



Funshine Children's Center

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Infant Newsletter

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe its November already! We hope that you enjoy the colorful leaves, apple cider, hayrides, nature walks and the wonderful scents of the Holidays. Family and friends share in our Thanksgiving for all the blessings in our lives especially these precious little babies!

Our Waddler room has Olivia, who will celebrate her 1st birthday on the 21st! Happy Birthday, Olivia! Madeline will celebrate her 1st birthday on the 18th! Happy Birthday Madeline! Madeline is beginning to master her walking skills! She does great one handed! She loves books and reading so much she "told" me she's asking her Dad to build her a library for her birthday! Olivia loves to read books, too. She loves the moving sequins books and the touch and feel books with the cats and the dog. She also loves unicorns and I hear she's going to have a fun unicorn party for her birthday! Quinn loves pushing buttons on the light up toys and our singing and mat play! She can find an adventure anywhere!

Ayaan is such a sweet, happy boy! He has lots of smiles and loves the activity

blocks and reading books with his friends!

Please be sure Waddlers have soft shoes (Robeez style are great as they begin to pull up and walk) they're great for winter, too! Also they all need a hooded jacket or hat in their tubs. It's also a great time to update their tubs for size and seasonable clothes.

We welcomed baby Hayden and his family to our Funshine family. He's 11 weeks and such a sweet baby! He smiles a lot and likes floor and mirror play, but is not a fan of tummy time yet!

Nina entertains us with her musical talent and her great story telling! She loves to sing along to our fun CD's and tells a lot of stories to Lilah when they're sitting in the bumbos together! She's rolling over on the mats and will do tummy time with Lilah in front of the mirror. Lilah is rolling and beginning to scoot around! Her twin brother Amos likes to have floor time on our mats but not a fan off tummy time. They like bouncing in the saucers and Amos is also a story teller! They smile and love to hold hands! Santiago loves to jump and bounce in the saucers. He crawls and scoots and has just mastered waving "Hi and Bye" and playing pat a cake!

Owen is scooting, loves to jump and play. He has giggles that will make you

laugh and loves to find himself in the mirror!

Marty is crawling, sitting, rolling, always on the move! He loves the ring and ring stackers and rolling balls and trucks to Santiago!

Sophia is so sweet! She loves cuddles, books, jumping in the saucers and rolls and scoots during floor play!

We love these babies and your families so much! Thank you all for giving us the blessing to care for them as they grow their 1st year!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Donna, Ms. Rosana, Ms. Shelly, and Ms. Jacklynne



2018 Holiday Closings

Please note our holiday closings for the 2018 year:

- *Thursday November 22nd – Thanksgiving
- * Friday November 23rd : Hours 8:00 – 4:00
- *Monday December 24th – Christmas Eve
- * Tuesday December 25th - Christmas

Introducing Technology to Children

During the preschool years, young children are developing a sense of initiative and creativity. They are curious about the world around them and about learning. They are exploring their ability to create and communicate using a variety of media (crayons, felt-tip markers, paints and other art materials, blocks, dramatic play materials, miniature life figures) and through creative movement, singing, dancing, and using their bodies to represent ideas and experiences. Digital technologies provide one more outlet for them to demonstrate their creativity and learning

In our Sr. Pre-K and Pre-K programs we have been happy to have computers as part of our curriculum, however with tablet use becoming more prevalent in elementary schools, we will be moving toward introducing tablets. Here are some of the things children learn when they use tablets at Funshine:

- to be comfortable with technology
- beginning reading and writing skills
- math skills and concepts such as counting and numerical relationships
- how to express themselves creatively
- how to solve problems and begin to do research

We encourage children to work at the technology centers in pairs or small groups. This helps them learn from each other and develops their

social skills at the same time.

By working with children in these ways, we not only encourage their growth and development but also help prepare them for a future in which they will need to know how to work with technology at home and at school. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends using the following guidelines for at home, and at school

Important Dates:

- 4th – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 9th – Drive in Movie Night & Pajama Day!
- 14th – Indy Parks & Recreation Visit
- 15th – Thanksgiving Feast
- 22nd – Happy Thanksgiving (Funshine Closed)
- 23rd – Funshine Open 8am-4pm

Teacher Appreciation Board

Take a star from our teacher appreciation board and write a special comment for your child's teacher. Place the star on the board to show your appreciation for all the ways they make a difference in your child life.

Parent Surveys

We will be handing out parent surveys this month. We use feedback from these surveys to evaluate what we can change/improve upon, or keep the same. We are looking to have all surveys back by Friday, November 23rd. Thank you all in advance for your participation

Children's Thanksgiving Feast

On Thursday, November 15th we will hold a special Thanksgiving Feast for the children and will have our lunch together in our "gym." Children will be eating on placemats they created and at tables decorated with their lovely hand-made centerpieces! We are thankful for the blessings of teaching your wonderful children and caring for them; Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Drive-in Movie Night

On Friday, November 9th we invite you to join us for a fun night of popcorn and a movie projected in the gym! To add to the fun, we ask families to help their child create a "car" out of a box that the children can sit in and enjoy their movie like a real drive-in!

American Academy of Pediatrics Media Use Guidelines for Young Children

Age	Description	Media Use Guidelines
Younger than 2	Children younger than 2 learn and grow when they explore the physical world around them. Their minds learn best when they interact and play with parents, siblings, caregivers, and other children and adults.	For children younger than 2, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media use should be very limited and only when an adult is standing by to co-view, talk, and teach. For example, video-chatting with family along with parents.
	Children younger than 2 have a hard time understanding what they see on screen media and how it relates to the world around them. However, children 15 to 18 months of age can learn from high-quality educational media, IF their parents play or view with them and reteach the lessons.	For children 18 to 24 months, if you want to introduce digital media, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose high-quality programming. • Use media together with your child. • Avoid solo media use.