



## **LITTLE SUNSHINE LEARNING CENTER NEWS MARCH 2016**

### **Mission Statement**

Little Sunshine Learning Center is dedicated to promoting a high quality Early Childhood Education program for children in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment that promotes each child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth and competency through positive experiences. We believe that all children are unique in their own way and should be encouraged to learn and develop at their own rate.

### **Pre-K Classroom Updates**

March is a busy month. We started the month with a lesson unit on patterning and comparing (basic math concepts). During small group time, the teachers introduced activities to help the children understand these concepts. We used cubes, Lego blocks, shapes, and letters. These were used to make and understand patterns and comparing size, length and weight. We also introduced fun games during large group time to reinforce these math concepts.

Ms. Daniela introduced graphs to the pre-k class which is another math concept. As a class, the children developed graphs about their favorite ice cream and the number of boys and girls in the class. This concept is all new and the children loved it. They used it at play time and we will continue to do more and expand on it the rest of the month.

Our school will be having Easter egg hunts for the children. We ask you that you please help us with this event by bringing plastic eggs filled with goodies (stickers, sweets, etc.) to share with all the children. **NO NUTS PLEASE.** You may bring the eggs at any time before the event but no later than 10:45 am on the day of the event. We also need about 4 dozen real eggs to dye at school. We will buy food for all the children. We ask for donations of \$3 for the party.

**The Pre-K class egg hunt will be on Friday, March 25, 2016 at 11:45 AM.**

Let us know if you would like to volunteer to help out. Thank you

### **2016 Holiday Calendar**

**The center will be closed on the following days:**

Spring Break **(1 week 3/28/16 – 4/1/16)** Center is open on Monday 4/4/16

Memorial Day **(5/30/16)**

Staff Development Day **(6/17/16)**

Independence Day **(7/4/16)**

Labor Day **(9/5/16)**

Veterans Day **(11/11/16)**

Thanksgiving Holiday **(11/24/16 and 11/25/16)** Center is open on Monday 11/28/16

Winter Break **(12/21/16 – 12/30/16)** Center is open on Monday 1/2/17

**Gentle reminders:** with the cold weather, please make sure that your child brings a coat to school and extra clothing is appropriate. Please do not send your child to school with toys from home. Bringing toys from home can cause disruptions in the classroom.

If your child brings lunch from home, please do not send food that needs cooking. We have limited cooking capacity and time constraints when setting up for lunch. We can heat up food from home but not cook it or prepare it.

Please check your child's cubby daily for teacher notes, artwork, and/or soiled clothing.

Flu season – please DO NOT send your child to school if he/she is sick with a fever and/or cold.

Parents, as you know, parking can be difficult in our neighborhood. As such, please be considerate and do not block our driveway during pick up and drop off. Please move your car towards the front of the driveway where the stop sign is. This allows other parents to use the driveway simultaneously. As always, we ask for your consideration in dealing with the parking.

### **Reminders**

\*The center closes at 6:30 pm. If a child is signed out after 6:30pm, a late charge of \$1.00 per minute is payable to Little Sunshine Learning Center.

\*Tuition is due on the 1st of the month and no later than the 5th day of the month before a late fee is applicable.

\*Please don't forget to check your child's cubby on a daily basis and to pick any art work, soiled clothing or notices from the teachers.

\*When you sign students in and out, make sure that you use your FULL signature (no initials). This is important and required by the State of California.

\*Per the admission agreement, Little Sunshine does not provide make-up days for students who are absent. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying the full monthly tuition regardless of illness, vacations, spring and Winter breaks, holidays or emergency closure of the school (power outages, etc.).

\*Tuition adjustments are for vacations/absences that are two weeks or longer with prior notice.