



SONSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MAY 2016

Can you believe that it is May already? That school is almost over for the year? It seems like only yesterday that Sonshine Pre-school 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 and Play Time classes will be Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Our Spring Program is Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Please have your child in their classrooms by 6:15 Your child's classroom teachers will either email or send a written note on what they want your child to wear the evening of the program.

We are continuing to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Currently, we have 9 vacancies in Preschool I M/W, 7 vacancies in Preschool I T/Th, 4 vacancies in Preschool II, 7 vacancies in Pre-K, and 5 vacancies 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

Lillian Gaines- 3 years old
Ashley Haan- 4 years old
Sofia DiGregorio- 5 years old
Evelyn Gaines- 5 years old

June Birthdays

July Birthdays

Eli Reed- 4 years old
Adaline Mellady- 5 years old
Nate Pell- 5 years old
Kate Wilson- 5 years old



Summer Sonshine Vacation Bible School Day Camp

Summer Sonshine VBS Day Camp **Cave Quest** will be held July 11-15, 2016 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.

Special Thank You to you...

A special thank you this year to our preschool office volunteers:

Stacey Gaines, Sarah Wilcox, Song Kim, Yeonjoo

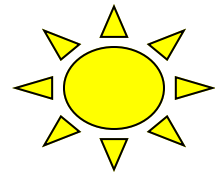
Noh—preschool parents

Tammy Fodrea, Janet Page, Margie Windle, Linda Fry,

Angie Szymanski— WLCC church members

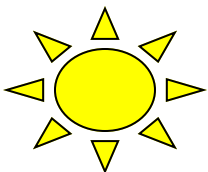
Wanda Ledman— Scholastic books coordinator and grandparent of Sonshine Preschool student

Sonshine Preschool 2016-2017...



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 2016-2017

Tuition amounts for Sonshine Preschool this year are:

2 days per week- \$101.00 monthly

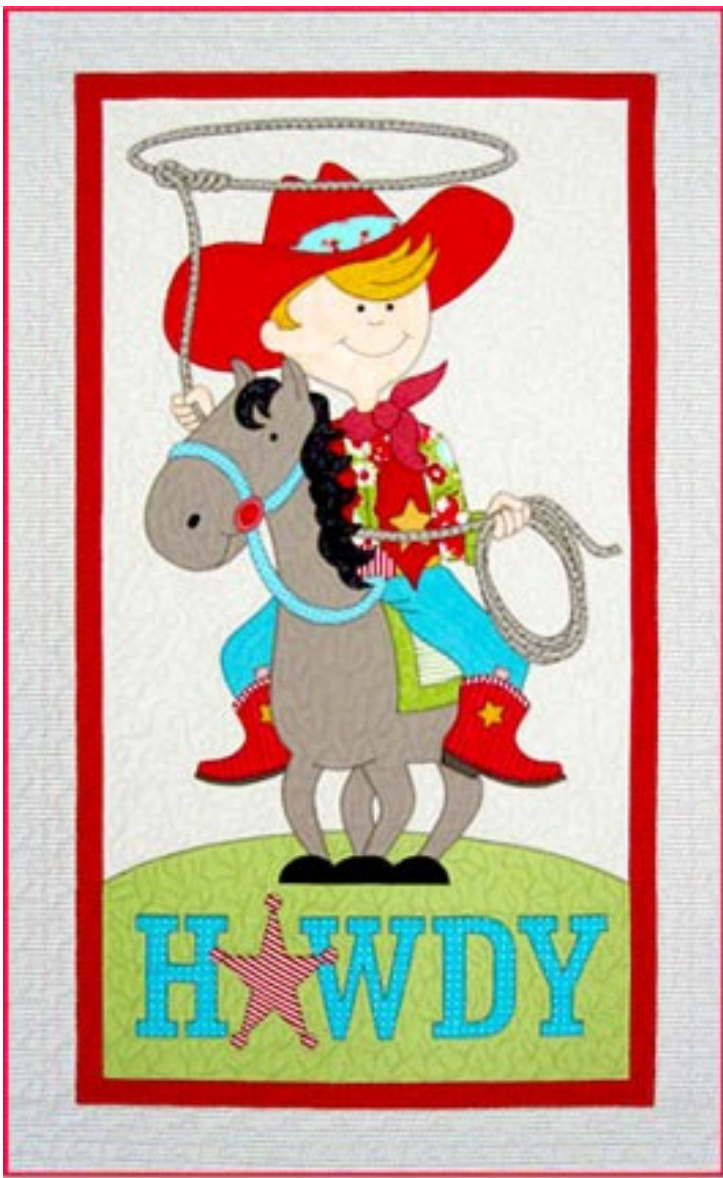
3 days per week- \$129.00 monthly

4 days per week- \$159.00 monthly

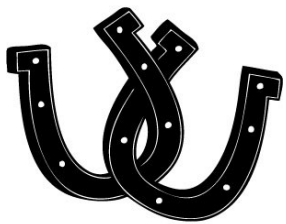
Afternoon Enrichment- \$129.00 monthly

Supply Fee of \$50.00 will be due with your September tuition payment in the Fall.

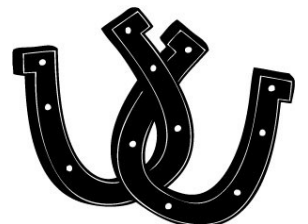
If you have more than one child, you may pay the supply fee in 2 payments.



Little Cowboy & Cowgirl



Round Up at Sonshine Corral



You are cordially
invited to the
Sonshine Preschool Spring Program on
Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Please have your child wear the following color
shirt for our program:

Preschool I- **Red shirt**, jeans, and boots

Preschool II- White shirt, jeans, and boots

PreKindergarten- **Blue Shirt**, jeans, and boots

**If your child does not have boots, any shoes will
do...please do not go out a buy a pair of cowboy
boots for the program.



Preschool I

April showers have come and gone! Where does the time go? In just a few short weeks our Preschool 1 class will be graduates and moving on to Preschool 2. Mrs. Cho and I want to thank all of our parents for everything. You greeted us with open arms and haven't looked back. We are so proud of all the children and all the hard work they put into an awesome year.

The first week of April sure did come in like a lion. We had conferences, which we are so grateful for all the kind words you had to say about myself and Mrs. Cho, as well as the conferences the teachers had out in Indianapolis. We personally want to thank you for allowing the flexibility for us to go. We learned so much as well as got to bond with our co-teachers. We went to many workshops, including Social and Emotional ones, Preserving the Home Language. We also learned how to teach more through play than worksheets (why we don't have many anymore). It was an amazing experience, Thank you.

Ants, Bee, Butterflies, Grasshoppers, Slugs and Worms are just a few of the bugs we hunted during our insect week. We learned how to bug hunt from the book Bug Hunt by: Neecey Twinem and from The Tall Tall Grass by: Denise Fleming. Let us tell you this was so cool to see the children digging in to dirt, pulling the bark off trees, and trying to lift rocks to find any bug they could. Everyone got their hands dirty. It went really well, we even had an escape from one of the bugs that sent a couple of the children running. It was fun and cute. We also searched for nature items to put in our sensory table as well as real bugs that we found. (Which were later released.) We loved this idea, because the children all came together and created their own area to play in during class time. We painted with bugs(fake), and made butterflies that are proudly displayed on our bulletin board. We did some camping out at our research tent learning how to catch bugs with nets. This was a very cool lesson plan; the kids have never played so hard.

SAVE THE EARTH! This week was just as fun as well as messy. We dabbled into weather and did a little celebrating for Earth Day. We learned about the importance of keeping our Earth safe and clean. For weather we read Rain and Wind by: Marion Dane Bauer as well as looked at a book of Clouds. We learned how clouds gather dust and moisture to create rain by using blue water and cotton balls, they loved this. The cotton balls would sit on top of the water till, they got full and sank. We also used water and shaving cream with dripping water colors on them which later went through the shaving cream into the water and mixed the colors together. We cleaned up our Earth by making an art with left over project pieces instead of throwing them away We also went outside and cleaned up the trash by our playground. The children were so proud of themselves. Saving the best for last we got to paint with our feet!!! This was very interesting, only a handful of children did this, most did not want their feet to get dirty.

The last week of April has been busy! We started practicing for our Spring program on May 5th at 6:30 pm and we are learning about the ocean. We made under the sea sensory bag, as well as ocean life stamping art. Our sensory table is full of water and shells, and boy oh boy do the kids love to play in the water. We have been working our finger muscles by playing with playdough and making shell imprints in it. We also have been deep sea diving in our dramatic play area, in our under water theme. We are swimming with dolphins, sharks, stingrays, and sea turtles. Favorite books this week were Oceans by Susan Canizares, Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae, Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, and Fish Wish by Bob Barner.

Please have your children wear clothes you do not like or ones that they may get dirty or wet as well as a change of clothes or two. The first week of May will be our summer yucky fun. We will paint with spaghetti noodles by throwing them with paint on them. We might also have a water balloon fight as well as make mud pies, and paint with eggs filled with paint.

Mrs. Cho and Mrs. Houser

Preschool II

April has gone by so fast but it was fun while it last. The first week we had parent teacher conferences and they all went so well. We are so proud of how much your children have grown and accomplished this year. It's been a fun filled year and we are sad to see it ending. Our themes this month were Vehicles for the letter V, water/wild west for the letter W, and X- marks the spot for the letter X.

The second week of April we talked about the letter V and did some exciting activities and read some good books. The books we read were: What's Under Your Hood Orson? First Discovery Cars & Trucks, The Little Engine That Could, and The Diggers. Our activities were: we painted with Velcro strips onto construction paper, cut out the letter V and put vehicle stickers on it, and we went on a hunt to find alphabet letters around the school. We also made hot air balloons that are hanging up in the classroom. Made a vase with flowers using the letter v and painted the flowers using our fingerprints. The items that were in the number jar this week were: 20 vegetables, 18 volcanos, 16 Velcro strips, and 17 vans.

The third week we talked about the letter W and worked on decorations for our program. We read the books: My "W" Book, Wacky Wednesday, and Mrs. Wishy- Washy's Farm. Some of the activities we enjoyed were: painting the letter W with watercolor paints, made Cowboy hat headbands, Made cowboy, cowgirls out of paper plates. We also played with plastic worms in water with tweezers. The favorite day was Wacky Wednesday. The children really enjoyed coming in dressed all wacky. They had so much fun singing our goodbye song in the morning and our good morning song when we dismissed. The loved eating the wacky homemade waffles. Yummy!!! We made a watermelon out of the letter W. They also loved playing the number slap game using numbers 1-20 and a slap flyswatter. The items in our number jar were: 18 watermelon, 14 watches, 16 worms, and 10 waffles.

The last week we are talking about the letter X and practicing for our spring program. The books we are reading this week are: ABC, Alphabet Rescue, Mix it Up, and Human Body. Some of our activities are painting the letter X with rollers. Also looking at x-rays on the light table. Playing with musical instruments and mixing water colors to create new colors. The children are doing very well preparing for our spring program. Our program will be Thursday May 5th please have your child in class by 6:15 and they need to wear a white shirt and blue jeans. Thank you!

Next month we will be talking about the letters Y and Z. Our themes will be Yucky Fun and The Zoo. On our last day of school which is the 12th of May we will be having a family fun day. You are invited to come and spend the day with your child and having a fun filled day. Please bring a snack for you and your child to enjoy at the picnic tables. We will also be doing messy activities so come prepared to have fun. We will have more information to come.

Thank you for allowing us to teach your children this year. It has been an amazing year and we are sad to see everyone leave our class!

Mrs. Kendall & Ms. Tajon

Children
are
A
♥ gift
FROM THE
Lord;
THEY are
A
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

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 and understand that some work schedules do not allow to meet. Please know that if you had any concerns regarding the evaluation forms to not hesitate in asking either of us for clarification. The children also learned about the letter Vv with measuring volume, length, circumference, distance, weighing and more. Lots and lots of science activities happened this week with mixing ingredients, pouring ingredients, using scales to find out which object weighed more or worked on balancing different objects, planted seeds in clear cups to watch our seeds grow over time, and went on a nature hunt to find natural items to measure and weigh. We painted with vegetables, used marshmallows and toothpicks to build structures, created a vine and cut leaves for our vines, and created our own vase for flowers. Outside, we used balloons to "pop" marshmallows to see how far it would travel, squirted water to see whose went the farthest/shortest/widest, and explored our playground with the warmer temperatures.

The second week of April was all about weather and the letter Ww. We created spiral wind crafts with paper plates and scissors, made a sundial to help tell time, looked at a tornado in a bottle, explored fake snow to help represent winter weather, and blew air through straws to blow paint into different directions. The children learned about the water cycle with colored water and cotton balls, a water cycle in a baggie, tried making a rainbow with a flashlight and mirrors, and created a cowboy/cowgirl prop for our upcoming program. We also practiced writing the letter Ww's, had a Wacky Wednesday with our room looking, well...WACKY!! We wound yarn around table legs, did all of our daily songs and routines backwards, walked backwards, and much, much more.

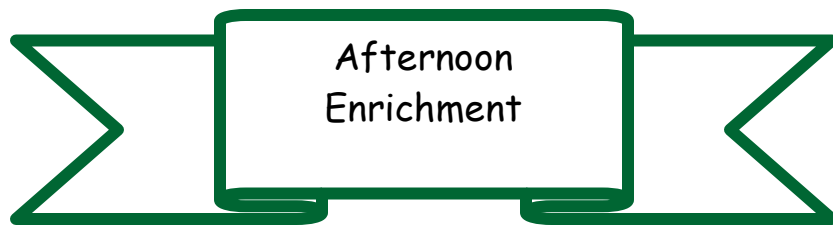
X marks the spot for the last week of April! The children really enjoyed looking at maps of cities, states, the United States of America, and the globe as well as tracing roads with markers to show how to get from one place to another. Ask your child to make the letter Xx with their bodies sometime...they are very creative with this. We have also learned the word diagonal as we discuss how to write the letter Xx (top diagonal down stop; top diagonal down stop; middle diagonal down stop, middle diagonal down stop). The words and actions also to help reinforce directional words such as top, bottom, middle. We also created several art projects that will be on display the night of our program. Your children have really been doing a great job practicing their songs with lots of words and motions. It promises to be a Yippie-Kai-Yea performance next week!!

Sonshine Preschool

Pre-Kindergarten Families
Are cordially invited to
Pre-K Graduation

On
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
At
6:30 p.m.

Refreshments served
following the graduation



April has been a blast and has gone by so fast. We had so much fun playing with everyone. We are sad to see it end. We talked about the letters V, W, X and our themes were vehicles, water and x marks the spot/ human body.

The first week we did not have class. Everyone got to spend time with mom's and Dads.

The second week we talked about the letter V. The books we read were: Alphabet Trucks, Busy Boats. We went on a scavenger hunt outside to see what vehicles we could find. We also helped put the bikes away downstairs and made boats out of a pool noodle, straws and a triangle.

The Third week we talked about the letter W. The books we read were: What time is it Mr. Wolf? There's a Wocket in my Pocket, and Itsy Bitsy Spider. The children enjoyed blowing watercolor paint with a straw onto construction paper. They also colored the letter W's by size. They also got to make a spider web using the letter W and yarn and a plastic spider ring.

The last week we are talking about the letter X. The books we read were: Fox in Socks, Our bones, and Our own bodies. We played Tic-Tac-Toe with our friends. We made a skeleton body using Q- tips. We also sorted pictures by if they started with x or had an x in the picture.

Next month we will talking about the letters Y and Z and our themes will be yucky fun and the zoo. We are planning to have a lot of fun next month so please be looking for more information to come in their cubbies.

Thank you for sharing your children with Sonshine Preschool

Mrs. Kendall & Mrs. Houser