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SONSHINE TIMES

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Thanksgiving Day holds limited historical significance for preschoolers. The first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims, and the American Indians are abstract ideas for young children. They have difficulty understanding "it happened a long time ago" for their concept of time and distance is limited. Most young children use the terms tomorrow and yesterday correctly, but they are in the here and now stage. What children see, hear, taste, feel and smell is what is real to them.

The concept of thankfulness is abstract to preschoolers. Children will have little more than a surface grasp of the true meaning of Thanksgiving Day. Firsthand experiences can be meaningful in helping young children learn about being thankful. Children learn from the adults in their lives. They learn through adults' feelings and attitudes about being thankful.

The following suggestions can lay a foundation to help children grow in understanding an appreciation for Thanksgiving.

- Attempt to develop the concept of "being thankful" through a discussion of events and objects which make your child happy.
- Talk about the fact that there is a special day when we say thank you to God. That day is called Thanksgiving.
- Help your child understand that many people go to church on Thanksgiving to worship God and give thanks to Him for all of his wonderful gifts to us.
 - Talk about things for which you are thankful and ask your child to name things for which she is thankful.
 - Help your child understand that Thanksgiving is a holiday.
- Help your child realize sharing with others is a great way to show thankfulness to God.
 - Talk about some foods that might have been served on the first Thanksgiving such as turkey or venison, corn meal bread with nuts, corn and succotash. The dessert might have been pumpkin, stewed in maple sap.
 - Explain to your child that the Pilgrims cooked for many days preparing the Thanksgiving feast, cooking the meal outside in winter temperatures.

*Sincerely,
Carey Pomykata
Preschool Director*

If you like what you see, let the world know!

Please go to www.google.com and search for Sunshine Christian Preschool to write a review!

Thank you for all the support!

The temperature is Falling...

If you are looking for a great indoor activity this winter check out Bounce U! They are located minutes from here, near 132nd and Chandler. Visit them online at...
www.bounceu.com

Winter is here and with it comes inclement weather and slick icy roads! Please give yourself an extra 10 minutes to insure that you arrive on time for both drop off and pick up.

Giving Tree

Our giving tree is located in the front entryway and is a great way to give back. We greatly appreciate all of your help!

We are also looking for any indoor or outdoor holiday home decor items for Dillon's House :)

Mom's Afternoon Out!

For just \$17, your child can enjoy an afternoon full of games and activities! Pack them a lunch and let the fun begin! Sign up will be posted in the entryway.

Who: MWF and 5 Day Children

When: Nov. 21st, 28th

Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th

Time: 11:30-2:30

**Cough, Cold, Running
Nose...**

**Should they stay or should
they go?**

With the winter months approaching, please take a moment to review our sick policy. It can be found on our website under the handbook tab.



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.

November Calendar...

November 16: Games Galore!

Our 5 day class will enjoy a day full of fun games to play, it's going to be great!

November 21: Pajama Day for M/F Mom's Afternoon Out

November 22: Pajama Day for Tu/Th

November 23: Toddler family handprints are due.

November: 29: Toddlers wear a solid colored shirt

November 24-25: No School

November 28: Mom's Afternoon Out

November 30: Birthday Party for 5 Day Crazy Hair Day for M/W/F

Look ahead to December...

December 2: Yum Yum Fruit Salad for M/W/F

December 5: Wear your clothes inside out day! Mom's Afternoon Out

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

December 22-January 4: Christmas Break

A CLASSROOM GLANCE!

TODDLER CLASSES...

We have had another fun and busy month in our toddler classes! The kids are still so excited to get to go outside and we will be taking advantage of the playground and Dillon's house for as long as we can. Those big leaves are such fun to trample through and they make a great obstacle for our trucks that are zooming around. It's always interesting to see whether the slide is going to be fast or slow each morning and the corn table continues to keep the children entertained. Besides being a great opportunity for large motor development, the playground is also another great place for those friendships to develop. Often, children who don't play together much inside will find a common interest on the playground and will do more pretend and cooperative play there!

Looking ahead, we will be talking about turkeys and Thanksgiving as we gear up for our next holiday. Our Wednesday class will be coming home with some homework :) that we would like to have back for our art project the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (11/23).

After coming back from Thanksgiving break (11/24-11/25) we will be talking again about some great books. On 11/28 we would like the children in the Tuesday group to wear a solid color shirt (or at least mostly one color) so that we can sing and do an art project about it after we read Mary Wore Her Red Dress. We will also read Lunch and a Rainbow Fish story that week.

Then, if you can believe it, it will be time to start talking about snow and Christmas! We have a lot of fun art projects planned to get us into the Christmas spirit. Wreaths for the Tuesday class, Santa for the Wednesday class, and candy canes for the Thursday class are all on the agenda. Listen for "Jingle Bells" and "Away in the Manger" as well. We are looking forward to sharing all the joy of the holidays with these kiddos!!

2 DAY A WEEK CLASSES...

How can it be Thanksgiving already? Being thankful is something we all need to remember and we will be doing some art projects to help us remember at home. We will be thinking about all the people in our lives and how thankful we are for them. As December hits, we find some "flat" snowmen in our rooms and will explore ice when it melts...maybe even put on our ice skates! Run, Run, as fast as you can you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man! That Gingerbread man usually leads us on a wild goose chase...I know we will catch him this time! December is a busy month and we always come back and remember the reason for this season with the Nativity story. It's going to be a busy month!

M/W/F CLASSES...

The past month has been filled with some fun adventures in our classrooms. We loved eating lunch for snack and had so much fun on our exercise day. The next month is full of excitement as well with Thanksgiving, the letter H, I and J as well. We will be doing some special activities for Thanksgiving including watching Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and having toast and popcorn for snack, just like in the movie. We will do this on Wednesday November 23rd. For H week we will have a crazy hair day on Wednesday November 30th, this is sure to be fun. We also will read The Hungry Caterpillar and make our own fruit salad on Friday, December 2nd. I week will include an Inside out day where we will wear our clothes inside out, this is on Monday December 5th. We continue to practice our cutting skills and writing our names as well as learning the sounds of each new letter. We have been blessed with beautiful fall weather and have enjoyed playing outside in the leaves and watching the squirrels gather their nuts.

Christmas Program practice is in full swing. We are practicing everyday and the kids are doing an amazing job learning the songs. Please be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, December 16th from 7PM to 8PM for the Christmas Program. As Thanksgiving approaches we would like to let you know how thankful we are to get to spend time with your children.

5 DAY CLASS...

From Mrs. Waller

We have really enjoyed some of our most recent recipes like egg salad and green eggs and ham (most of us anyway!). We are continuing to talk about what a recipe is and how it is important to follow the directions in the recipe. We also take turns measuring our ingredients and working on those pre-math skills. We have some fun activities planned for the coming month they include making cornbread on Tuesday November 29th and toast with Jam on Tuesday December 13th. The kids all enjoy being in the kitchen and I am certain you will have some eager helpers this Thanksgiving when preparing your families feast. The little scientists in class continue to practice predicting what will happen and why things are in science. It is a blessing to be able to share time with your children and I am very thankful for that.

From Mrs. Logan

Our school year is officially in full swing and everyone has adjusted very well! We have been focusing on writing our names, using capitalization when appropriate and it has been really exciting to see their progress! We have also been working a lot with scissors, cutting items out of catalogs. Take a look at our giving tree and you will find items that they have cut out, items that "we need for our class." We started our word wall last week and everyone seems to really enjoy it. They get so excited when they discover a new word that can be written on the wall, a great exercise for those early reading skills. We will continue to enjoy the weather outside, so please remember to bring those coats and hats, can you believe it's the middle of November and all we need is a light coat? I love it! We have some fabulous activities planned for next month, it will be a month of celebration! November 30th is our Happy Birthday Party for H week. We will have a gift exchange, so please send your child with a wrapped toy (approx. value \$1). December 5 will be "wear your clothes inside out" for I week, the kids always get a kick out of this one! Our Christmas program is set for the 16th of December from 7-8pm, it will be a fun time! Everyone has done a fantastic job during our practice runs, you can just see the pride in all their faces, priceless!

As the Native American Saying goes...

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand.