

Sudbury Extended Day ~ Kindergarten Newsletter ~ October ~ 2016

The children are becoming accustomed to our routines and learning experiences. We are so enjoying working with each student. We are certainly becoming an SED Family here at the Kindergarten Center! Our next themes will be Trees and Leaves and fun Halloween projects and events!

Center Time

The Science Center changes frequently based on our themes. The Tree and Leaf Center will display many nature artifacts.

The students enjoy their time outside! Students are increasing/strengthening their gross motor skills as they use the various structures, play in the sandbox and take part in various running and movement games.

When students arrive inside, they have the opportunity to explore the classroom or spend time downstairs. We have many centers/activities set up each day. Students can take part in art or sensory projects, board games, free art creations or travel to the various centers and pursue their own interests.

Downstairs is very popular. It is great to see students in the Building Area taking part in various building opportunities. It is amazing what they construct using the Magna Tiles, blocks or Legos. The Drama Area next door is a place to view the children taking care of the babies and doing a lot of pretend cooking! The children are very busy and appear to be happy as they engage in activities that interest them.

Open Circle

This month the children will begin our Open Circle curriculum. This curriculum is a social competency program that supports children in developing social and emotional skills needed to form healthy and positive relationships with people throughout their lives. The children will be introduced to various social building skills and concepts via discussions, children's books, poetry, songs and sharing lessons.

Zero the Hero

Zero the Hero (a special stuffed creature) makes counting the days of school a real adventure! We celebrate each tenth day of school using the stuffed creature and participating in many fun math activities such as counting, graphing, estimating, sorting and classifying. On the 100th day of school, we will have a HUGE celebration!

Voting/Election

At the end of October, the students will be voting on some fun topics such as children's books and animals. We offer a child friendly overview of the election process and show who the presidential candidates are. We do not go into preferences and stress that voting is a personal choice.

“An afternoon in the life of your Kindergartner” event at the SED Kindergarten November 2nd ~ (4:30-6:00) *Mark you calendars*

Please join us to take part in some activities guided by your child/children and have some treats. It is an annual event to honor the importance of Afterschool Programs. More details to arrive as the event gets closer!

October 14th ~ Friday

The Church will be setting up for their annual Harvest Faire...this entails church members taking out all our furniture/supplies in the classroom. All Friday students will stay at the Peter Noyes or Nixon School. (I will have a permission form for you to sign) *Thank you in advance regarding the appearance of our classroom as I work to put it back together again after the Harvest Faire!*

We cannot take space available on this day .

Early Release

Halloween Celebration

We will be celebrating Halloween with a special interactive program on October 26th (Please send in a nut free lunch.) We ask parents NOT to send their child in costume to SED.

October 31st

We will be ordering PIZZA for the children. Dinner will be one less thing you need to worry about as you arrive to take your child/children out to Trick or Treat.

Leaving for the night...

We are finding that many of our students are trying to head out the door without their parents. Once you arrive at SED, it is vitally important that your child/children exit the door with you.

Reminders

* Please check parent mailboxes and the whiteboard daily.

* Please hold your child's hand in the parking lot.

* When dropping off/picking up your child, please make sure you let a teacher know that your child is here or you are taking him or her home. A teacher must sign your child/children out on the attendance clipboard.

*Please DO NOT park in the Minister's spot.

- Please send your child to SED with comfortable outdoor clothing and safe shoes in which to play. Layers are often best for the upcoming months. Be sure to label all clothing with your child's name.

If your child is going to be absent from SED, please call the office at [978-443-5829](tel:978-443-5829). A \$25 search fee will be issued for failure to contact SED.

Smile, Rosanne and the SED Kindergarten Staff