



Saddleback Children's Center

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017



Message from SCC

Dear SCC Families,

There have been a lot of fun activities buzzing around here at SCC and the holiday season brings out excitement in all of us. It was a joy and blessing to share the enthusiasm of the children during the Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This is delightful time in which we join and give thanks as each class helps prepare a special dish for our Feast. We are looking forward to celebrating this time together as an SCC family.

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving as we are truly thankful for each one of your children!

-Carla Leveratt, Director &
Meagan Kraszewski, Assistant Director



A picture from the Harvest Festival

We would also like to send out a special thank-you to parents who volunteered at our Harvest Festival.

You helped make the day special for our children!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Preschool Sunday

Sunday, November 5th 10:45 at Community Lutheran Church. Your children have been practicing songs to sing at the beginning of the service. Also during the service our teachers will be installed and Pastor Marty will bless the school year.

See's Candy Fundraiser



Sales start November 2nd and end November 15th. Candy will be available for delivery the week of December 4th. Do your Christmas shopping early! The fundraising money will go towards materials for our Outdoor Classroom. Please see the last page to learn more about where fundraising money is directed.

School District Health Screening

November 2nd & November 3rd

Veterans Day Holiday



Friday, November 10th, school will be closed.

Thanksgiving Feast Days

Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th at 10:30 am. Our children will be celebrating Thanksgiving together with a school wide feast. Watch for sign- up sheets to bring food items. We also need parent volunteers to help prepare and serve at this special event.

November Recess

November 20th-22nd, school is in session for children enrolled in the Full Day & 8 Hour Programs only.

There is no Preschool or Extended Day.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24th and Friday November 25th, school will be closed.



Eggciting News!!!

I think everyone has heard our chicken, Pickles, announce that she has laid an egg. Our chickens have been consistently laying eggs for about a year and we would like to continue to share the bounty with our children and families.

First, we will be collecting empty egg cartons. We will have a drop-off box in our foyer for egg carton collection. Next, we will be distributing ½ dozen eggs every week so if you are interested in trying our organic free-range chicken eggs, please drop your name in the basket and we will draw one name a week.

We are asking for a small donation for each half dozen to help defray the cost of food and bedding necessary to keep our chickens happy!

Thank you for your support in this “eggciting” endeavor.



LOST AND FOUND

We have already accumulated a nice collection of lost items. The lost and found is located in a basket in the foyer. Please look through the basket if you think you may have an item in the Lost and Found. These items will soon be donated. Thank you!



Outdoor Art Curriculum



As part of your child's outdoor experience, Miss Meagan, Miss Geneva and Miss Jessica will be collaborating together with our teachers to enhance the art experiences that are provided during this time.

We will introduce new materials or different ways for children to express themselves creatively. We feel it is important for our children to have the opportunity to use real art materials and tools. When children are trusted and shown how to use and care for these tools and materials, they live up to the responsibility of using them. It has been observed that when children are provided these materials to create art, there is more attention to detail and purpose behind the work.

If this is something you are passionate about, we will be collecting items for donation. We will keep a drop-box near Miss Carla's office.

Here is a list of suggested materials:

- Brush pens
- Compressed charcoal white or black
- Charcoal pencils
- Palettes
- Pastels
- Soft/hard charcoal
- Bamboo reed pens
- Tortillons
- Kneaded erasers
- Matte paper
- Oil pastels
- Canvas panels
- Clear contact paper
- Flat cardboard (to make art boards)

These items could be purchased from Michaels or Amazon.com

Fundraising at SCC

Fundraising Opportunities

Throughout the year we will have a few fundraising opportunities here at SCC. Some of these opportunities that you may look out for are:

- Poppin Popcorn (popcorn delivery 11/02)
- CLC Harvest Festival
- See's Candies Fall and Spring
- SCC T-Shirts
- Kid's Night Out
- Tile purchase
- Annual Trike-A-Thon

We have some great projects that we are working on at SCC to make our school shine from the inside out even more than it already does! We would like to show you what your fundraising efforts have gone toward and the new projects we are working on.

Fundraising Last Year...

Last year your fundraising proceeds went toward indoor facility improvements and we successfully replaced the flooring, purchased carpets, and new furniture in 5 of our classrooms! This is all thanks to the support of Community Lutheran Church members and SCC Parents.

Current Fundraising Projects

Outdoor Classroom Project

This will be an ongoing project for our play yards. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our very own Director, Carla Leveratt, and Brown Room Teacher, Kristina Amante, are working to have our school designated as an Outdoor Classroom. This means that our school offers a curriculum that provides learning opportunities that are multi-sensory as well as holistic.

From a fundraising aspect, you will continue to see improvements to our play yards as we continue to meet fundraising goals!



To find out more about this you can go to www.outdoorclassroomproject.org.

Current Fundraising Projects Continued...

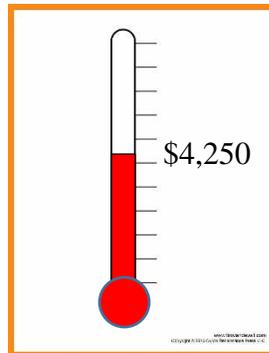
Updated Classrooms

As we have mentioned, the proceeds from our fall fundraising will go toward the Outdoor Classroom Project. We did such a great job raising money for 5 our classrooms last year that we don't want to forget about the flooring, rugs, and furniture for the other classrooms. Please look forward to more information about how to contribute to that in the new year.

So far this year

As a school, we have raised \$2,250 through the Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser and \$2,000 from the Community Lutheran Church Harvest Festival totaling \$4,250.

Goal: \$8,000



Our goal to purchase the Outlast Storage Shed from Community Playthings is \$8,000

Ways to get involved

- Any of our fundraisers opportunities
- Straight donations
- Ask about how to volunteer

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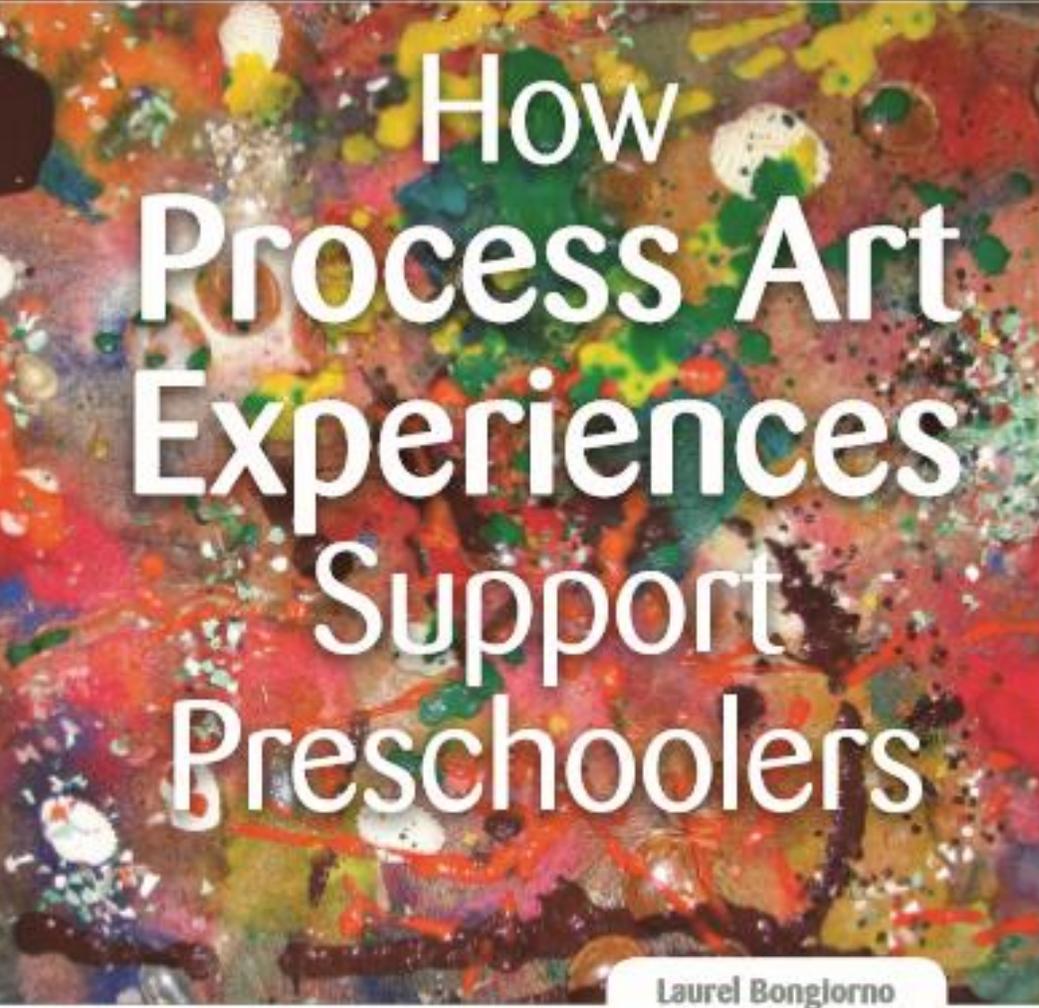
We have children with severe allergies. Please show compassion and follow our "no nut policy."



SCC
Preschool **is**

NUT FREE

**THIS IS A
PEANUT AND
TREE NUT
FREE ZONE**



How Process Art Experiences Support Preschoolers

Laurel Bongiorno



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Is your goal to encourage children's creativity through developmentally appropriate art experiences? Review the differences between process- and product-focused art to help you get started.

Characteristics of process-focused art experiences

- There are no step-by-step instructions
- There is no sample for children to follow
- There is no right or wrong way to explore and create
- The art is focused on the experience and on exploration of techniques, tools, and materials
- The art is unique and original
- The experience is relaxing or calming
- The art is entirely the children's own
- The art experience is a child's choice
- Ideas are not readily available online

What children might say

"Look what I made!" "I'm going to do another!"
"Can I have more time?"

Characteristics of product-focused art experiences

- Children have instructions to follow
- The teacher created a sample for children to copy
- There's a right and a wrong way to proceed
- There's a finished product in mind
- The children's finished art all looks the same
- The children experience frustration
- The teacher might "fix mistakes"
- The whole class took part in an art project at the same time
- Patterns and examples are readily available online

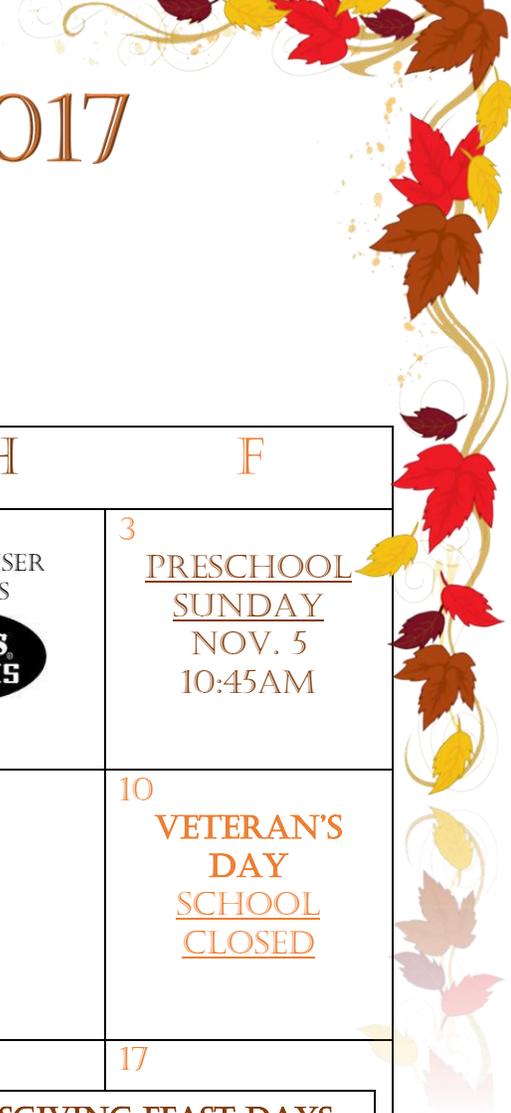
What children might say

"Can I be done now?" "Is this right?" "I can't do it."
"Mine doesn't look like yours."



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NOVEMBER CONCEPTS
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 NUMBER: 3
 SHAPE: RECTANGLE



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		1 CHAPEL	2 FUNDRAISER STARTS 	3 <u>PRESCHOOL SUNDAY</u> NOV. 5 10:45AM
6	7	8 CHAPEL	9	10 VETERAN'S DAY <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
13	14 CHAPEL	15 FUNDRAISER ENDS 	16 17 THANKSGIVING FEAST DAYS 	
20	21 <u>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</u> <u>FULL DAY & 8 HR. PROGRAMS ONLY</u>		22 CHAPEL	23 24 Happy Thanksgiving  SCHOOL CLOSED
27	28 CHAPEL	29	30	

NOVEMBER BIBLE VERSE:
 "GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME." GENESIS 33:11

