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SONSHINE TIMES

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To my child...

Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face and laugh when I feel like crying.

Just for this morning, I will let you choose what you want to wear and smile and say how perfect it is.

Just for this morning, I'm going to step over the laundry and take you to the park to play.

Just for this morning, I will leave the dishes in the sink and let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone and keep the computer off and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.

Just for this afternoon, I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble when you scream and whine for the ice cream truck, and I will buy you one if he comes by.

Just for this afternoon, I won't worry about what you are going to be when you grow up, or second guess every decision I have made.

Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies and I won't try to fix them.

Just for this afternoon, I will take you to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.

Just for this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you.

Just for this evening, I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry.

Just for this evening, I will let you stay up late while we sit outside and count the stars.

Just for this evening, I will snuggle beside you for hours and miss my favorite television shows.

Just for this evening when I run my fingers through your hair as you pray, I will simply be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever given. I will think about the mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children, the mothers and fathers that are visiting their child's grave instead of bedroom, and mothers and fathers who are in hospital rooms watching their children suffer, and I will pray for them.

And when I kiss you goodnight, I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer. It is then, that I will thank God for you and ask Him for nothing, except one more day...

...From your parent

The SonShine Christian Preschool staff wants to wish all of you some "just for today" moments this holiday season and the whole year through! We are blessed that you share your precious children with us and we wish you all God's blessings this Christmas!
~Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Huntington, and Ms. Rishel

“The Real Night Before Christmas”

Our Christmas program will start at 7pm this Friday night. Please have your child report to their classroom at 6:45.

Looking into the sanctuary, Mrs. Dickens class is on the left, Mrs. Logan’s class is in the middle and Mrs. Waller’s class is on the right!

Enjoy :)

Baby It’s Cold Outside

We will still be playing outside even as the temperature falls. Please remember coats, mittens and hats. Sometimes we need just 5 minutes to enjoy some fresh air and run around!

Snow Ice Cream...

8 cups of snow

1 can of sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp of vanilla

mix it all up and enjoy!
YUMMY!!!!

SonShine now has business cards! Stop by our office to pick one up for yourself and/or a friend :)

When our parking lot becomes icy, you will find us outside! We ask that you please drive around and let your child out by the front door. A teacher will be there to assist your child out. We feel this is the best way to keep you and your child safe.

SNOW DAYS

We follow the Millard Public Schools for weather closings!



Dillon Michael Hayes (6/10/94 - 2/6/10) was a 15 year old student at Millard North High School who, in his own words, had a great life.

"Dillon left us far too soon and not a day goes by that we don't miss and remember him as we see the lives he's touched in his short time with us," said David Hayes, Dillon's father. "His laugh and smile will always be a fond memory."

In memory of Dillon, "Dillon's House" located on the playground of Sunshine Christian Preschool was dedicated on Sunday, October 9, 2011.

"Dillon's House is and will be a vivid reminder that the ministry to children is not only important but it can change the world around because young hearts and minds are transformed by the power and love of Jesus," said Pastor Bryan Galloway of Harvey Oaks Baptist Church, who presided over the dedication.

"Dillon's House provides a unique and important part of our preschool morning where children can work out the important issues of their daily lives through play," said Mrs. Carey, director of Sunshine Christian Preschool.

December Calendar...

December 16: Jam and Toast for MWF

**December 16: Christmas Program
for M/W/F and 5-Day
7:00pm-8:00pm**

**December 22-January 4: Christmas
Break**

Look ahead to January...

January 5: Classes resume

January 16: No School

**January 24 and 25: PJ day for
Toddlers**

A CLASSROOM GLANCE!

TODDLER CLASSES...

"Trees do not belong inside!" we were told in no uncertain terms by one little girl several weeks ago when talk of Christmas first began. Then last week, she excitedly announced, "We have a Christmas tree!" There is nothing better than getting to spend the Christmas season in the company of young children. We get to hear all about visits to Santa, Christmas trees, playing in the first big snow, and all the other wonders from a group that could not be more excited about it all. We have had a lot of fun getting ready for Christmas in our classes with our art projects, stories and songs. The children are always excited to ring the bells while we sing "Jingle Bells" (everyone is really good at the "Hey!" part!) We are looking forward to celebrating the holiday for the rest of the December.

As we look ahead to January, we will be talking about Dinosaurs! We will be choosing some favorite books from the How Do Dinosaurs series. The Tuesday group will be making dinosaur prints, the Wednesday group will get to use thick, gooey textured paint, and on Thursday that week, we'll be painting on and taking prints from textured mats. Our color of the month for January is blue and the square is the shape we'll be focusing on, so watch for projects that include those. The week on January 23, we will be talking about bears. The children are invited to wear their pj's and bring a teddy bear or other favorite stuffed animal to spend the morning with us at school on Tuesday and Wednesday (25th and 26th) of that week. We'll sing "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" and read Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, to make our stuffed visitors feel welcome. It has certainly been a great first half of the school year and we are looking forward to a lot more fun in 2012. We hope that you and your family have a very happy, safe and fun Christmas!

2 DAY A WEEK CLASSES...

How can it be almost Christmas? It feels like we were just painting our hands like a turkey and reading about baby Moses in the basket! We had fun last week melting snow and ice skating around our classroom. Watch for our snowmen in the hall! As our families prepare for Christmas, we remember the story of Jesus' birth and how he came to save us. Thank you parents for all the support for our class this year!

M/W/F CLASSES...

The month of December is flying by! It is hard to believe that the Christmas Program is next Friday December 16th. We have practiced and so hard and can't wait for you to hear us sing!

We have had so much fun this month with our crazy hair day and making fruit salad, which was so delicious. Our ice cream party was a great way to welcome the end of a snowy week. We love playing in the big room working on our large motor skills, riding bikes and scooters, walking on the balance beam and playing basketball. We have some fun activities planned the next week and a half to help ring in the Christmas season. We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas!

5 DAY CLASS...

From Mrs. Waller

What fun we have had this month! We loved making snow ice cream and could not believe how good it tasted. We have enjoyed exploring and predicting with our ice melt experiment and our milk and vinegar experiment. We will be making a gingerbread man before Christmas Break, hopefully he doesn't run away! I hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas!

From Mrs. Logan

What a fun month full of exciting activities we have had! Everyone truly enjoyed the birthday party, the gift exchange was the best! It was so sweet watching as everyone got excited to share their gifts, we have a class full of special children!

Our ice cream party was a blast! The children loved putting their own toppings on... yummy! We had some very creative creations :)

We worked on our creative writing and made a class book, "I Wish I Could...". This book will travel home to be shared with you, so please read it and return it the next day! Everyone will have a turn taking it home!

These next few weeks before break we will focus on Jesus and Christmas, I love this time of year! Look for Santa Mouse's cheese coming home in foil, you'll want to keep a close eye on that ;)

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

*One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day.
Don't clean it up too quickly. ~Andy Rooney*