



# Funshine Children's Center

NOVEMBER 2018

## Pre-K Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for providing the delicious treats we had for our Halloween Party! The children had a fantastic day!

We are excited about another month that is filled with great themes and fun activities like learning to set the table for meals, learning about crops being harvested, making place mats for a feast and that's just a few of the activities. The following themes are for November: Mother Goose, Manners Week, Harvest Week, Thanksgiving Week, and The Woods Week.

We will continue our letter of the week as well as homework assignments 2-3 times out of the week. Just a reminder, if possible, please make sure your child arrives by 9:30 am each morning to ensure they're able to participate in circle time and receive instructions for daily activities.

With the weather beginning to change, please make sure your child

has a complete change of clothing in his or her cubby.

### Thanksgiving Feast

On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Thanksgiving feast at 12 noon. This is a time when all of our Funshine classes come together in the gym are a for a lunch feast! This is a fun and yummy activity with the children and teachers.

At this time Ms. Keely and I would like to wish all of our Pre-K families a very special Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a great month of November!

Mr. DeWayne & Ms. Keely

### Important Dates:

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



### Children's Thanksgiving Feast

On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 2018 Holiday Closings

Please note our holiday closings for the 2018 year:

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

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you all in advance for your participation

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.	<p><b>For children younger than 2,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
	<p>Children younger than 2 have a hard time understanding what they see on screen media and how it relates to the world around them.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>For children 18 to 24 months, if you want to introduce digital media,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose high-quality programming.</li> <li>• Use media together with your child.</li> <li>• Avoid solo media use.</li> </ul>
2 to 5 years of age	<p>At 2 years of age, many children can understand and learn words from live video-chatting. Young children can listen to or join a conversation with their parents.</p> <p>Children 3 to 5 years of age have more mature minds, so a well-designed educational program such as Sesame Street (in moderation) can help children learn social, language, and reading skills.</p>	<p><b>For children 2 to 5 years of age,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit screen use to no more than 1 hour per day.</li> <li>• Find other activities for your children to do that are healthy for their bodies and minds.</li> <li>• Choose media that is interactive, non-violent, educational, and prosocial.</li> <li>• Co-view or co-play with your children.</li> </ul>