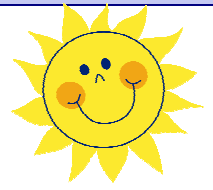


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Sunshine News



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Bible Verse of the Month:

Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is
good. His
love endures
forever.

Psalms 118:1

Highlights:

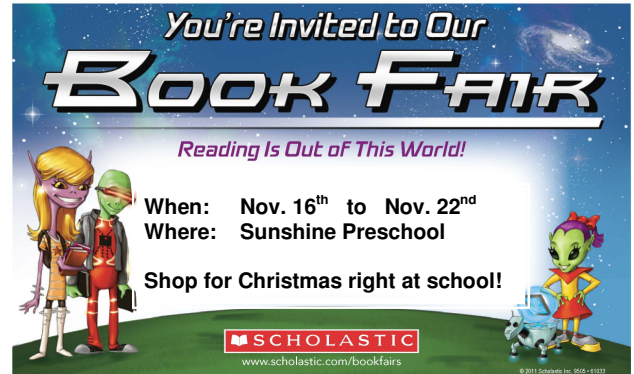
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Sunshine's First Book Fair

Everyone at Sunshine is excited about our first ever upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids and adults. Mark your calendar and come join the fun.

The money we raise will help update our Snuggle Packs, contribute books to classroom libraries, listening libraries, and earn other classroom supplies.

More information will be coming home soon in your child's folder.



Books can be purchased on line from 11/14 until 11/28th as well as at the book fair. The web page is:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/sunshinepreschool/>

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. See you there!

Pie Fundraiser Begins

Pies! Just in time for Thanksgiving! Beginning Nov. 2nd & 3rd, Sunshine students will be selling gift cards for pies, redeemable at any Village Inn or Baker's Square location nation-wide. Pie certificates will sell for \$12.00. Sunshine will make \$4.75 for each certificate sold. Our fundraising goal is to make at least \$3000.

Why Fundraise?

There are always needs that go beyond tuition



charges. Some of those needs are to finish funding the Snuggle Pack program for this year and for the replacement of worn out toys and equipment for our classrooms.

As an incentive to get everyone on board with this fundraiser, we are offering four \$50 gift certificates to Village Inn. For every 10 pie certificates you sell, we will put your name in for the drawing to win one of the dinner certificates.

An additional incentive will be a Pie Party for the class that sells the most pies! The party will be in early December.

Fall Conferences

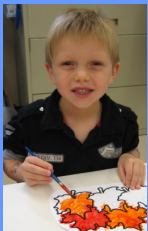
Sunshine's Parent/Teacher conferences are on November 21st and 22nd. Each conference is scheduled for 15 minutes. It is important to stick to the schedule as we need to fit in 143 conferences. If you need additional time, we will schedule another conference.

Teachers have informally assessed your child's social and behavior skills and more formally assessed some academic skills. We will share those results at conferences.

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Birth Announcement

Morgan Schneider, from the purple class is the proud big sister of **Brooke Elyse Schneider** who was born on October 17th. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.



Painting fun!



Lendt's Pumpkin Patch ...look at the huge pumpkins! We each picked one too.

Preschool Updates

Visitors

Preschoolers had some exciting visitors in October. Fireman Bill Werner, a fire fighter from the Forest Lake fire department came to talk about fire safety. We saw what a fire fighter looks like when he is dressed in his gear. Everyone got to climb into a real fire truck!



Chris Garner, from Lakes Animal Hospital came to our yellow and orange classes to talk about animal care and safety.



October was fire safety month.

Christmas Program Dates

Sunshine Christmas programs are part of our holiday traditions. The programs are held during regular class times.

Please feel free to invite grandparents, friends and neighbors. We are sure the students won't disappoint you with their performances.

December 19th - AM
red and purple classes

December 19th - PM
blue and green classes

December 20th - AM
yellow and orange classes

All programs will be followed by cookies, juice and coffee. No regular preschool classes on those days.

Fun Field trip

Our Friday classes went to the pumpkin patch on a warm, wonderful, sunny day! We couldn't have asked for nicer weather.

After a fun bumpy wagon ride, each student picked their own pumpkin, and Indian corn. One of the highlights was learning about honey bees and seeing some real bee hives! It was a great learning experience for everyone!



We learned about bees and pollen at the pumpkin patch.

Kindergarten Corner

Read to Achieve

The Minnesota Timberwolves sponsor a program called *Read to Achieve*, a program that promotes reading. Each kindergarten student will try to read at least 500 pages in eight weeks. (This will include any book that is read to a child as well as what they read themselves.) The reward for each student who reaches the goal is a free ticket to a Timberwolves game, a Timberwolves notebook, a poster and a bookmark. Students should begin recording their pages on Nov. 1st.



The reading program ends on Jan. 7th. We hope that all of our Kindergarten Enrichment students will earn a free ticket. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

**Don't forget...
Timberwolves Day is
Wed/Thurs Nov 7&8.
Wear your
Timberwolves
clothes!**

Sight Word Lists and Star words

The first sight word lists were recently sent home with kindergarten students who have learned the alphabet chant. Practice and **review** these words with your child often. When they have passed 10 lists, we will see if they can read all 100 words. If they can, they will be in the "I Can Read 100 Words" club and their picture will go up in the hall. A real honor!

If they choose to continue, they can work toward the "Sight Word Super Hero Award."

Students who master a lot of sight words will find

reading in first grade much easier than students who don't know very many sight words.

We realize that families are busy, but we encourage you to find time to work on sight words with your child. Work at your child's pace. Don't push your child beyond their interest level. Make practice sessions short and fun.

Remember, sight words are words that students only have to be able to read. *Star words* are frequently used words in writing, so students should be able to write these

Rocks!

Kindergarten students have started their rock collections. We have looked at crystals and mined for magnetite, a rock that can be picked up by a magnet. We will make an egg carton rock collection as we learn about minerals and many kinds of rocks.



Kindergarteners loved wearing their new shirts on T-Shirt day!



Kindergarteners made apple pie. It was so good!

words as well as read them.

You will find our *star words* on these sight word lists. Students will be pleased to find that they already know some of the sight words.



Star Words:

I	a
the	is
on	it
and	see
went	in

Fall Conferences ... *Continued from page 1*

There is a questionnaire to fill out that will come home soon. If you return it before conferences, we will be able to address your interests and concerns when we meet. We want to take time to answer all of your questions. Sunshine teachers are looking forward to talking with you.

Conference schedule slips will be sent home soon. We try our best to arrange conference times to accommodate work schedules. Evening conferences fill quickly. Please return the form as soon as possible, especially if you cannot make the time slot assigned to you. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.

We ask that you **do not bring children to your conference**. If childcare is a problem for you, a nursery is available. You need to sign up ahead of time in order to use this service. Please consider the following rates to help offset the cost charged to Sunshine Preschool: \$2.00 per child and \$5.00 per family.

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Sad Story

One student wore her brand new winter jacket to school without labeling it and another student took the wrong jacket home. The jacket was a match to her snow pants. Since the jacket was so similar to the other student's, the babysitter didn't notice that the jacket was not hers. It took weeks ...lots of notes and pleas...before the mistake is corrected.

Winter weather is almost here. Children are already wearing winter jackets some days. PLEASE remember to label your child's jackets and boots.

Dates to Remember

Nov 1 & 2	Tuition Due
Nov 2 & 3	Pie Fundraiser begins
Nov 7 & 10	Chapel - 9:15 and 12:30 <i>Parents welcome!</i>
Nov 7 & 8	Book orders due
Nov 16	Scholastic Book Fair begins
Nov 21 & 22	Pie Fundraiser ends Please turn in all orders.
Nov 21 & 22	Sunshine Parent/Teacher Conferences No School
Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Break No School
Nov 24	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov 28 & 29	Brown Day - Preschoolers <i>Wear brown and bring something brown for the collage.</i>