

St. Mary's Community Preschool

Newsletter

September 2014

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Welcome to SMCP

SMCP has opened its doors again for the 2014-2015 school year. We are proud of the successes we've experienced in the past and look forward to another rewarding year! With God's love and protection, your child will thrive in an educational setting that we feel meets the



Mommy And Me Jubilee

Kathy Wright, Facilitator

Mommy and me jubilee is full of smiling new faces!! We began the year with a younger class, and we've been having so much fun together!!! Playing with our parachute seems to be the children's favorite activity!! And, lots of bubbles to end our class!

There are two spots left for this session!! Please contact Kathy Wright if you are interested: 845-216-6871

Preschool Two Day

needs of all students.

Sharlene Pizza, Head Teacher

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information



We are off to a wonderful start to our 2-year old preschool program! I am amazed at how smart your children are and how they are so excited to learn! Both Ms. Michele and myself are in awe of how well they listen during circle time. They are doing a great job of socializing and sharing.



September is a month of transition for your little ones in our classroom. Transition this month went extremely well. We experienced only a week or two of the "missing" sniffles, but happily those sniffles turned into smiles! Our first week had us testing our fine motor skills.



We have been painting, coloring, screwing & unscrewing, turning pages and learning songs which involve using one finger at a time. We will continue to do this throughout the year to develop fine motor skills. We will also start carving out time in our large playroom located in the Sommaripa Room where we will be building upon our large motor skills. This will involve physical activity exercises such as simple climbing, crawling and balancing games and more.

Our 2nd and 3rd week was all about getting into our routine for the year. Every morning we're able to begin our day with discovery play and some of the manipulative toys you see around the classroom. From there, we clean up and head to the carpet for our morning circle time. Circle time is where we go over the lessons of the day. We begin our day with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and our welcome song. From there we go over the days of the week

and the weather outside. Then its on to our alphabet! This month we covered the letter A as well as the color red! The children completed many activities involving the letter A. You will be able to see their many accomplishments and crafts during Back To School Night. Also, please be sure to take a moment to see your child's work displayed in our classroom and in the hallways!



As always, we are blessed to be able to spend time with your children every week. We are looking forward to a fun year and watching your children grow and learn!

Sharlene Pizza,
Head Teacher

Michele Kayser,
Teacher Assistant

Preschool Three Day

Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher

"Get Set For School" Curriculum

What a great start to the school year! Many of our three-year-old students moved up from Ms. Sharlene's two-year-old class. We welcomed new friends at the start of the



school year as well. September is a month of adjustment for the students, parents and teachers as we get to know our class and figure out what will work best. The students have been transitioning into school like champions! The students are still learning classroom routines. We continue to practice sitting during lesson time.

The students were introduced to the letters A, B, and C during the month of September. The students created various letter crafts including A is for alligator and B is for Butterfly. We also created bubble art using painted bubble wrap. We have been enjoying letter of the week snacks including Apricots, Apples, and Bananas. During Language, the students have been practicing recognizing and forming their initial letter. In Math, the students have been counting and recognizing numbers. They have been busy aiming and scribbling during Readiness and Writing. We have been practicing proper crayon grip and crayon strokes as well as holding the paper with our helping hand.

The weather has been so beautiful this month allowing us to enjoy time on the playground. The children imagined that they were sailing ships, swinging to far off lands, and sliding down bumpy hills.

Ms. Michele and I are looking forward to a school year of learning and fun! We are glad to be a part of this adventure with our students and families!

Amanda Rabolli
Head Teacher

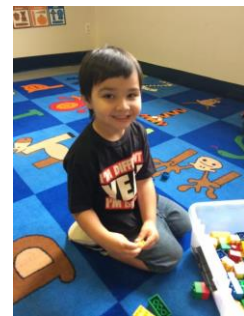
Michele Kayser
Teacher Assistant

Preschool Five Day

Ida Payne, Head Teacher

"Get Set For School" Curriculum

Get ready, set, go.....we're off to PreK!! The students said hello to former classmates, welcomed new friends, and settled in to the routine of the day. September said goodbye to summer and hello to fall with all its vibrant colors outside our windows.



"Llama, Llama Misses Mama" and "The Kissing Hand" were two wonderful books to kick start the school year.

In our five day program, we've been busy diving into our Get Set For School curriculum and having so much fun learning new things and singing new songs.

Penmanship: Good handwriting skills result from thoughtful attention and instruction. It requires students to develop good habits. The children are learning proper posture, paper placement and pencil skills. We start by using our Wood Pieces to teach children the concepts and words to describe size and shape. We learn that by starting our letters "at the top," you can be both fast and neat.

Language and Literacy: The students practiced the beginning sounds of their first names. We are learning phonological awareness by keeping our ears open to discriminating sounds inside and outside the classroom, distinguish words that are the same and different, and identifying words that rhyme.

Math: Children benefit from hands-on experiences with materials as they develop early concepts of numbers. The students arrange sets of objects and count them to show they understand the meaning and value of numbers. They use their Tag Bags to learn to recognize quantities without counting and to understand the concept of totals - that the arrangement or order of objects does not change the total. The children use the 1-2-3 Touch & Flip Cards to count and become familiar with the number words.

The students were introduced to Mat Man. Using our Wood Pieces to build Mat Man, children develop body awareness, drawing and counting skills.

Word Time: Squawker, our class mascot, can say lots of words. He helps us build our vocabulary and encourage the correct pronunciation of words. The students are introduced to new words and their meanings every week.

Wednesdays are special because we go to Chapel to visit with Reverend Betty for a child friendly story, sing songs and pray.

With God's love and protection, we look forward to another wonderful school year!

Ida Payne
Head Teacher



Cynthia Dinan
Assistant Teacher

Calendar of Events

October 1 Back to School Night



October 1-15 Ashley Farms Fund Raising

October 10 Tuxedo Fire House Visit

October 17 Pumpkin Trip at The Wright Farm

October 31 Harvest Party & Trick or Treating to the Promenade.



St.Mary's Community Preschool offers a variety of early childhood academic programs:

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Preschool 2-day
Preschool 3-day
Preschool 5-day
Community Social Enrichment

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