

Sonshine Preschool Newsletter

May 2018

Can you believe that it is May already? That school is almost over for the year? It seems like only yesterday that Sonshine Preschool welcomed all of you. It sure has been a pleasure getting to know each of your children and having you be a part of our "family" this year. If you are moving away, going to Kindergarten, or choosing a different school, the staff and I wish you the very best. Hopefully you and your child will have fond memories of their year or years at Sonshine Preschool!

Just a couple of reminders regarding the last couple of weeks of school. Tuition for May is still the full amount due even though your child will only attend for 2 weeks. Tuition is based on 33 weeks enrollment and divided evenly over 9 months enrollment regardless of the number of weeks in each month. Tuition is still due by May 8th.

Last day of class for all preschool classes will be Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Our Spring Program is Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Please have your child in their classrooms by 6:15 Your child's teachers will let you know what we want your child to wear the evening of the program.

We are continuing to register for the 2018-2019 school year. Currently, we have 3 vacancies in Preschool I M/W, 3 vacancies in Preschool I T/Th, 0 vacancies in Preschool II, 7 vacancy in Pre-K, and 0 vacancy in Afternoon Enrichment. Registration forms are available on the office door or at the preschool website www.wlchristian.com and click the preschool link.

Happy, Happy, Birthday...

May Birthdays

Noah - 3 years old
Cecilia - 4 years old
Aiden - 4 years old
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Kensleigh - 4 years old
Mikayla - 5 years old
Gabi - 5 years old

June Birthdays

Hayoung - 3 years old
Ryan - 3 years old

July Birthdays

Wesley - 3 years old
Kinley - 4 years old
Faith - 4 years old
Lillian - 5 years old
Madi - 6 years old
Aniyah - 6 years old

Summer Sonshine Vacation Bible School Day Camp

Summer Sonshine VBS Day Camp **Shipwrecked** will be held July 9-13, 2018 here at WLCC from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Camp is open to any child who will be **entering Kindergarten** through 7th grade in the Fall. Registration forms can be found at www.wlchristian.com and click on the Summer Sonshine link. Summer Sonshine features Bible lessons, arts and crafts, recreation, music, carnival, "messy day", service project day, and a program on Friday night to end the week. Registration forms are available online at www.wlchristian.com.

Our teachers are the best! I would like to thank each of our teachers this year for an awesome school year!! We will sadly say good-bye to Mrs. Bishopp and Mrs. Maddox at the end of our school year. Mrs. Bishopp will be traveling more with her husband next year, and Mrs. Maddox recently accepted a teaching position with Klondike Elementary School teaching Kindergarten. Both of these ladies have been excellent, and we thank God that He placed them in our school to teach your children. We wish the very best for both of them!

Currently, the other teachers have all indicated that they will return next school year. Mrs. Houser will remain in Preschool I, Mrs. Northacker will remain in Preschool II, Mrs. DiGregorio, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Taylor will remain in PreK. If the PreK enrollment numbers remain lower than 18, Mrs. Smith will move to Preschool II next Fall.

Prospective teaching candidates will be interview during the summer months and all teachers in place before August 1, 2018.

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Don't forget to register for this awesome enrichment program offered June 4-8, 2018 and June 11-15, 2018 from 9:00-12:00. Mrs. Houser (most likely), Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Bishopp will be the teachers for the week. **It is being offered to any child who has completed Preschool II (age 4 or turning 4 in June or July) or Pre-Kindergarten at Sonshine Preschool this year.** Activities that have been offered in the past include: arts/crafts, science experiments, water exploration, nature walks, messy day, silly day, music day, story time, cooking, outside play, and much, much more! There will be a daily snack provided by the teachers.

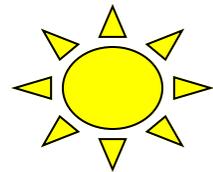
We have a minimum requirement of 10 children with a maximum of 18. If there are not enough children enrolled, the enrichment camp will be canceled with the registration fee refunded. Registration will begin on Monday, April 30, 2018 with registration closing on May 9, 2018.

The registration fee is \$25.00 and the tuition rate is \$45.00 for the week. Please pay the tuition on or before the Monday of enrichment camp. Payment forms accepted include checks, cashier's checks, and money orders. **No cash payments** accepted during for the summer enrichment week.

Special Thank You to you...

A special thank you this year to our preschool office volunteers: Stacey Gaines, Luke Woodworth, Jihae Choi, Song Kim, —preschool parents Tammy Fodrea, Janet Page, and Nancy Dilling – WLCC church members Hyun Jin Cho- volunteer

Sonshine Preschool 2018-2019...



If you have any friends or acquaintances that are looking for a preschool next year, please feel free to pass on our information and our website info (www.wlchristian.com).

Any referrals that you can give will be greatly appreciated!



Tuition Amounts for 2018-2019

Tuition amounts for Sonshine Preschool this year are:

- 2 days per week- \$107.00 monthly
- 3 days per week- \$136.00 monthly
- 4 days per week- \$168.00 monthly
- Afternoon Enrichment- \$136.00 monthly

Supply Fee of \$50.00 will be due with your September tuition payment in the Fall. If your child is enrolled in the Afternoon Enrichment class, you will pay a supply fee for the morning class as well as the Afternoon Enrichment class.

If you have more than one child, you may pay the supply fee in 2 payments.

Aloha!

You are cordially
invited to the
Sonshine Preschool
"Hawaiian Beach Party"
Spring Program on
Thursday, May 3, 2018
at 6:30 p.m.

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🌴 Please have your child wear beach type 🌴
🌴 clothing: sandals, tank tops, shorts, or skirts 🌴
🌴 the night of our program. Ask your child's 🌴
🌴 teachers if there is anything else specific 🌴
🌴 needed for their outfit . The classroom 🌴
🌴 teachers will have the children's white t-shirt 🌴
🌴 that you sent in. 🌴

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Preschool I

As April continues to think it is January, we are hopeful that May will bring in warmer weather so we may continue our learning outside. The first week of April was very interesting and a very fun learning experience for us teachers. We went to the Indiana Early Childhood conference. We learned about Conscious Discipline which is nurturing Helpfulness while embedding meaningful jobs as well as helping the children be more self-aware and help them by teaching the basics of what the child needs for that age. We learned new classroom strategies to help keep the children learning at every moment. We learn that sometimes-Saying Good Job, could be thought to be a judgment word, so we went through a class to help us help the children feel embraced and proud of the work they do, by using just a few more words. We never know what is going through a young child's mind, but these new tools have opened up our eyes as teachers that we need to support their individual and unique assets and help them realize they can do anything that they put their mind to.



Down by the Ocean Preschool I played, with the fish and shrimp and crabs all day. We learned about different ocean animals, through dramatic play and arts. With our new and improved center exploration schedule we can focus on a general activity while the children can be self-regulating. This allows the



children to feel trusted and empowered that the teachers don't have to be everywhere at every moment. We do still have our eyes on the children all times, but they can play and converse with their peers without feeling like the teacher is hovering. We worked on the number nine at our math table. We counted and graphed colorful gold fish. We read the book: **The Pout-Pout Fish** by Deborah Diesen. We actually read this book all week as our primary book, the kids loved reading the Glub.. Glubb.. Glubbb, part! The children have time to look at books,

make their own or ask us to come read with them during our centers time when they are at the literacy center. We felt comfortable reading one book to the children for the whole week. For our arts and sensory tables, we made puffer fish with a fork and paint as well as a fish in a fish tank that will be broadcasted at the Spring program for all of you to see.

Oh where oh where has SPRING gone to, oh where oh where can she be??? I have no idea where spring has gone but it sure hasn't shown up yet, however we did talk about Spring in our third week of April. We went to meteorology school to become meteorologist, in our dramatic play center. We build log cabins with Lincoln logs as well as colored flowers with the number nine at the math table. For literacy we colored our own gardening book and read many stories about Spring some were: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by: Eric Carle, *In the Tall, Tall Grass* and *In the Small, Small Pond* by: Denise Fleming. We created art wind streamers for outside when the spring season does come around.

We took a trip to the zoo this week in our dramatic lay center. We learned what it takes to take care of the zoo animals. We



feed them, cleaned them, gave them much love and kept them healthy with regular check-ups. We read and colored our very own zoo animal booklet to take home can learn more about the zoo animals. We counted zoo animals and matched them with the correct number.

Important Dates:

May 3rd Spring Program (@ school by 615)

May 9th Last Day for M/W class

May 10th Last Day for T/Th class

May 11th Summer Break

May is going to be an exciting month. We will be having a lot of fun with lots of outdoor messy activities including throwing paint, slapping paint, mud pie making and many gross motor games. If any parents would like to hang out with us for these activities, please feel free to come and join us for all this summer fun.



Love,
Mrs. Houser and Mrs. Maddox

Preschool II

Although April was reluctant to show its best side temperature wise, PreSchool II still managed to have fun with all sorts of wild and crazy activities that helped celebrate all the new beginnings in nature all around us!

The class is winding down on featuring all the letters of the alphabet this month. Starting with letter V in April, we will soon be on letter Z. At the beginning of each week, we introduce the letter on the alphabet/phonics board along with a booklet filled with photos of people, places or things that start with the letter being introduced.

The theme for the first week of the month was vehicles. There were activities using the shapes of cars, trucks and other means of transportation and the children were able to use fun art supplies like bingo markers and paint to decorate their papers. They also colored wooden vehicles, made flower vases, hot air balloons and made very beautiful travel scrapbooks (family vacation photos). Of course, going on the CityBus ride field trip was the perfect way to experience a vehicle all the children love. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the total experience, even though we didn't get to go through the bus wash this particular day. Dramatic corner was set up as a car wash and it was a popular spot as the children drove their trucks through. Books read that week included "Speedy Little Race Cars", "Get To Work Trucks", "Roaring Rockets" and "Boats, Boats, Boats".

The letter W was a perfect starting point for so many different ways to experience that letter. The children walked barefoot in striped colors of paint for a Walk on the Rainbow, Watercolor and plastic wrap painting, and many different science related activities based on water. Mr. Bishopp came to share some hands on science activities on water and substances that might or might not dissolve, or float or sink. We learned that sodium chloride (salt) dissolves; sand sinks; rocks are heavier than water and they didn't dissolve but pushed the water level higher; oil floats and doesn't dissolve but dish soap breaks up the oil; sugar sinks first, then dissolves; a small plastic water bottle sinks when full, but floats when empty; and packing peanuts float at first, but eventually absorbs the water and sinks,(maybe even dissolve over time?)

The dramatic play area was set up as a beach in Hawaii as the children relaxed on a blow up raft, played with shells and rocks in the buckets and stretched out on some beach chairs with the large stuffed animal friends. This week finished the "question of the day" at arrival with the challenge. This experience will be part of the daily routine in PreK so this introduction should help with the transition in the fall. The children finished painting their spring program shirts and those turned out really nice to give them a festive look for their performance.

The last two weeks of April took a different approach to the classroom as we provided an outdoor classroom experience for the children. After a brief morning community time, we met in the sanctuary for our practice for the spring program with the other two classes. Since, our program has a Hawaii beach theme, we went with more of a focus on island living in the middle of the ocean. The children have been learning about whales, sharks, volcanoes and islands. Each child was able to make his or her own island to bring home. After practice, we would return to the room for snack before going outside. First we played on the playground and as the temperatures got warmer, we started taking out more activities for digging and truck play in the gravel. Then we walked over to the outdoor classroom which had many different activities to choose from. Window washing with the squeegees, bubble blowing, painting at the easel, hammering a log, chalk paint, sidewalk chalk, riding the scooter seats safely on the Big X track drawn on the asphalt, finding treasures in the sand box, learning how to play Chinese jump rope were some of the activities the children could experience as many times as they wanted to. The class completed their starfish craft that will be displayed at the Spring Program and will be finishing up making their lei necklaces for that also. We will continue spending most of our classroom time outdoors as long as the weather permits.

The children are very excited about the upcoming Spring Program to share with their families. We have a lot of action in our songs so be ready for an interesting presentation! The program starts promptly **on Thursday, May 3rd. At 6:30 PM**

The children need to be in our classroom by 6:15PM so that we can help them with their costumes.

Our end of year classroom family party is on Wednesday, May 9th from 10:30AM to Noon at the shelter and basketball court at the school. Our theme is Spring into Summer End of Year Celebration and also sadly, a chance to say our goodbyes to Mrs., Bishopp. She is pursuing a different direction in her life in the fall. A sign up is posted outside our classroom door for opportunities to contribute in some way as a volunteer or with donations.

This has been a fantastic year working with your children and with you, the parents. We have been blessed with supportive parents who want what is best for their children. It has been a sheer joy to come to work every morning this year. Thank you so much for all that you have done as we know life is busy, but your children have always come first.

Have a wonderful and safe summer vacation and best wishes to those of you are moving on to new places in the fall.

Mrs. Northacker and Mrs. Bishopp.

Pre-Kindergarten

Wow...we are almost finished with our school year!! The time has really flown by this year and have loved getting to know each of your families this year. Your children will do great next year in whatever school setting you are choosing for them!!

In the month of April, we started the month with Parent and Teacher Conferences. We thank each of you who were able to attend. Please know that if you had any concerns regarding the evaluation forms to not hesitate in asking us for clarification. The children learned about the letter Ww with weather, wind, water, and Wacky Wednesday! The children also explored the gadget wall, working in the kitchen, working with tools, simulated rain with water, shaving cream, and liquid water color, science experiment with hot and cold water, explored conditioner mixed with corn starch, painted our surf boards for our Spring Program, predictions on what things would fly in wind and what would not, and WACKY WEDNESDAY!

X marks the spot for the third week of April! We learned a lot about x-rays using out light table, our bones inside our bodies, created "x"cellent art with magnetic wands, marbles and paint, used tape to create an X and then painted the entire paper with paint to reveal the letter X after the tape was pulled off, explored xylophones, used dice to help us find out way, created tissue paper flowers for our program, found 3 different sizes of X's in clean mud (ask Mrs. Taylor for the recipe as the kids LOVED it!), made x-rays of our hands with paint in spray bottles, created our own skeleton with q-tips, and went on a hunt for clues to help us find X marks the spot! Your children have really been doing a great job practicing their songs for the upcoming school program with lots of words and motions. It promises to be an epic, cowabunga, Gnarly performance next week!!

Our last week of April focused on the letter Yy and yearbook. The children created several pages to create their own class yearbook for 2017-2018. They practiced using scissors, gluesticks, markers, crayons, thought about their favorite memory of PreK, and more. We practiced our songs for our program a lot this week so did not plan as many activities. It has been an AWESOME year with your child. Thank you so much for sharing your child with us this school year!!!!

In May, we will focus on letter Zz (we finally made it through the alphabet!) with Zany, Zig Zag Zoo as well as practicing for the program on Thursday, May 3, 2018. During the last week of May, we will have a family celebration day on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 beginning at 10:00-10:30 for our classroom awards followed by a fun, family event outside! For the fun, family event, please wear clothing that you could get messy in...you never know WHAT will be planned for this day! We are also asking that each child brings 1 labeled tube of tooth-paste, a labeled 2-liter bottle of dark colored soda, and a t-shirt that you won't mind it getting messy.

We have been honored to teach your children this year! Thank you for sharing them with us!

Mrs. DiGregorio, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Taylor

Sonshine Preschool

Pre-Kindergarten Families

Are cordially invited to

Pre-K Graduation

On

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

At

6:30 p.m.

Refreshments served

following the graduation



Afternoon Enrichment

We had so much fun learning in Afternoon Enrichment this month! We loved exploring the theme of vehicles during the second week of April! The children explore velocity with cars and ramps of different sizes and heights, sorted vehicles by size, doing a listening scavenger hunt outside to listen for different vehicle sounds with cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, and more. Since the weather was so nice, we changed our lesson plans for one day and played outside instead.

Letter Ww was a wonderfully fun week learning about water! We learned about water, frozen water, rain, and bodies of water like the oceans, ponds, rivers, and streams. Favorite learning activities included exploring ice with polar animals frozen inside, science experiments with colored ice and salt, exploration and graphing animals found in a pond, and found out that the ocean covers more of the Earth than land. We also made a human letter Ww with our friends by laying on the floor in diagonal lines. Great teamwork by all of the kids!!

X marks the spot as we learned about maps, pirates, and treasure at the letter X! The children created their own Xx book to take home, played a game with the letter X, searched for the letter X by following a map with pirate clues, followed a different map that helped us find a surprise snack at the Celery Bog (Thank you parents who joined us on our adventure!),. We were also visited by artist Liz Rainey who showed us how to paint using an x-ray image, painted our own x-ray bones, created a how many bags of gold booklet, and played a treasure map game.

In May, we will learn about the letters Yy and Zz in the afternoon. Yy week will be yucky fun and Zz week will focus on zoo animals. We will also celebrate the last day of school in a zany fashion with lots of fun and games outside as well as a special afternoon snack! Please send sunscreen with your child if he or she will need some during the last two weeks of school as most of our learning may take place outside.

Thank you for letting us spend the year with your child! They have been a true blessing to each of us!

Mrs. Bishopp, Mrs. Houser, Mrs. Maddox, and Mrs. Smith