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SONSHINE TIMES

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THANK YOU!!!

As we approach the end of this school year, we have but one thing to say: THANK YOU!

You have shared with us your greatest treasures, your children. We have been blessed by getting to know each one of you!

It has been our hearts' desire to touch the lives of these children with our faith, fun, and positive school experience that we hope will be among their happiest childhood memories.

We leave this school year with many good memories, funny stories, touching moments and most of all, huge smiles on our hearts!

Thank you for a great year!

*****Friday, May 27th will be our last day of school*****

SNACK SUGGESTIONS

CHILDREN LOVE TO BRING SNACK TO SCHOOL! CHEESES, APPLES, ORANGES, BANANA'S, STRAWBERRIES ARE ALL GREAT CHOICES. PLEASE AVOID BRINGING IN CUPCAKES, CANDY, COOKIES OR JUICE.

SHOE SAFETY

WARM WEATHER MEANS FLIP FLOPS AND SLIP ONS. HOWEVER, THESE ARE NOT THE BEST SUITED SHOES FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES WE DO HERE. PLEASE CONSIDER HAVING YOUR CHILD WEAR ATHLETIC TYPE SHOES FOR PRESCHOOL TIME!

MESSY = FUN

WE LOVE MESSY ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY THE LAST FEW WEEKS! BE SURE TO WEAR CLOTHES THAT ARE SAFE FOR MESSES, WE AREN'T ALWAYS VERY "GOOD CLOTHING"

*****Registration for next year is filling up fast, so send in your forms if you haven't yet.. It's going to be a great year*****

Miss Maher is Back for Summer!

Miss Maher will be teaching our summer school classes again this year. We are so blessed to have her back! Meg taught the Tuesday, Thursday class for two years and taught summer classes last year

Welcome Mrs. Logan

We are excited to have Mollie Logan join us here at Sunshine Christian Preschool! Not only will you see her teaching in the 5 day a week class, but also in the office. Mrs. Logan is our new Assistant Director and is very excited!



DILLON'S HOUSE IS HERE!

Dillion's house is in it's final stage of construction!
Can't imagine it looking any cuter!

Teacher Tidbits

WEDNESDAY TODDLERS

I can't believe it is time to start talking about the end of the year already! We have had a great time in the toddler class these past months. It is certainly a busy place, but we wouldn't have had it any other way! Free play got our mornings started and the children feasted on ice cream and hamburgers from the kitchen, rocked babies, built tall towers and raced cars down the track. In the big room they worked hard at being patient as they waited for their turn on one of the tricycles. If the circus is looking for tight rope walkers, they need look no further than our group as they have been practicing on the balance beam all year long! The children singing "The Lord is Good to Me" before snack could warm any heart and we are seeing a lot of developing self help skills as the children are working to wipe up their own spills, wash their hands, and throw away their own trash when they are done eating! This group has loved their art projects and never lets Ms. Jordan and I forget that art

IMMEDIATELY follows snack time. It has been fun to watch those attention spans grow and see how each child has their own approach to the different projects. Then there's the dancing. Oh, the dancing! Jumping, twirling, freezing and hip shaking, partners, solo, slow, fast... The dancing is has been a highlight for sure!

It has been a truly special experience for Ms. Jordan and I to get to know each of these kiddos this year. For the toddlers, especially, there are so many changes in the children from the beginning of the year and we have enjoyed watching them grow into the awesome kids that they are! Thanks for sharing them with us. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Huntington
Mrs. Silworth

PRESCHOOL M/F

It has been great starting and finishing the week with this group of kids. I was looking back at pictures of the kids from the first day of school and I can not believe how much they have grown! So much has changed since the beginning of the year. Where the children used to spend small motor time doing simple puzzles, working on their own to build towers with blocks and putting the Mr. Potato Head pieces on the Potato Heads they are now doing larger and more complex puzzles, working in small groups to build towers taller than they are using the Potato Head pieces on themselves to create characters! In the Big Room I now see the children coming up with creative games together riding on the scooters or in the boat and making great shots at the basketball hoop. Their attention spans at art time and during free play have gotten so much longer. I love reading stories with this group at circle time. They are quiet as mice during each book and seem to particularly enjoy it when we are able to then act out the story or a nursery rhyme. I also get lots of requests for our music or CD stories that take us on a bear hunt or into outer space!

I have loved getting to know some of the unique things that make each of these children so special. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to do that! Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Huntington

PRESCHOOL TUES/THURS

This year feels like it has flown by and it has been great getting to spend Tuesdays and Thursdays with these children! They are always up for anything and it is so great to see their enthusiasm the activities we have planned. They also have plenty of their own ideas as well! One day they are hairdressers, one day Handy Manny, one day they are asking for sunscreen for their picnic on the beach and one day they are roaring like dinosaurs...I never know who or what I'll get! I have enjoyed watching them work their puzzles, build cars, and sort and match during our small motor time. Everyone takes a turn on the swings and there is always a big hole in the mulch after they are done digging on the playground. I have also loved our conversations at snack time. It is great to hear their stories about trips to the zoo, seeing Tangled, or going swimming. It has worked out well that about half of the kiddos can't wait to do our art activity while the rest would rather spend time with toys first. Half way through we switch and everyone is happy! I have enjoyed these mornings very much and I am so glad that I have gotten to watch this great group of kids grow and learn this past year. I hope you all have a safe and happy summer!

Mrs. Huntington

PRESCHOOL TUES/THURS

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Everyone is getting so big! We have finished our shapes and colors and continue to review them and look for shapes in our room, on the playground and any other place they might appear. We continue practicing cutting skills and are beginning to talk about the letters in our names. It has been such a fun filled year. One of our favorite days was pajama day, it is always so much fun to not have to get dressed to go to school! We also loved our mommy and me art show. So many friendships have developed and our class has become so close. Observing those first friendships is one of my favorite things about teaching preschool. We will be spending a lot of time outside having messy fun the last few days of school so be sure to dress appropriately. It has been a fun filled year and I thank you for the opportunity to spend time with your children, they are a joy to have in my class. I look forward to seeing those of you that are returning to Sonshine in the fall. I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Mrs. Waller

PRESCHOOL M/W/F

I can not believe we are at the end of the year! Our class has changed so much from the beginning on the year. Everyone is a little bit taller and wiser=) Circle time seems to be a little bit more of a challenge right now...I think everyone is ready for bigger things! They all have made so much progress at writing, cutting, jumping, skipping, sharing and all those things that come with preschool! They all have become more independent and have come so far in learning what it means to be good friends and just being kind little people!

Some of the things they especially loved this year were the "Garage Sale"...what a great math lesson for all of them! I don't know if it was more fun for them to find something to buy or for them to "sell" their stuff to someone! They also loved the "X" marks the spot adventure we had at school. Whenever something is misplaced, it seems "X" is the responsible party and surely he has left us a map somewhere! Everyday another thing we always have done with our alphabet was to learn the sign language letter. It always shocks me they remembered most of them...its not easy!

One of my favorite things to do with the class is to write down their thoughts or an idea they had from a story... Especially the things they said their Mom's were the best at...they notice those little things we do! Painting on the easel is always something they have enjoyed and it is interesting to see their pictures change through the year and to hear the description from them about the art!

I am so thankful for each and everyone of the personalities in my room! I will miss their smiling faces! Have a great summer!

Mrs. Dickens

PRESCHOOL M/W/F

It is so hard to believe that the end of the year is fast approaching. Everyone in our class has grown and changed so much. We have now finished our alphabet adventure but continue to talk about letters and the sounds that they make. We love reading stories together and singing songs. Our cutting and writing skills have come so far from the beginning of the year. We have had so many fun and memorable times like our yard sale and our mommy and me art show. So many friendships have formed and our class is now so close with one another (one of my favorite parts of teaching is watching those first friendships develop!). The last few days of school will be spent focusing on having as much messy fun as we can. We will be spending a lot of time outside weather permitting, so be sure to dress appropriately. I am so blessed to get to spend time with your children and have enjoyed watching them grow and change this year. I will miss them as they go off to Kindergarten in the fall and will be so excited to see those that are returning to Sonshine in the fall. Thank you for allowing me to spend time with your children it is truly a joy to have them in my class. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Mrs. Waller

PRESCHOOL M-F

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."

Thank you for one of the most amazing teaching experiences I have had in my teaching career. I have enjoyed every second working with your children and getting to know all of you, it is no wonder that your children are so awesome. For those in our class who are heading off to kindergarden I smile as I see how ready they are. I am sooo proud of them! For those children coming back for another year, how thankful I am to get to spend another year with them.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Carey