



**SSC Preschool  
Newsletter**

**OCTOBER 2011**

# The Son-Shine Monthly

October's Spiritual Theme:

**KINDNESS**

October's Bible Verse:

**"Love your neighbor as yourself". Luke 10:27**

## A Word from the Director

*Cheryl Grabowski -  
SSC Preschool Director*

September went by quickly and we had tons of fun at the Open House! Thank you all for coming. We're looking forward to our fall themes now in October. Everyone has adjusted quickly and the children have already begun new friendships.

Our wonderfully dedicated staff has been working hard to ensure that your little one has a year filled with love and learning.

Please let us know your thoughts about our school because we're always looking for ways to improve!

## Newsletter Distribution

Newsletters will be emailed to you each month. There will be a few on the telephone table if you do not receive yours, but let the office know of any email changes that you may have so you can receive it at home. It will also be posted on our website at [www.sonshinecorner.org](http://www.sonshinecorner.org).



## Enrichment Classes!

Both **AbraKadoodle Art** and **KidDance** have openings for their noon time classes. You can see Cheryl if you do not have a registration form.

## Extended Care Info

After you pick up your child from EC, be sure to sign in and out on the clipboard outside the EC classroom. Their backpack will be outside the extended care classroom on the hooks, and their lunch boxes will be on the wire shelf in the kitchen. Remember that if you have signed up for morning care (8-9:00) you will be billed for it whether or not you use it on any particular day. If you are not using it, we can delete your name from the list.



## Field Trips

What a great time of year! Sharon's class has visited Apple Jacks Orchards already! Miss Linda's class will visit there on Oct. 3 and the four year olds are scheduled to go to "Fall Harvest" on the 5th and 6th to learn all about harvesting and pumpkins!

## October Calendar Events



Oct. 3  
Linda's class to Apple Jacks Orchard

Oct. 5-6  
4's to Fall Harvest Farm

Oct. 19  
Butter Braids Fundraiser Forms Due

Oct. 20-21  
MEA- no school

Oct. 27-28  
Grandparents Day

## Tuition Checks

Remember that your tuition is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have signed up for direct deposit, your money will be deducted from your account on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This will include the monthly tuition and any EC for the previous month. If you are paying by check, you can put your envelope into the "Tuition Box" located on Cheryl's desk. You can write one check for both EC and tuition. Thank you for your timeliness.

## CrabbieMasters at SSC

SSC staff members invited the founders of the CrabbieMasters program to conduct a workshop to learn about this new program designed to help children manage their emotions and behavior. Some of the teachers have already initiated the "Crabbies" to their class, with good results. We invite all the parents to visit their website, [www.crabbie masters.com](http://www.crabbie masters.com) to learn more. You can ask your teacher more about the program, and how it may be used in conjunction to what she is doing in the classroom.

Their website includes the following:  
The Crabbies are imaginary characters that help children understand why they act the way they do. The CrabbieMasters Program teaches them how to be in charge of their feelings, attitudes, and behaviors. As our motto, "Imaginary Fun, Real Results" suggests, program is designed to be fun so that kids will get involved and it also sets children up for lifelong self-mastery. Children relate to The Crabbies on a fun and playful level. At the same time, parents will appreciate knowing that the skills and values children develop by using this program will make a very important difference on a day-to-day basis in your home, on the playground, in the classroom, and beyond.

All of The Crabbies have a few things in common. They want to put your kids in a bad mood, leave you feeling frustrated, and throw the whole day off course. CrabbieMasters are able to recognize their feelings, feel confident in their ability to manage their moods, and get the day back on track even when problems arise.



## Healthy Snack List

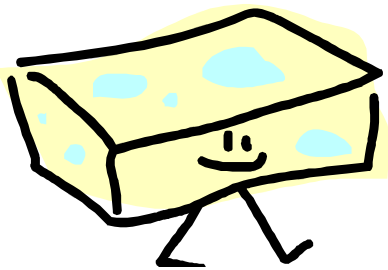
*The following are some suggestions for healthy snacks that you may want to bring for your child's birthday, or send along to share with your class anytime. Let us know if you have any more suggestions!*



- Unsweetened or lightly sweetened cereal: Kix, Life,
- Cheerios, Chex,
- Crackers such as Keebler Townhouse, Trader Joe's Golden Rounds
- Unfrosted animal crackers
- Mini bagels with cream cheese or butter
- Yogurt- tubes or individual cups
- Dried fruit- cranberries, raisins
- Apple slices- individually packaged and sliced
- Applesauce
- Baby Carrots with or without dip
- Mini flavored rice cakes
- Vanilla wafers
- Canned fruit- like mandarin oranges or pineapple chunks
- Mini muffins
- Fruit leather
- Pudding or jello cups-low sugar

## Butter Braids are Coming!

Our Butter Braids fundraiser will be coming this month! We know you will enjoy these delicious pastries! Most people buy some for the upcoming holidays. Watch for order forms in your child's backpacks. All forms must be returned by **October 19** and delivery will be Wednesday morning Nov.16 at 9am. Please plan on picking up your order at that time since we do not have freezer space for all of the orders. Thanks for being prompt for pick up.



## Grandparents Day

Oct. 27 and 28 will be our annual Grandparents Day! Your child's teacher will be sending out invitations that will detail her activities for the day. All Grandparents are welcome to visit that day and stay for refreshments. Parents or another special friend are welcome to come if grandparents cannot make it.

## And Now... A Word From Our Teachers!



Miss Lynn

"September has been fun getting to know your child, and sharing our letter M for "Me" and how God has made your child "special," we also talked about the letter F for "Family, Friends and Feelings," the kids also had fun with Miss Linda in Spanish. October is a busy month. We will be studying letters P and H. We will ride the big yellow school bus to Farmers Kurts Fall Harvest Farm in Delano, and have a Farm Day in our classroom, the children will have the opportunity to come dressed as a Farmer or a farm animal that day, the Plymouth Fire Fighters are scheduled to visit SSC, and talk about fire safety and the kids will have the opportunity to climb on the firetruck. We will also have a GRANDperson day, on October 28, Grandparents or a GRANDperson is invited to come and spend some time with us that day. This month we have quite a few Birthday celebrations, and will end the month with a Harvest Party with our friends....Our Sharing Day is Friday, please have your child bring in something to share that begins with the letter we are studying that week, which is on our monthly calendar. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to share Magnificent Monday's, Wonderful Wednesday's and Fabulous Friday's with your child. The other day, someone said, "oh my gosh," and a classmate said, "we say, oh my goodness." Alleluhia to that!!!".

**Please Note: Miss Lynn's new e-mail address is [lynnfellers@gmail.com](mailto:lynnfellers@gmail.com)**

## A Word From Our Teachers... Continued

### Miss Mary

September has been a fun and busy month...We started the month getting to know each other and learning that God makes each of us special and unique. We talked about families, feelings, friends, monkeys, magnets, measuring and ME. We even painted with marshmallows!

Some highlights for October...

Our first field trip will be on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll be going to a farm in Delano to visit Farmer Kurt, feed the animals, and take a wagon ride! Dress for the weather...the farm can be very muddy! On the 13th, the Plymouth Fire Department will come to SSC to teach us about fire safety. The children love climbing into the fire truck and learning to "Stop, Drop, and Roll"! Grandparents Day will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to share a school day with their special guests. If grandparents aren't available, please invite another special person to attend. More details on all activities will come home with your child. Letters of the month will be P and H. As always, I plan to provide your child with an environment filled with many opportunities for learning about God and our world! It's a joy to have them in the classroom!

### Miss Linda

We have the best class. They are learning so quickly. For many of the children this is their first time standing in line or raising their hands to talk. They are getting to know each other and be kind. We studied all about apples. On Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> we will take a bus to Apple Jack's Orchard. Everyone loves our class puppets Scout & Scamper. They showed us how to be kind like Jesus. The Bible stories were Jesus feeds the 5,000 and The Good Samaritan. The month of October will be filled with learning. Our topics are Spiders, Firefighters, Fall, Moses, and Obedience. We have five special days: Wear a Funny outfit Day, Teddy Bear Day, Grandparents Day, and a day when a fire truck comes to school. Lynette and I love your children. You can call any time.

### Miss Julie

#### TOT'S CLASS

The tot room is off to a terrific start of the school year! We have an awesome group of children and it's been great to get to know every one of them. They are enjoying meeting new friends, art projects, music, large muscle playtime and getting to know our school. We've read some bible stories about kindness and we're practicing being kind with our new friends. Coming up in October we will be learning about Noah, the fall season, pumpkins and colors. Also check your calendars for some fun October events including Grandparents (special person) day. We are looking forward to a great year!

#### EXTENDED CARE

Extended Care has had a super September! The weather has cooperated for some fun playground playtime. We've talked about how to be a good friend and things we do at school. Cooking Kids headed back to the kitchen creating some tasty cookie and cupcake recipes. Miss Lynn will be cooking on Wednesdays. Also, we've used magnets and gears to try out some science ideas. In October we will be learning more about Autumn and what fun things happen this time of year. Happy Fall!

## A Word From Our Teachers... Continued

### Miss Joy

Welcome back ! I am so excited to have started out the new year with some fantastic PreK kids! September brought beautiful weather , so we were out on the playground, walked to the park, and had a bike day. We learned all about school rules and practiced good manners as well as showed kindness to each other, our September virtue. We studied lots of different insects and started a letter of the week and counting skills.

During October we will learn about waterfowl and bats and have a visit from the Fire Station. The Ten Commandments will be our focus as we learn about obedience. We'll finish up the month with science experiments involving feathers and water, and pumpkins. Look for information on our field trip the first week of November!

### Miss Sharon

"Our 3s classes are off to a great start, having already cut, glued, painted and learned to line up- some can even sit still during group time! Everyone is adjusting well to each other and to being in school. We teachers are delighted with our groups, and we're excited about the months ahead. In October our themes will be fall, firefighters and spiders. Our color is orange, our number is two, our shape is the triangle. And our spiritual emphasis is obedience. We'll also enjoy Grandparents Day and having some Plymouth firefighters come to our school with their big red truck- lots of fun and learning" !

### Miss Lisa

"What a great start to the school year. The children have done a great job of learning the routines of our class and have had fun exploring our classroom. Our "mouse tour" around school was a big hit. They had fun being mice and looking for cheese. We talked about our families and what it means to be a good friend. We talked about being kind and they did a good job memorizing their bible verse. We ended the month talking about fall and all the changes this new season brings.

As we look ahead to October, we have a lot of fun days planned. Our field trip to Fall harvest Farm, a visit from the Plymouth Fire Department, Farmer in the Dell Day and Grandparents Day. Our letters will be "P" and "H" and our spiritual theme is obedience. Your children are so sweet and I look forward to a wonderful year of learning".

Have a Wonderful Month!  
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