early. More information will be forthcoming.

## Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take place November 4th-15th. Please watch for a Sign-Up Genius email to schedule a time with your child's teacher.

## The Importance of a Morning Routine

**Please help us by dropping off your children NO LATER than 8:45 am each morning.**

We know that children need a routine, and we want to continue to provide them with a consistent routine here at school. The teachers plan their "teaching day" beginning at 8:45 am. We want your child to benefit from everything we have to offer here at Sonshine! Should you happen to arrive late, please ring the doorbell at the office gate to check your child in for the day!

Happy Birthday to  
You!

Joshua Cain  
Hannah Carpenter  
Maleigha Kerby  
Bennett Viche  
Connor Viche  
Elianna Huffstutler

Ms. Nilza  
Ms. Kim  
Ms. Amanda  
Ms. Castillo



## Chilly Weather is Upon Us!

Just a friendly reminder . . . as the weather gets cooler and your child starts wearing a coat, or jacket to school, please mark your child's name on the inside tag. This makes it so much easier to return items when they become lost! We are outside every day so... make sure your children have something to put on to keep them warm. Thanks!

## Parking Lot Safety

### **Morning Drop Off and 12:00pm Pick Up**

It is very important that when you are ready to pull away after dropping off or picking up your child that you DO NOT pull around the vehicle in front of you. You will need to wait for the vehicle in front of you to pull forward when exiting our parking lot. We also ask that when pulling up to our parking lot please do not pull in front of other vehicles just because there appear to be spots in front of them. They may be getting their child in or out of the vehicle and it is unsafe to have vehicles going around others while children are being dropped off and picked up.

We try to keep the flow moving as quickly as possible in order to get everyone out quickly and safely. We appreciate you patiently waiting to pull forward. This is for the safety of all the children being dropped off and picked up and for our staff. Please inform any family members who may be dropping off or picking up your child that this is our parking lot policy. It is important that they are aware of this as well.

### **Can I walk my child to their classroom in the morning? *Absolutely***

If you'd prefer to walk your child to their classroom or the playground during morning drop off, please pull into a parking spot in the center of the lot. Carefully walk your child across the parking

lot and drop off lane to their classroom/playground. Do not park your vehicle in the drop off lane and walk your child to class or the playground, this causes a backup in the drop off lane and disrupts the flow.

### **When dropping off at the gate from the drop off lane-**

We try to be at the gate to always greet you and your child during the 7:30-8:45 time period in the morning. There are some occasions when we may have stepped into the office or are walking children to the playground/classrooms and haven't made it back to the gate yet. If a teacher is not at the gate to greet you and your child when dropping them off in the morning and you do not see a teacher walking back to the gate, you can ring the doorbell to alert us that you are here.

The safety of the children is our number one priority.



## **SPS ILLNESS POLICY**



To protect all children at our school, ill children need to be excluded 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 child will be excluded from school if he/she displays any obvious symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting or fever of 100 degrees or more. Additionally, there are times when a child may not have a fever, however they are not able to participate in their normal daily activities so we will ask you to pick them up. Upon arrival, check in at the office. Please pick up your child within one hour of notification or let us know who will be picking up your child.

**The 24-Hour Rule:** If a child is absent or sent home from school due to illness, your child may not return until he/she is symptom and fever free (without fever reducing medications) for 24 hours, and not having vomited for up to 6 to 8 hours after eating their most recent meal. Children sent home with diarrhea may not return to school until they are 24 hours diarrhea free.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WASH THOSE HANDS!! A LOT!!

# News from our Classrooms

## Busy Bees

Fall is in the air! We are looking forward to cooler weather and watching the seasons change. We will continue to talk about pumpkins throughout the Thanksgiving season. We've also been talking a lot about fall and the changes it brings in nature, like how the leaves change color. This month we will focus on what being thankful means and we will talk about turkeys and Thanksgiving.

## Fireflies

November already!? No Way! This month we will be talking about Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. Of course, we'll also learn about turkeys! Don't be alarmed if you hear about Christmas already, we'll be getting into the season this month too!

We are always working on potty-training. If you feel your child is ready, come and talk to us to set up a plan. As we prepare for cooler weather, please bring a jacket, labeled with your child's name or initials. Please make sure your child's extra clothes are appropriate for winter and that all pieces (jackets, bottoms, tops, and underwear) are labeled with their first and last names. We love your children and are looking forward to an exciting November!

## Ladybugs

We have been busy learning about the various changes we experience during fall, even here in the desert! We went on a nature walk and talked about why the leaves change colors and fall to the ground. We will be talking about the temperature change and how that affects our choice of clothing to wear to school. Please don't forget to write your child's name on their jacket as they start to wear them to school. We had fun learning about apples and pumpkins, how they grow and what we can cook with them.

This month we will be having fun with the gingerbread man story and learn what it means to be thankful.

## Butterflies

Pre-K is happily moving in to our fourth month of school and gearing up for the holidays. We are truly proud of what your children have accomplished thus far and we're looking forward to all of the growth and learning yet to come! This month, we'll continue our discussion of Fall, including leaves and further investigate pumpkins, and, of course, get excited for Thanksgiving. As always, we are thankful for all of our families and blessed to share this season with your children!

## ***A Quick Look at What's Coming Up in the Next Couple of Months***

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

### ❖ Christmas Break

Sonshine Preschool will close early at 3:00pm on Thursday December 19th, please plan accordingly.

**Christmas Break** is from December 20, 2024- January 03, 2025

### ❖ Annual Rodeo Family Pizza Fun Day

On Wednesday February 19th we will have our Annual Family Pizza Fun Day. Families will be invited to come and watch children from Ladybug and Butterfly classes sing some songs and afterward families from ALL Sonshine classrooms can enjoy Pizza Fun day with their child.

**Rodeo Break** is Thursday February 20th and Friday February 21st Sonshine will Be closed for Rodeo break.

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 to 5.



**THE APP IS HERE!**

We're excited to launch the all-new **Birth to Five Helpline app!**

The Birth to Five helpline app allows you to easily **one-click call, text or email the Birth to Five Helpline** early childhood specialists directly from your phone.

Plus, you can visit **BirthToFiveHelpline.org**, donate or visit the Southwest Human Development and First Things First websites directly from the app!

The best part? Once the app is downloaded on your phone, there is no need to memorize the phone number!

**DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!**

## PARENT BUSINESS CONNECTION

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