

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER at SHECC

7- SHECC CLOSED, Labor Day
11- PTA Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00
14-18- Scholastic Book Fair
21- Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins

SEPTEMBER in our community

7- SAS, SAES, PMS Closed, Labor Day

OCTOBER at SHECC

1- Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends

OCTOBER in our community

14- SAS Closed
17- Rattlesnake Festival
26- SAES & PMS Closed



A School Prayer

*Almighty God
We give you our school.
We give you all the teachers and
staff who work here.
We give you all the children who
play here.*

*We pray our school would be place
of great discovery, adventure and
creativity.*

*May it be a place where we love to
learn and where we learn to love,
A place where everyone is
respected and all are deeply
valued.*

*We ask all this through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.*



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO
SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER!!!**

September 14th - September 18th

You can shop at the center or online at
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sacredheartecc>

INFANTS

It's time for another school year. Some of the children will be moving up to the one year old room. We will inform you of your child's move up date. We are very excited to welcome Madison to the baby room.

Babies grow and develop so fast that we are constantly working to help develop their fine and gross motor skills. We do this by encouraging tummy time, rolling, pulling up on things, crawling, walking, standing, sitting, and even picking up finger foods. We are always working on their social and language development by rocking, reading, singing, and trying to make each activity pleasant. They love outdoor time. This is where we get most of our gross motor time in. They enjoy swinging, digging in the sandbox, walking with the cars, and climbing on the climber. They also love to go on buggy rides. We love to do art. We do free art finger painting as well as making special art projects using our feet, hands, arms, and fingers. Adding sand to the paint adds a new sensory experience for them. They love to explore with the new texture.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask us. It is our pleasure to spend the day with your baby, getting to know them, and loving them.

We would like to send a very big THANK YOU to Ms. Toni for our new rocking chairs to and Emma's daddy for making us our new shelves. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Linda Ms. Taylor Ms. Phyllis



ONES

WOW! Where has our summer gone? I guess time really does fly when you are having fun! I would really like to thank all of our parents for the donations for our summer time activities. The children really enjoyed the new things we experienced from water play to our month long tasting party. I can't begin to explain how important it is to have such wonderful parents here to support our classroom and help us create a fun and effective learning environment.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Now for what's to come! We have so many changes going on in our room. Lots of our friends have moved up to the yellow room and we are gaining lots of new friends in our room as well. Our theme for August was "who are you?" and our theme for September will be "who am I?" I will be sending home all about me forms for you to fill out about your child and your family. We will be talking about them as a group and one on one and using them to help us get to know each other. We will also be working on our manners and learning the classroom rules so that we can all keep ourselves and our friends safe and happy.

Over the summer we have been having so much fun that we have gotten way off track with following our schedule. Starting on [August 24th](#) we will be back to following our schedule as closely as we can. Please make every effort to have your child here on time so they don't miss out on any of the fun. I will be sending home welcome packets to everyone as a refresher so you know what we have going on throughout the day. If anything changes with the schedule we will send home a new one right away.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to get to know your children and are looking forward to a great year!

Welcome New Friends!

Ms. Jenn Ms. Megan Ms. Bailee Ms. Sandy



TWOS

Good-Bye Old Friends!

Where did the summer go!!! The Yellow Room has been abuzz with all the learning and fun of summer; Father's day festivities, food tastings, shaving cream sliding, water play days, ice pop afternoons, 4th of July excitement, etc. For Parker, Bentley, Tyler, Nick, Zack, Trenton, Fiona, Jackson, Eliza, Bradley, Colin, Aubrey, Jace, Maddie, and Sebastian it has been a long hot and rainy, but fun, summer!

Then August brought the back to school rush and lots of children transitioning. It was both sad and exciting for them. For all of us! However, they were ready for new toys, new adventures, new challenges, new responsibilities, new rewards, and a new teaching style. They are all going to do just great. We will all continue to talk and hug at the playground fence. They grow up so fast!!!

I want to take this moment to say thank you to all of the wonderful parents that have allowed us to care for and love their child. They are all smart, all different, all special, and all truly very much loved by us.

Hi, my name is Ms. Shelley Oliver, and I would like to welcome you to the young two's classroom. We are very excited about the coming year. Your child will be learning by playing, singing, and dancing every day. If you have not read my "Welcome" letter, please do so. It will answer lots of the typical new parent questions. I am also available to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

Now: Let the learning begin!!!

We use a combination of several different types of teaching curriculum in our classroom for a well-rounded teaching approach. We utilize "The Creative Curriculum" to engage our general learning topics, "Second Steps" for our social and emotional growth, and "Gospel Light Cards" for our religious guidance. Our topics for August were: Back to school basics, I can use my manner's, I know my feelings, and All About Me! We learned about our classroom rules: Keep my feet and wheels on the floor, Be nice to friends and toys, and Walk inside. We practiced sitting properly in our chairs and in group time. We started learning to clean up our own toys. We began using new social skills such as "inside voice", "hands off", "give your friend some space", "it's not your turn yet", and "hands are not for hitting". We utilized our nice words; "no thank you", "yes please", etc. We discussed that we have feelings like "happy", "sad", "angry", "tired", and that we should use our words to help us get what we need. I sent home an All About Me page to be completed. If you have done one previously for my class, I will ask you to do another one. We grow and we change what we like, so an update could reveal how much I have advanced in a short time. If you have not returned your child's form yet, please do so ASAP.

The topics for September are: Our Senses, Colors, and the season "Fall". We will be doing lots of looking with our eyes, touching with our hands, smelling with our noses, listening with our ears, and tasting with our mouths. On that note, we are low on snacks and would appreciate some additional donations. We will be finding colors all around us, both inside and outside. We will talk about the weather changes that happen in fall, as well as how to dress in layers for the ever changing Florida weather conditions.

As always, families are the core of our Mission here at SHECC. We appreciate you all!
Here's to a Fantastic 2015-16!!!

Let the gaaaaaaames begin!!!

Ms. Shelley Ms. Brenda

PRESCHOOL I

Welcome! This is an exciting time in your child's life. They mature and grow from toddler to preschooler. Your child will need your patience, understanding and firm guidance as they become more independent. Three year olds love to ask, "Why"? My advice is to give straight to the point answers and follow up with a question. (Ex: what do you think?) This is a great way to help your child with language, cognitive, social, and emotional development.

For the month of September our unit will focus on, "All About Me". We are going to promote self-help skills to build their self-esteem. When they are proud of themselves they are more successful! We are going to discuss our 5 senses, body, feelings, family, and friends. Please return the "All About Me" sheet as soon

as possible. I am going to make a book for our reading center.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am available Monday thru Friday, 8-5.

Ms. Vicki Ms. Sara Ms. Eloisa

PRESCHOOL II

I would like to welcome you to the preschool 2 class. Between this newsletter and the class welcome letter I hope to answer any questions you may have about your child's new class.

The first few weeks we will spend getting to know each other and the new environment. Our schedule is almost identical to Ms. Vicki's, which helps with the transition. After this we will work on getting to know all about ourselves, our senses, and our feelings. Some of the activities we will be working on are discussing parts of our bodies and what they do, graphing how many letters are in our name, tasting items that are sweet and sour, and observing what our faces look like when we express certain feelings.

Along with activities listed above, we will visit the church every Tuesday at 9:45. We will also be implementing the Second STEP curriculum which teaches the children how to act in social settings such as welcoming a new student and what to do if someone is bothering you.

I hope I was able to answer any questions about your child's new class. If not feel free to ask.

Ms. Liliana Ms. Amanda Ms. Shelby

VPK I

Welcome to our class! The children are coming in ready to start the day. Please remember to have your child sign themselves in and turn their “*Who’s here today?*” card. The transition in the early morning and late afternoon is flowing smoothly. I would like to thank everyone who has been able to help provide school supplies for our classroom.

August 24 we began our VPK school year with a Unit on **Making New Friends** and introducing our social skills curriculum: *Second Steps*. This program has been designed to help guide children to learn, practice, and apply skills for self-regulation and social-emotional competence. Our Unit on **Letters, Numbers, Colors and Shapes** will follow. We plan to spend two weeks counting, sorting, reviewing and exploring these study topics. This will give us a chance to assess each child and make each learning activity fit their needs.

We are using the Creative Curriculum in our classroom. This curriculum supports the FL Early Learning and Developmental Standards. Age appropriate activities in all areas of social, cognitive, emotional and physical will be presented in ways to interest the children and encourage them to explore the world around them.

Our curriculum includes indoor/outdoor art and sand/water play daily. Children should wear closed toe shoes with rubber soles for running and climbing.

Snack time is an important part of our day. Wrap-around children eat two snacks daily. Please remember when sending in your monthly snack that we are a **Peanut Free center**. Please check all labels. Each week we will have a food prep activity. A sign-up sheet will be posted on our clip-board.

Please remember to check your child’s folder daily.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Ms. Kathy Sister Donna Ms. Becky



VPK II

Welcome to our class! As the children come in we will be ready to start our day. I will have a sign in sheet for the children to sign in when they arrive. As the children arrive please have them turn their “*Who’s here today?*” card. I would like to thank everyone who has been able to help provide school supplies for our classroom.

We will begin our day by going out on the playground at 9:15am. Children should wear closed toe shoes with rubber soles for running and climbing. We will be using the Creative Curriculum in our classroom. The curriculum supports the FL Early Learning and Developmental Standards. There will be age appropriate activities in all areas of social, cognitive, emotional, and physical development that will promote the interest of the children and encourage them to explore the world around them. Indoor/outdoor art and sand/water play daily is a part of our curriculum.

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skills for self-regulation and social-emotional competence. The next Unit to follow will be **Letters, Numbers, Colors, and Shapes**. We will be spending two weeks counting, sorting, and reviewing these topics. This will give us a chance to assess each child and make each learning experience fit their needs.

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Please remember to check your child's folder daily. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ms. Katie

Sr. Elizabeth

Back to School



SCHOOL AGE

We would like to welcome our parents and students that have been out for the summer, and say a sad goodbye to our friends that leave us for the school year. We had a great summer and look forward to a wonderful school year.

For the children's enrichment we have a unit plan for every month. September's unit plan is, My World.

Please look for your monthly snack reminders. The children love a variety of snacks to be brought in. We have a snack list by the front door if you need any suggestions.

Important Reminders:

*Please make sure you write a note or call if your child will not be on the afternoon bus. Even if they are not here in the morning, we expect them in the afternoons.

*Please sign your child/ren in and out every day. The state requires that we have a signature and time.

Important dates:

9/7- SHECC CLOSED

9/14-18-Scholastic Book Fair

9/21-10/1- Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please remember to check your child's folder.

We look forward to a wonderful school year.
God Bless!

Ms. Debbie
Ms. Amber

Ms. Laura
Ms. Alyssa



NOTES FROM CINDIE

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School year! This is our 31st year and the beginning of the School year always infuses the children and teachers with excitement! The teachers have been working hard all summer getting ready for the upcoming year.

Our Center uses The Creative Curriculum, which aligns with the Florida State Early Learning Standards from Birth through Pre-school. SHECC also adheres to the Learning Standards set forth by the Diocese of St. Petersburg. In addition to academic instruction our staff engages each child in activities that promote Social and Emotional development in Christian values and ethics. The teachers incorporate the Second Steps and Discovering God's Child Curriculums to facilitate these areas of development and meet Diocesan Standards.

Please join us at Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center's Parent Teacher Association. The function of the SHECC PTA is to provide an in house community support system for families as well as a platform for communication between the Center and Families. Events and Activities will be planned throughout the year including covered dish dinners and guest speakers on child development and education topics. Every family is encouraged to become involved to help enhance our school and your child's learning experience. Our next PTA Meeting is a Covered Dish Dinner on September 11, 2015 @ 6 pm. Please bring your family favorite covered dish to share for an evening of fun and fellowship as well as an opportunity to make those community connections.

Sacred Heart ECC is a non-profit center and as such we have many fundraisers through-out the year. Parent and family support is

paramount for the success of these fundraisers. The monies raised go directly into the budget to help keep the tuition cost down as much as possible. Please plan to participate in as many of these events as you are able to. New and exciting fundraising ideas are always welcome for discussion!

Our teachers here at Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center are joyfully anticipating the upcoming school year! We welcome you and look forward to experiencing the world through your child's eyes as they learn and discover and grow through-out the year! God bless you and your families as we begin another wonderful year in Early Childhood Education.