



May 2023

Dear Parents

Well, can you believe that May is here so soon? Although our school year is coming to an end, we're very excited about our "Summer Exploration Series" that begins June 1st!

In May our theme is "New Beginnings". We will study: seed identification, parts of a seed, ways in which seeds travel, and plant and flower growth. Insects, young animal growth and development will be explored. We will study weather changes; rain, wind, warmer temperatures, and why the days are getting longer. We'll also celebrate May Day, explore bubbles, and start our school garden!!! It is going to be a great month of discovery

Special Events

Foresight Family Carnival!

Friday, May 12th 5:00- 7:00pm.

We will play old fashioned carnival games to win COOL PRIZES, have face painting & balloons, and a PETTING ZOO!!

We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, with all the fixings. There will be a "make your own ice cream sundae" booth, Lemonade and treats for all! We will post a sign-up sheet where you can RSVP with the number of people attending and the dish you will be sharing.

Please be sure to bring a dish to share and any serving items you will need. Also, label your dish with your name and if it contains peanuts, gluten free, etc.

**We will be asking people to come between 5:00- 7:00 pm. Come and go as you like. It's a great time to meet other parents at our school and enjoy watching your child with all their friends!

Memorial Day:

Monday, May 29th 2023

Foresight Learning Center will be closed.
Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!!!!

Pre-K & Kindergarten Graduation:

Wednesday, May 31st, 11:00-11:30am.

We will hold a graduation ceremony for those students starting Kindergarten or 1st grade. It will be followed by an outside picnic (B.Y.O.P.), 11:30-12:15 pm. Everyone with a graduating student is welcome to attend! There will be a sign-up sheet posted and each family will have 2 reserved seats (but there is room for everyone!). If it is not your child's scheduled day, please have him/her here no later than 10:45 am.

Other News

Summer Enrollment

Please remember that we have an ongoing enrollment policy. Unless we receive a Change of Schedule form or a Withdraw form from you, we can only assume that your child will be continuing with his or her current schedule. These changes must be made with a 30-day advance notification in order to apply any deposits or credits to your account.

Also, to hold your child's spot for Fall (August 1) please remember you can enroll your child for just 2 half days a week for the summer. This will give your child the opportunity to participate in our high interest/child focused summer program, keep summer boredom from setting in and give you a little free time each week! If you have any special request please talk with Beth.

Drop-off and Pick-up

We are very happy that our doors are now open to all families, but we need your support to maintain the independence your child is capable of at school. When you are coming and going, please allow your child to walk and find personal items, it builds confidence and self-pride 😊

Also, you are required to be aware and help us be consistent regarding the school rules. This includes walking feet, inside voices, and taking control in the event your child displays behavior that is disrupting and becomes very different than the happy, cooperative children we enjoy every day! We are always here to assist with difficult situations and staff will step in when needed. We would appreciate if you arrive early (11:30/3:30) you wait in entry room and staff will bring students to you after class finishes. If you need to pick -up early we will do our best to assist you to avoid disrupting the other students while they are still in circle. It is very important that as a "team" we promote kindness, love, independence and respect. Our goal is to provide the very best (hopefully stress-free) environment for your child, YOU, all students, and the teachers.

If anyone needs suggestions, information, or help in this area please talk with Beth/Kori.

Staff Change

We wanted to inform everyone that Miss Sheri will be leaving at the end of May to pursue her long awaited role as "Grandma". We will miss her greatly, but hopefully will still see her around subbing for us occasionally. Miss Angie will be moving into the am assistant position, which we know will be a great match with Angie's enthusiasm, positive energy, and genuine love for our students/families.

Morghan will be increasing her hours thru the summer to cover 11:30-5:30pm. She is planning to continue in the fall with a modified schedule to fit with her NAU schedule. Kylie will be here for June, but will be leaving Flagstaff in July to focus on completing her degree in the valley and to be closer to her family. We will be hiring some new assistants throughout the summer, and will inform you as soon as we fill the positions with quality, permanent staff. Thankfully, our substitute teacher list is only people who have worked here before, or who just want more hours- which works out great. This allows our dedicated year-round teachers the opportunity to go on vacation, take some time off, and avoid burnout.

That is what happens at soo many other centers who are always short- staffed, with much higher turn- over rates and don't show their teachers the respect and gratitude they deserve. It would be the ideal world if no one would ever leave (and make my life really easy) but life happens. Just take comfort in knowing in our 30 years as a preschool we probably have had less teachers leave in thirty years than many preschools/daycares have leave in 3 years (maybe less).

Don't Forget Sunscreen

Please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before coming to school. It should have a high level of sun block protection and be water proof/long lasting. We also suggest a sun hat.

Morning Drop Off

As the weather warms up, students will be going outside first thing in the morning. When bringing children in, they will still wash hands, but then please walk them all the way outside. Pro-tip: Avoid asking if they *want* to go outside. At this time of day, teachers are preparing classrooms, so staying inside is not a choice.

Children's Shoes:

Sandals with straps are great, as are sneakers. Both are appropriate and reinforce the gross motor skills that your child needs to develop. **Flip Flops/Crocks do none of this** and are not very safe on the playground when combined with running, jumping, and age-appropriate movement. So, please save the flip flops for relaxing at home and week-ends.

Thank You So Much!!!

***All our wonderful staff, students and their parents for such a GREAT year!

Peace and Love-

Beth, Kori, Mykaela, Jena, Sheri,
Morghana, Angie, Brandalyn, and Kylie

Thought for the Month.....

Joy is not in things: it is in us.

-Richard Wagner

P.S.

Be sure to take a look at our "**Summer Exploration Series**" flyers and postings on social media and our website.! There are copies, so please take one if you like!