



THE SUNNY SPROUT UPDATE

November 2023

For the little learners and their caregivers at Hope Ridge Preschool

Looking Ahead:

11/1 & 11/2	Vision Screening
11/2	Fun Friday Registration (Time to be a Hero)
11/6 - 11/9	Parent Teacher Conversation Times
11/17	Fun Friday (Time to be a Hero)
11/22-11/24	Thanksgiving Break
11/27	School resumes
12/11 - 12/15	Christmas Concerts



PUMPKIN KISSES AND HARVEST WISHES

Thanksgiving is upon us, a time to reflect within us to be thankful for the people and graces in our lives. This month provides us with a wonderful opportunity to teach and model gratitude and appreciation to our young children in so many ways. Young children typically begin to show appreciation for tangible items such as their toys, their blanket, or their favorite snack. As they grow older, they begin to express appreciation for abstract qualities such as friendship and kindness. During most times of the year, we tend to get swept up by the hustle and bustle of our everyday happenings. This month, we will take time to reflect on what is profoundly important in our lives, and return to thoughts of generosity, warmth, and hope. We would like all of you to know how thankful we are to have you as part of our Hope Ridge family. It is a joy to work with your children and to be in partnership with you as they learn and grow.

With the colder weather quickly approaching, your child should be sure to bring a jacket or sweater to school. Please mark the inside tag with your child's name or initials. Can your child put on his own jacket? Many of our staff are teaching the children to place their jackets on the floor, lining side up, with the collar closest to your child's feet, and then slip their arms into the sleeves, raise their hands up, and presto, the jacket magically slides down the arms and over shoulders and into place. Your help with training in the "set up," or jacket position, is the key to success. An easy chant to help remember is "Head to the toes, flip, flop, flow." Before too long, your child will be able to "set it up" by themselves. The smile of independence and pride on the child's face is enough to melt your heart.

Speaking of colder weather, the holiday season will be upon us before we know it. With the holidays comes our Christmas concerts. Each class will have a designated day and time the week of December 11th - 15th. During this time, parents and family members are invited to join us as the children perform a few songs to celebrate the season. Before and after each performance, there will be opportunities to view raffle baskets sponsored by P.O.P.S. and purchase tickets. Photo opportunities and refreshments will also be available. Please see class schedules on the back.

Have you ever wondered exactly what fine motor skills are all about? It is the use of small muscles that control the hand, fingers, thumb and wrists. Fine motor skills involve a coordination of the brain and small muscles. Are you looking for ways that you can support your child at home with the acquisition of these skills? Check out this month's Parent Information board in the hallway right before entering the preschool wing.

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If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to your child's teacher. They are more than happy to share what they do in class and discuss any concerns that you may have regarding your child.

Best Wishes,

Stacey Hartman, Preschool Director

Christmas Concert Schedule



Monday, Dec. 11 @ 9:00: M-TH 4's (Ms. Golias)

Monday, Dec. 11 @ 12:15 M-TH 5's (Ms. Golias)

Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 9:00: T/Th AM 3's (Mrs. Shaver)

Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 12:15: T/W/Th PM 3's (Mrs. Shaver)

Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 9:00: M/W/F 4's (Mrs. Blakeslee)

Thursday, Dec 14 @ 9:00: T/W/Th AM 4's (Mrs. Hildebrecht)

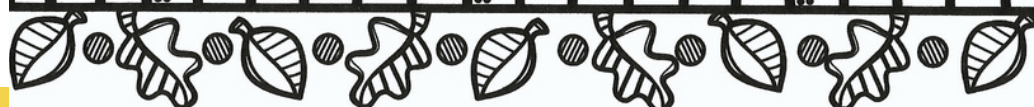
Thursday, Dec. 14 @ 10:45 T/Th 3's (Mrs. Turner)

Thursday, Dec. 14 @ 12:15: T/W/Th PM 4's (Mrs. Hildebrecht)

Friday, Dec. 15 @ 9:00: M/W/F 3's (Mrs. Turner)

November's PLAYFUL Learning Checklist

1. In preparation for Thanksgiving, help your child brainstorm 5 things he's thankful for. Write down his list as he dictates it to you.
2. Help your child learn the name and shape of circles by giving him a blank paper, some paint, and recyclable objects that have circular shapes. The end of paper towel rolls, empty tape rolls and the bottom of egg cartons work well. Invite your child to dip the circles in paint and stamp them on his paper.
3. Take your child on a walk around the neighborhood. Ask him to hunt for a certain fall color {red, orange, yellow}. Each time he finds an object with that color, let him snap a picture of it with your phone camera. When you return home, look through the pictures and point out all of the different shades your child found.
4. Help your child fill an ice tray with different liquids {milk, water, dish soap, salsa, etc.} Make predictions about the liquids that will freeze first. Then place the ice tray in the freezer and wait to see what happens.
5. Since turkey starts with the letter {T}, brainstorm words that start with the /t/ sound.
6. Lay six alphabet magnets on the table. Invite your child to name the letters he sees. Then ask him to close his eyes as you take away one of the letters. When he opens his eyes again, ask what letter is missing.
7. Explain that good readers read the pictures AND the words in books. Pull out a book your child has not read before. Looking only at the pictures, talk about what you think is happening in the story. Invite your child to take a turn reading several of the pictures too. Then go back and read the words of the story out loud. Point out that the pictures gave you great clues about the words you read later.
8. Give your child a pile of shoes. Ask him how many shoes he thinks it will take to reach from his head to his toes. Then, have him lay down as you place the shoes heel to toe along his side. How many shoes tall is he? Was his guess too big, too small or just right?
9. Hand your child a pile of counters {coins, pom poms, etc.} and explain that you're going to divide them into two groups: one for you and one for him. Hand one counter to him, then take one. Give another to him, one more to you... until all of the counters have been divided. How many counters did each of you receive?
10. Read the story "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie" by Alison Jackson. Then ask your child what his favorite part of the story was. © Playdough to Plato



Hope Ridge United Methodist Church Events:

All are Welcome!

INFOTALKS: TALKS OF HOPE FOR DIFFICULT TOPICS

A series of community speakers invited by Hope Ridge Church to educate on current topics relevant to the community

Wednesdays at 7PM in the Chapel. These are free and open to the public.

Next : Nov 15, 2023-- Suicide prevention-- Sandra Tenkku, Lake County ADAMHS Board

The Church will be continuing to collect non-perishable food for local food banks, (St. Mary's, Painesville UMC and Nehemiah Mission) thru Nov. 5. Donate items in basket across from the Preschool Office.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service:
Every Sunday: 8:45 - 9:45
(Chapel)

Contemporary Service
Every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:30
(WFLC)

RidgeKidz (Pre-K - 5th)
2nd-4th Sundays: 10:30 - 11:30

Staffed nursery care available for those under 4 at both services. Children are also welcome in worship.

Thanksgiving Eve Service:
Wednesday, Nov. 22: 7:00 P.M.

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