



JULY & AUGUST 2019

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

Important Dates

Move Up Day July 1

SHECC CLOSED July 4

Water Slide Day July 19

VPK Parent Meeting July 31 @ 6:00 PM

First Day of VPK & Public School August 12

SHECC OPEN HOUSE August 14 5:30-7:00 PM

Wonderful Ones

Thank you everyone for being so patient with our move over to our new classroom. Everyone has been adjusting well as it was a big transition not only for the children but for us too. The children have been so excited to explore our new room.

For the rest of July and the first few weeks of August, we will continue with our beach and ocean theme. We plan on decorating our new room with new pictures that the children have created themselves. We love to paint new pictures.

We have been enjoying our outside time despite it being so hot. The children continue to enjoy our water play days. They love the cool down of the water and to be able to play with the toys in the water.

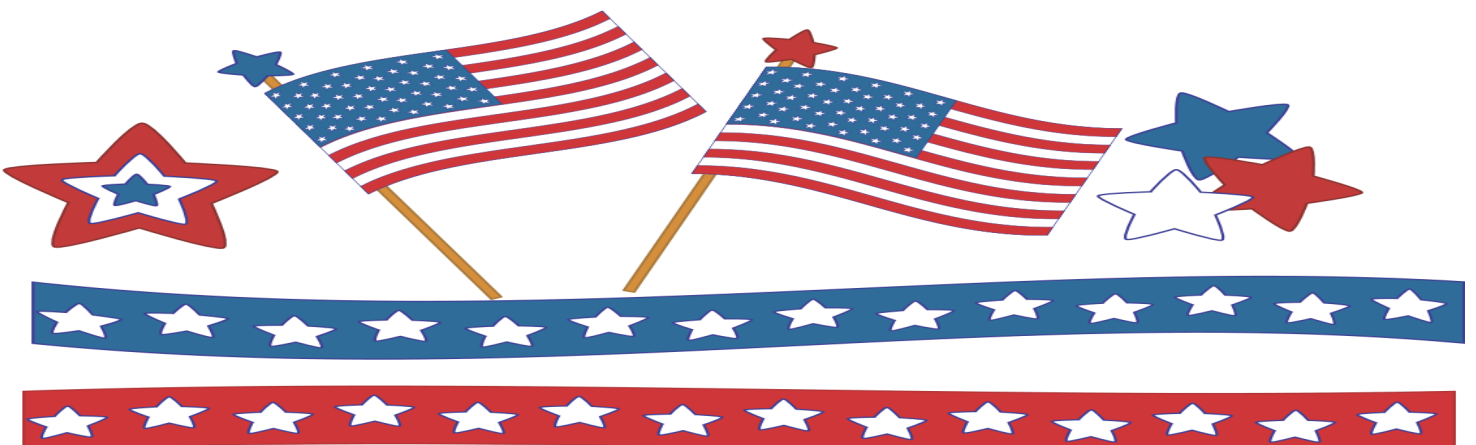
During the last few weeks of August through the whole month of September, we will be learning All About Me, classroom rules, and manners. I will be handing out our All About Me papers to everyone and we would love to have a family picture to go with it.

Thank you to the families who have brought us our monthly snacks and wipes. We really appreciate all the donations. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask me.

Ms. Katie

Ms. Katelyn

Ms. Amanda



Preschool IA

Welcome to Preschool IA. During the first 6 weeks of this year, we will be working on getting oriented to the classroom.



The children will be taught how to use the Center Management System which controls the number of children in each center. This system helps to ensure productive play in the center and encourage clean up prior to leaving the center.

Each week, a new Character Kid will be introduced. Character Kids is a Social Emotional Learning Program which will be utilized throughout the center. There are five characters: Brandy who is cooperative, Scooter who is kind, Alex who is brave, Ricki who is honest and Keisha who is responsible. They are super heroes who swoop in and help children resolve their problems by using their special traits. I implemented this program last year with my class and experienced much success. By using consistent vocabulary and praising children exhibiting these characteristics, the children truly strived to be like the Character Kids.

The children will be introduced a method entitled “Thinking Like A Turtle” to help them learn to identify their emotions and calm themselves down so that they can come up with solutions to their problems. Solutions such as trading, sharing, waiting for their turn, choosing to go to another center, asking for help, getting a timer, going to the calm down area are just a few of the solutions your child will be introduced to.

We will also be working on skills such as using walking feet and a soft voice inside, standing a line, sitting at Circle Time, cleaning up, washing hands, taking off and putting on shoes and using kind hands.

From July 1st to August 9th, we will be having Water Play Days every Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

These items will be left at School. They will be laundered after each use. Please label these items with your child’s name.

- 1 bathing suit
- 1 pair of water shoes

1 small bath towel (Please, no beach towels. Small hooded bath towels work well)

We will be spending 1 to 2 hours outside daily, so it is recommended to apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before getting them dressed for school.

I am really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Please feel free to talk to me about any questions or concerns you might have.

Miss Sally (7:30AM-5:00PM), Miss Eloisa (6:45AM-12PM) and Miss Jess (11:30 am—5:30pm)



News from Ms. Monic Pre-SchoolIB



July and August

What We're Learning!

~ As we move into the first months of the school year, we will be working on manners and proper classroom rules. The children will be learning how to play appropriately in each center and the process of cleaning up before being able to move into another center to play. A few key words that we will be teaching the children are “Kind, Responsible, and Cooperative”.

Monthly Teacher Tips:

~ Even though it is summer time, we still need for you to have your child here by 9:30am every day. It is important for your child to maintain a regular routine as well as it is important for your child to be present to participate in our classroom activities. If your child will not be attending on one of his/her regularly scheduled days or has an appointment that will cause them to be late, please give us a phone call to let us know that your child is safe.

Upcoming Events

Water Play

~ **August 12th**—First day of school

During water play days we ask

that you bring your child in their swim suit, with a regular diaper and sunscreen on. Pack a towel, shirt, shorts, diaper or undies, socks and shoes for afterwards.

Welcome!

My name is Ms. Angie and I will be your child's new teacher in the Preschool II class (green room). I have a BA in Education and a Master of Science in Forensic Science. Your children are growing fast and I, along with Ms. Celeste, look forward to working with you and your child as we teach them to reach for the stars.

Your child is developing in many ways---physically, socially, emotionally, in language, and in thinking (cognitive) skills. We will support your child in all of these areas.

Physical development is the way your child moves her arms and legs (large motor skills) and her fingers and hands (small motor skills). We will help your learn these skills by offering different physical activities and equipment. Children run, jump, climb, throw, and catch. Using their hands, they explore materials like paints, playdough, puzzles, sand, and things to write with. By using their bodies actively both indoors and outdoors, children build healthy bones and muscles.

Social development helps your child get along with others. We will help your child understand the importance of respecting others and working together. By playing and learning together, children build their social skills, language skills, and self-control. Our teachers will help the children learn to resolve conflicts that may come up during play.

Emotional development lets your child understand his feelings and the feelings of others. We will help the children recognize and manage their own feelings and behavior. We will also teach the children to show concern for others.

Language and literacy development helps your child understand and communicate through listening, talking, reading, and writing. These skills are all connected. We will help your child use her growing communication skills to learn new concepts. We will be covering letter recognition and phonics, numbers, and colors. We will also read books and have many classroom discussions.

Thinking, or cognitive, skills develop as children learn to think more complexly, make decisions, and solve problems. As young children explore, ask questions, and create, they improve their thinking skills. Reflecting on and using information lets your child understand the world around him. The way children approach learning is also an important part of their thinking skills. For example, being able to focus or handle frustration helps him learn more easily. We will work with the children daily to become independent thinkers.

The following items are needed for my class:

Red and blue mat for nap time.

Mat cover (king size pillow case)

2 complete changes of clothes (shorts/pants, shirt, underwear and socks)

1 extra pair of shoes

Items that are NOT needed:

Basket for items (I have provided a plastic tote for your child's items for storage)

Toys. Please leave toys at home.

Important information about lunch:

We are a nut-free school

Candy is not allowed

Sugary foods are allowed after your child has eaten their healthy growing food.

The children are provided as much water as they would like to drink at lunch and have access to water all day.

We believe that communication is the key to your child's success and to a great parent/teacher relationship. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Thank you, and we look forward to a wonderful year!

Ms. Angie Ms. Ashley Ms. Celeste



VPK and Wrap

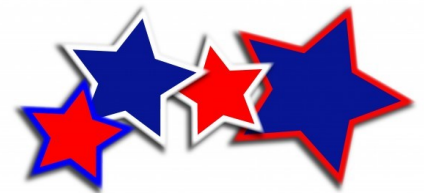
Welcome VPK! It is hard to believe that the new school year is here. Your children will have an amazing and rewarding learning Pre-Kindergarten experience. Our VPK program is full of fun and hands on learning. The Children should be here on time and ready to learn every day. Please remember to always sign your child in and out of school daily. They also will be using their social skills by sharing learning items, discussing, sharing their thoughts and views. We do follow safety rules and routines that your child will master before Thanksgiving. The children will understand that they are unique and wonderfully made in Gods image. We will have church one time a week with Sister Donna. Our learning Bible foundations is Bright Beginnings and Discovering Gods world. The curriculum is designed to use the learning in a scriptural Godly manner and they support the Florida Early Learning Developmental Standards. As we move forward, our class will be focusing on “Back to School” and “All About Me“. The unit covers many concepts such as, an introduction of classroom manners, daily routines, sharing information about ourselves for the purpose of getting to know our classmates, how to clean up and how to use learning tools. Our program has been designed to help guide children to learn, practice and apply skills for self regulation and social-emotional competence. We will start spending more time covering Letters, Numbers, Colors and Shapes. The Curriculum includes indoor/ outdoor art and sand/ water play daily. It is important that children wear closed toe shoes with rubber bottoms for outside play.

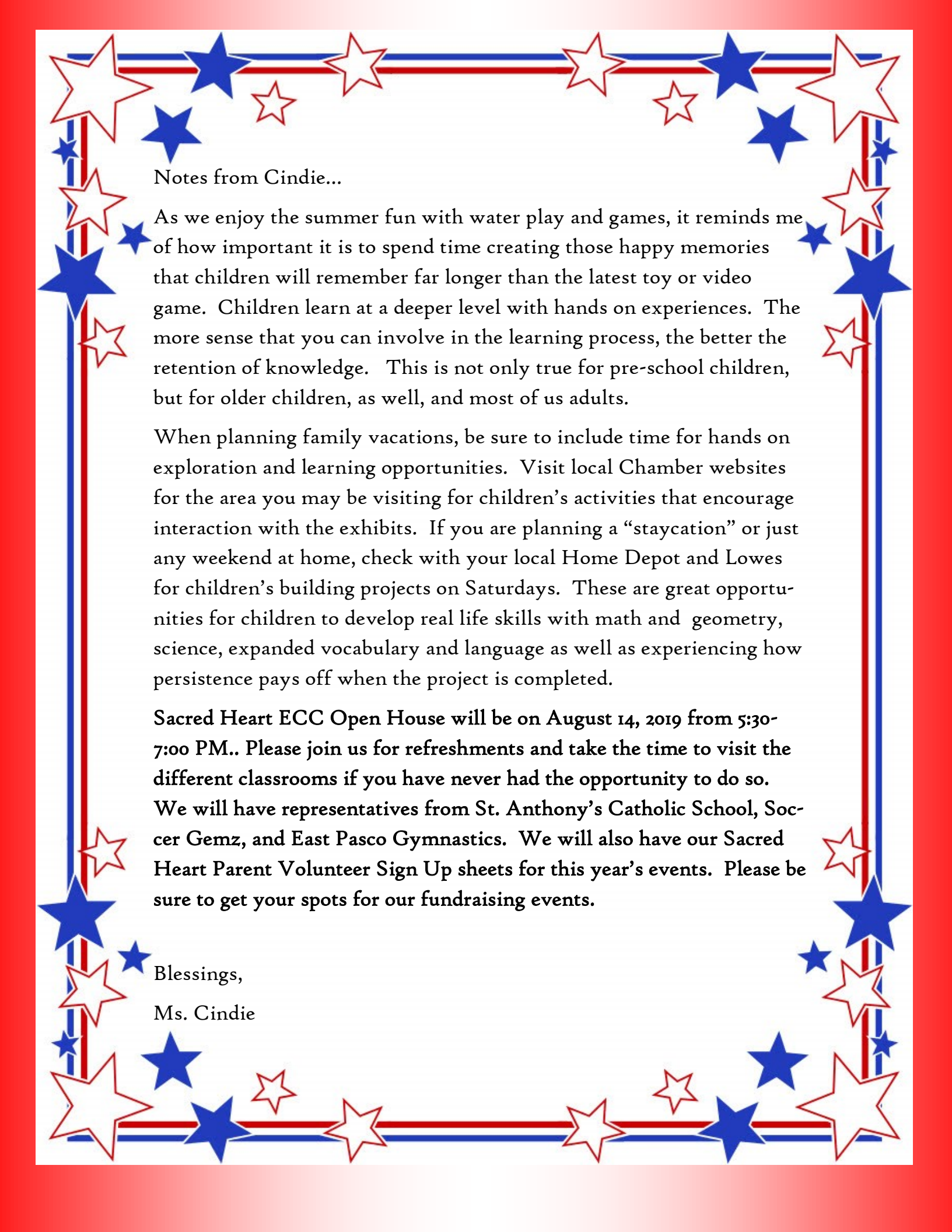
Snacks at our center and Classroom are very important. Wrap-around children eat two snacks daily. Please remember when sending in your monthly snack that we are a peanut free center.

I am looking forward to getting to know your children and their families! We are going to have so much fun learning and getting ready for Kindergarten!

Mrs. Ida

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” Psalm 25:4



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Notes from Cindie...

As we enjoy the summer fun with water play and games, it reminds me of how important it is to spend time creating those happy memories that children will remember far longer than the latest toy or video game. Children learn at a deeper level with hands on experiences. The more sense that you can involve in the learning process, the better the retention of knowledge. This is not only true for pre-school children, but for older children, as well, and most of us adults.

When planning family vacations, be sure to include time for hands on exploration and learning opportunities. Visit local Chamber websites for the area you may be visiting for children's activities that encourage interaction with the exhibits. If you are planning a "staycation" or just any weekend at home, check with your local Home Depot and Lowes for children's building projects on Saturdays. These are great opportunities for children to develop real life skills with math and geometry, science, expanded vocabulary and language as well as experiencing how persistence pays off when the project is completed.

Sacred Heart ECC Open House will be on August 14, 2019 from 5:30-7:00 PM.. Please join us for refreshments and take the time to visit the different classrooms if you have never had the opportunity to do so. We will have representatives from St. Anthony's Catholic School, Soccer Gemz, and East Pasco Gymnastics. We will also have our Sacred Heart Parent Volunteer Sign Up sheets for this year's events. Please be sure to get your spots for our fundraising events.

Blessings,
Ms. Cindie