



Saddleback Children's Center

October Newsletter 2016



Message from SCC

PLAY YARD IMPROVEMENTS

Dear SCC Families,

We are off to a great start this year and already into our second month of school! It was so nice to see many of you at Back to School Night and we look forward to our year together. Our teachers were so thrilled to share with you what they have done so far and will be doing in each of their classes this year.



Don't be surprised if you hear your child tell someone that they are following Jesus, showing God's love or making good choices. We are giving examples in our classrooms of these three important concepts. Ask your child's teacher about it.

-Carla Leveratt, Director & Megan Kraszewski, Assistant Director

Lunch Bunch Information



Our Lunch Bunch program starts the week of October 3rd! Lunch Bunch is intended as an occasional day of fun for children enrolled in our 1/2 day preschool program. The lunch program runs from 11:30-12:30, Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7.00 per day and payment is due when you sign up. Please note: A clipboard with the sign-up sheet is located in the school office. You must sign up in advance. Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.



You may have noticed by now some of the additions and improvements to our play yards! The sand and wood chips on the large play yard have been replaced. You may have also noticed some new items on both yards to help improve our outdoor curriculum!

Stay on the lookout for more! **So far we are at \$1,697/\$1,800 for our Poppin Popcorn fundraising goal.** Part of that will go toward improvement to our outdoor curriculum and the other part toward new flooring in the classrooms.

We have also received donations from Lowe's so you should see some new fruit trees coming soon! Thank you Lowe's!



IMPORTANT DATES

School Picture Days

October 10th and 11th



All children will have a picture taken and be included in the class photo on Monday, October 10th and Tuesday, October 11th.

There is no obligation to buy photos. Simply dress your children accordingly on their picture day. Portraits will be available for parents to view online the same day the photos are taken. You will be able to purchase photos from a variety of styles and sizes that fit your needs and budget.

Our full-time students (5 days) may have their picture taken on either day. They will, however, be in both class pictures (T-Th & M-W-F). *You will receive a flyer in your file designating your child's picture day.*

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 20th and 21st

Parent-Teacher conferences are a great time for the parents and teachers to connect and share information about each child. The teachers have been assessing their students in various areas of development. You will receive a written report at conference time.

Please sign up to schedule a conference time. The sign-up sheets will be on the parent table outside your child's class.

*There is NO PRESCHOOL scheduled on parent conference dates. These days are for students in the full day program only! **THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR PARENTS ONLY.** Childcare will not be available to preschool students.

Fall Harvest Festival

October 27th and 28th

We are busy planning our annual Fall Harvest Festival with a western theme. Each class will participate by having a small booth or activity for the children. Parents, we are going to need volunteers to help run the booths. Please look for the "Parent Helper" sign-up sheets by your child's sign-in clipboard.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

SIGN IN/OUT SHEETS:

Sign-in sheets are located outside each classroom door. You must sign your child in and out with your full legal signature and the time. For your child's safety, he or she will be released only to a parent or authorized adult. Written permission is required if your child is to be picked up by someone not listed on your child's authorization form.

NO CELL PHONES PLEASE:

Please respect our "NO CELL PHONES" on campus policy. Please take the time at departure and pick-up to show your love for your child. It takes just a few minutes but it sends a BIG message!

SCHOOL DROP-OFF/PICK-UP TIMES:

Please have your child at school on time each day. Class starts at 8:45 am for all students and ends at 11:30 for ½ day preschool. Late drop offs can cause a break in the daily class routine and can make adjustments for your child difficult.

WATCH YOUR CHILDREN:

Please watch your little ones when dropping off and picking up. Many of the items set up on our playground are not appropriate for very young children. We need to set up our playground before class starts so the teachers are ready for your children when they arrive. Having a balance of activities set out on the yard is a vital part of our program. Often these activities need special supervision for appropriate use. **We ask that you do not let your children play on our yard prior to school starting.**



Protecting Against Illness at School

Please note that our staff will inspect each child that comes to school for signs of illness. If a staff member feels your child is not well enough to participate in our regular school day activities, we will ask to have the child stay home for the day or until the child is well enough to fully participate in our program.

SCC will continue to do all we can to keep our school healthy and free of infection. We sanitize all our classroom equipment weekly and have hand washing policies for staff and children that help stop the spread of illness.

As a parent, you can help by following the policies outlined above that are also in your Parent Handbook. It is also important that you teach your child how to cough and sneeze into their arm or a tissue and to wash their hands after using a tissue. Hand washing is the number one way to stop the spread of infection to others.

If your child has contracted a serious illness like Chicken Pox, Staph Infection, Strep Throat, Pink Eye or any other highly contagious infection, please call the school as soon as possible so that we may notify other parents and our staff.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a lot of information on how to keep your family healthy during the flu season. You can go to www.cdc.gov or www.cdc.gov/flu/school for information on flu prevention.

****IMPORTANT NOTE****

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**

We Have a Facebook Page!

Just a reminder that Saddleback Children’s Center has a Facebook page. Many parents find this a helpful way to get reminders and updates about our school electronically. It is also a good way see what is going on at the school throughout the day through posted pictures (for those who have given consent to post). Just “like us” and you will start seeing updates on your homepage!



Reviews and Referrals

Reviews and referrals are the most sincere compliments that you can offer us. If you are happy with your experience as a parent as well as your child's experience at our school and are comfortable sharing that with others, please review us by visiting google, yelp or liking us on Facebook.



Additionally, we have an ongoing BOGO promotion. That is, “bring one family to register, get one hundred dollars.”

Scrip Fundraising

Look for Scrip Fundraising information coming soon!



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Once SCC enrolls to sell Scrip, this will be an ongoing fundraiser where families can choose to purchase gift cards from over 700 retailers. There is no additional cost to purchase a gift card and a percentage of all purchases will go back to the school!

Parents' Pages

LABEL IT, LEARN IT

As you enter your child's classroom, you discover the door has been labeled with a sign that says "door" and the wall is labeled "wall". What is going on?

When young children begin to associate the name of an object with that object, they start to realize that words have meaning and power. From their first realization that saying "water" gets them a drink and that "outside" lets other people know that they want to play outdoors, children use the spoken word to get what they need and want.

The next step is to begin to associate letters and words with objects. One way we introduce this idea is by labeling objects in the room.

This link can easily be made at home, too. Just remember to keep it simple and label only a few things at a time. Label the objects that your child asks you to label. Encourage your child to make his or her own signs to display around the house.

While the labels are posted around your house, talk with your child about them. Find other things that begin with the same letter sound.

When children see the same labels day after day, they have a tendency to tune them out. As they seem to lose interest in some labels, make new ones.

Labeling is an example of an activity that we do at school to help develop your child's pre-reading skills.

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October Concepts
 Color: Orange
 Number: 2
 Shape: Square



M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5 Chapel	6	7
LUNCH BUNCH, SPORTS, KARATE, BALLET & SPANISH ALL BEGIN THIS WEEK!!				
10 School Picture Days 	11	12	13 Chapel	14
17	18	19 Chapel	20-21 Parent/Teacher Conferences Full Day Students Only	
24	25 Chapel	26	27-28 Harvest Festival "Go Western"	
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October Bible Verse:
 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5