



Newsletter ~ October 2011

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Please don't arrive at school before 9 am.
Teachers are setting up for the day and often meeting with each other before 9 and there is no supervision.

What's Happening in Pre-K

Please bring a family photo to school. We'll be making a class book and would like everyone to be included.

Check the white board by our door for information, dates, and who has sharing each Friday.

Please help your child leave toys at home. Occasionally young children need a comfort item and that's ok.

~ Teacher Mary and Teacher Kim

What's Happening in the 2's Class

The 2's are getting to awesome start! They are boogying down to songs such as "listen and move" and "the hokey pokey." Our class is also practicing using their fine motor skills through arts and crafts!

Starting school is a big step for your child's life. They are in a new environment with lots of new friends. In order to help them prepare for school try letting them take some responsibility of their actions at home. Do they put their toys away at home? Are they sitting in a high chair?

Assist your children by giving instructions for everyday tasks- this helps them realize that even though they are little they can still take ownership of their life! For example, have them sit with the family during meals and let them get up once they are done eating. If they are not putting their toys away you can aid them by showing, and explaining where their toys go. We constantly play the "clean up" song when we clean and it really motivates them! If you want a copy of the song let me know!

Looking forward to hearing any feedback!

~ Best - Carlotta, Claire, Theresa

Illness Policy

Thank you for keeping sick children at home 24 hours free from fever, vomiting and diarrhea. If your child has green goop running from their nose they are probably too sick for school.

What's Happening in the 3's Class

Hello Sunny Hills Parents!


The school year is off to a great start, and the students are having a blast! We have enjoyed getting to know each other better while learning and exploring in the classroom and on the playground. In Teacher Millie and Teacher Lauren's class we have been focusing on developing a strong relationship with our students. We want our students to be happy and healthy, and so we have a couple of reminders to help our students start off the school year.

Practice washing hands - e have been practicing hand washing in the classroom on a daily basis. Young children will often put soap on their hands, and rinse the soap off, without rubbing their hands together. Please encourage your child to practice washing their hands at home while emphasizing this important step.

Nutrition is important - Thank you for the fresh fruits and vegetables that you have been providing for snack! The children are definitely benefiting from the nutritious snacks that have been provided thus far. Please remember to pack your student with a lunch that is also healthy and nutritional. Fruits, vegetables, and protein are especially important for children of this age.

We are impressed with how all of the children are getting into our class routines! It helps create a nice calm class, where everyone is happy to explore and share time together.

~ Teacher Millie and Teacher Lauren



Please bring a family photo
for our family wall.
The children really enjoy
looking at each other's
photos.

Google Groups

Please accept your Google Groups invite!! This is how you will receive important emails (other than the newsletter) regarding Sunny Hills.

Annie's Sweet Pea Photography

Our school Gallery should be up this weekend! You will be able to view your child's photos online by class and order directly from there. Annie was great with the children making for a fun yet relaxed experience.

Out and About

Greek Festival - The Greek Festival is an opportunity to share the Greek Orthodox faith, cultural traditions, food, music, and dance. September 30, October 1 & 2, 2011 10am to 10pm Friday and Saturday Noon to 8pm on Sunday, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 3131 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97232

Object Stories - from funny and goofy to the heartbreakingly profound, and everything in between. An Object Story session lasts approximately twenty minutes with produced stories edited down to around two minutes. You need to make a reservation to record a story. Recording an Object Story requires no additional payment other than the cost of Museum admission. The Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave. Call (503) 226-2811 for more information.

Wooden Shoe Pumpkin Fest 2011 - Celebrate the harvest season from grinding wheat to learning about the crops grown on the farm. Travel the giant hay maze, pick out a pumpkin, watch pumpkins fly through the air from our pumpkin canon and ride the cow train. There will be opportunity to select food items, Oregon wines and select Oregon craft brews at our Food Court. Ages 4 and under Free! Ages 5-12 - \$5, Ages 13 and up - \$6. Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, 33814 S. Meridian Rd, Woodburn, OR 97071

Pumkin Funland - Visit a wonderful, unique world created with pumpkins, gourds, squash and from items conjured up by our staff. See our Corn Maze in the cornfield with scenes throughout. U-pick pumpkins, fall deco, and, of course, fall vegetables and fruits. Pumpkin bowling and our covered picnic area. Sunset Magazine noted Pumpkin Funland as a "must see" for fall. All activities open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Rasmussen Farms, 3020 Thomsen Rd, Hood River, OR 97031

The MAIZE at the Pumpkin Patch - The Pumpkin Patch Annual Harvest Festival. Ride the Cow Train. Visit the animal friends in the Animal Barn. Free hayrides. Conquer the giant hay pyramid and hay maze and so much more. Test your skills on the new PORTLAND TIMBERS MAiZE. Sunday - Thursday 10:00AM - 6:00PM, Fridays & Saturdays 10:00AM - 10:00PM. 16511 N.W. Gillihan Rd, Portland, OR 97231

8th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta - Live music, 5K Regatta Run, Pumpkin pie eating contest, Pumpkin carving, strolling entertainment, costume contest and of course the Regatta. Located at Lake of the Commons, 8325 SW Nyberg Street, Tualatin, OR 97062

Teacher Claire's Father

Thank you for your donations to the Mark Bosworth Family. Your donations will be used to print and distribute fliers to help find Mark. If you are interested in helping pass out or put up fliers, please see Millie for a stack. They can be put up anywhere you go since most of the focus has been in Southern Oregon and NE Portland. For more information please check out www.findmark.org.

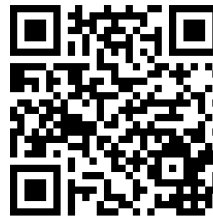
Snacks

Thank you to each family that signed up for fresh snack in September. We need each and every family to sign up in order to make it work. The children really love having fresh snack.

Soccer Shots

The first session of soccer shots just started and the kids look like they were having a blast! It's not too late to join in the fun!! Sign up online. Classes are held in the gym Monday mornings at 8:30 am.

Remember to Go Paperless!



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Photo of the Month



Do you have a photo you would like to share? We need your help for our Photo of the Month. Send your submissions to: newsletter@sunnyhillspreschool.com