



Small Wonders Learning Center

September Newsletter 2017



Reminder: **Small Wonders will be Closed Monday, September 4th.**

Happy Labor Day! 

From the Office:

It's Back to School time!! Hooray!! Where did the summer go? We hope you all had a wonderful one. We had an awesome summer at Small Wonders...one filled with great activities, good friends, and lots of laughs! Now, we are ready to buckle in and have an amazing new school year, too!

With the start of a new school year, we'd like to welcome back our returning friends from their summer breaks. We are always so amazed to see how much you have grown over such a short period of time! We would also like to welcome all of our new families. We are so glad to have you join us.

September is a month of transition for us. There are all sorts of things happening at Small Wonders. In addition to many new families starting care with us, we have several families returning from summer break, our school agers are heading back to school, and some of our friends are moving into new classrooms.

We know that this is a busy time and that it may be a little overwhelming for your child. Each child is unique and will respond differently when coming to daycare. Please know that our staff is trained to help your child during this time and we will do everything we can to make it go as smoothly as possible for them (and for you, too ☺).

MPK: The Milton MPK program starts Tuesday, September 5th.

Sunscreen/Bug Spray: All of these items should be taken home at this time. If they are not picked up by Friday, September 8th, we will dispose of them.

School Age Bus Tags: All of our school age children that ride the bus to Small Wonders after school should have a bus tag for their backpack. This tag has our name and phone number on it. If you did not receive one, please see Miss Terri or Miss Julia in the office.

Parent Contracts: Everyone must sign an updated contract. They are available in the office. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Absences: You must call our office and let us know if your child is not going to be at daycare. This pertains to all of our families, and is a State Regulation for us. For the safety of all of our children, we need to know where they are if they are not here when we expect them. If you do not call and we need to call you, a charge of \$5 will be added to your account.

Picture Day: Mark your calendars! Lifetouch will be here on **Thursday, September 28th** for pictures. Watch for more information to follow! ☺

Extra Clothing Items: All of our children should have extra clothing at Small Wonders with the exception of our school agers. If we have had to lend extra clothing items to your child, please wash items and return them within the next day or two.

Wacky Wednesdays: Every Wednesday is a Wacky Wednesday at Small Wonders. They are a fun way for the kids and staff to show their Small Wonders Spirit! Check the calendar to find out what the themes are for each Wednesday of the month.

Scholastic Book Clubs: Throughout the year we will be offering opportunities for our families to purchase books and other educational materials through the Scholastic Book Club. Watch for these flyers to be sent home in September. You can also place orders online!!

Easy Fundraisers: We collect Milk Moola (from Kwik Trip), Pampers Points & Gifts to Grow Points (from Pampers wipes), Huggie Points, and used ink cartridges throughout the year. They are a great way for us to earn FREE educational and athletic equipment for the kids. The best part of it is you don't have to buy anything extra. We just need you to save the labels, lids, UPC codes or cartridges from products you may already purchase on a regular basis! For Pamper Points, the code is on the inside of the package.

Handwriting Without Tears: This year as in the past we will be introducing "Handwriting Without Tears" to our Milkyways and Shooting Stars friends. It is a program that helps your child learn the alphabet as well as help to develop their beginning writing skills. The children love this program, it makes learning the alphabet fun! ☺

Welcome Back!

Miss Beth, Miss Terri, and Miss Julia



From the Sunshine Room:

Happy September wishes to all of our Sunshine friends and their families! We are so excited for the start of a new month. Our learning experiences will include exploring through our senses with Newspapers and Magazines as we roll, crumple, and shred our way through paper media. We will continue our discovery through Shapes, Letters and Numbers as we roll balls, stack blocks, sing songs and play with the shape sorter. We will end our sensory fun this month exploring Fall through outdoor time, playing on the grass, creating leaf art, and enjoying the changing of the seasons.

We will continue to work on developing our core strength with our friends who are getting closer to sitting up independently. We will also work on tummy time which is instrumental in developing strong head, neck, and shoulder muscles and for promoting our large motor skills. As always as part of our sensory play we will include pinching and grasping activities to help with our fine motor development.

With the start of September, we'd like to welcome our new friends Maizy, Ava, and Quinn! We are so happy to have you join in our learning fun. A very Happy Birthday wish goes to our friend, Olivia! We hope you have a fun filled day!

Please check your extra clothing items and exchange them as necessary. In addition, please check your diaper and wipe supply as well. When bringing in new supplies, you can place them on top of your infant's crib and we will put them away. As Fall arrives, we are excited to take our little ones on walks to see the color changes happening around us. Please be sure to send in a light coat or sweater for your child to have at Small Wonders for our outdoor adventures. As the seasons change, so will the temperatures and we want to be ready!

Happy Fall!

Miss Nikki, Miss Taylor and Miss Marta



From the Rainbow Room:

Happy September! Our exploring and discovery play this month will include The ABC's, Apples, My Family and All about Me! We have so many fun activities and learning opportunities planned for our little ones this month. Our sensory activities will include making both homemade apple cinnamon and regular play dough. We will also focus on our fine motor development as we try our hands at apple stamping and gluing our own art projects!

As part of our Family and All about Me themes, we will be making family trees and self-portraits. Please send in 5-6 family photos so we can add them to our family trees! We love to see your smiling faces!

As the cooler fall weather begins to settle in, please check your child's extra clothing to make sure you have appropriate items available. All of our friends will need a light jacket or sweater as we will be going outside daily as the weather permits. In addition, clean napping items and bibs should be brought in weekly.

A big WELCOME goes out to our new friends Cora and Isaac!! We are so happy to have you come learn, grow, and play with us.



Fall Time Giggles and Wiggles ☺
Miss Heather, Miss Barb L., and Miss Rhonda

From the Moonbeam Room:

It's hard to believe we are ready to begin a new school year! We had lots of fun with all of our summer activities and now we are looking forward to more fun as Fall arrives. Our discovery for September will include Fun with Colors, Shapes, Letters and Numbers!

The Moonbeams are going to get messy this month as we enjoy finger painting and making our own collages. We will also be using stickers as we explore different shapes and colors. Our learning will include lots of songs like the ABCs, Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Five Little Monkeys, and more! We will finish off the month with number fun. We will be finishing off the month having some fun with numbers.

Please send in a family picture or two to hang in our classroom. We love to look at our families throughout the day. Also, please remember to bring in diapers and wipes monthly or as needed.

As the new season approaches, please check your child's bin and switch out their extra clothes for new weather appropriate items. The weather will be getting cooler, and many of our friends have grown over the summer months.

Reminder: The center is **closed Monday, September 4th** in honor of Labor Day!

As the new school year begins, we hope to start everyday as a new adventure! We are sad to see summer go, but look forward to a fun Fall! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Fall into Learning!
Miss Lynn and Miss Emily

From the Milkyway Room:

Wow, it's hard to believe that September is here already. We are so excited to begin to explore our learning units of Shapes, Colors, Numbers and The ABC's. We will be jumping into September ready to learn all the basics to help us get started in the right way. What a great way to start a new school year!

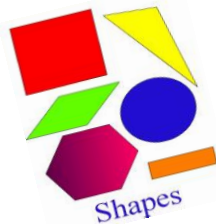
Our learning fun will include a new color each week starting with RED during the week of Sept. 4th. Then we focus on Orange during the week of September 11th, Yellow during the week of September 18th and we will end with Green during the week of September 25th.

As the weather continues to be nice, we will spend lots of time outside. It is important for my friends to work on their large motor skills with activities like balancing, jumping, climbing, skipping and more. We will also practice our hand eye coordination as we make fruit loop necklaces, finger paint art, and much more! And last but not least, we will be beginning our Hand-Writing without Tears program this month.

Please be sure to check your child's extra clothing and make sure he or she has weather appropriate items. I'm looking forward to a fun year with my Milkyway friends.

Learning Is Fun!

Miss Jamie



From the Shooting Stars:

Welcome Back! We are so excited to be starting a new school year. Our learning units will be Back to School, Colors, Apples and Fall!

We have a busy month ahead of us starting with developing positive self esteem with an All About me Page, painting with our favorite color and drawing ourselves at school. Next, we will use our multi sensory abilities to process information with contrasting artwork, magnet exploring and color blending. We are also going to make hypotheses and predictions with a puzzle of fall trees, chart of fall colors and leaf rubbings. We will finish off the month with collecting, describing and recording information using all our senses. Some of our other fun activities will include wiggly worm art, apple taste tasting and finger painting.

As the fall temperatures arrive, please be sure to switch out extra clothes for warmer fall apparel. The September mornings can be pretty chilly.

We are starting a Traveling Back Pack for our families! Every Friday, a new family will have a turn. Be sure to check your child's cubby to see who's next. 😊

Happy September birthday wishes to our friends Jackson, Ayden and Miss Melody! We hope you have an awesome day. We also would like to say Welcome to our new and returning friends: Evan, Tinley, Grant, Peyton, Madelyn and Cameron! Welcome to another great school year! I can't wait to see everyone grow and learn this year!

School Rocks!

Miss Meldoy



From the Comets:

Welcome Back Schoolagers! It's September already and it's hard to believe summer break has gone by so quickly. We had a ton of fun over the summer but now we're ready to get back into our school routine. We are so excited to welcome back all of our returning friends and to also welcome all of our new friends (both kindergartners and new families)!

As we begin the new school year, here are a few reminders:

- Please make sure to check your child's mailbox daily.
- All families MUST sign the Technology Form Slip prior to having electronics at SWLC Main and Offsite locations.
- Families are responsible checking their child's mailbox daily and for reading the monthly newsletter(available at www.smallwondersltd.com).

Happy September Birthday wishes go out to Nolan H., Nicole M., Cole H., Lilly J., Michael M., Jakob R., Brayden R., Boden B., Leah C., Kieran M., Bowyn P., Declan V. and Colton R!

Main Site:

We are so excited to have our own classroom! Mailboxes are located right outside the classroom and they are separated in color by school.

Our themes for the month will be Back to School, Creative Colors and Art, and Apples. We will start the month off getting to know each other, and sharing our summer stories! We will be tapping into our creative side by making creative projects and doing some fun art activities. Finishing off the month we will be sharing apple orchard stories and reviewing parts of an apple.

Please bring in your family involvement activities.

Electronic Days are every Friday



Offsite:

Please walk all the way into the gym at East and all the way into the cafeteria at West. This is a state licensing requirement and needs to be followed.

Our themes will be Back to School, All About Me and National Checkers Day. We are going to be working on our social emotional skills with fun games like towel ball (a cool game that requires working together to achieve a goal). We have some fun art activities like collages of your least favorite foods! This will help enhance our small motor skills with cutting and using different types of supplies to create silly masterpieces. We also will be playing a human game of checkers while working on problem solving and teamwork.

Family Involvement: Please send in the scrap book page with your child/children filled with pictures of your family by the end of September.

Electronic Days are every Wednesday and Show and Tell every Friday.

We hope you all have a great 2017-2018 School Year! We are so excited! We are looking forward to getting to know our new school age friends and have some fun!

School Time Fun!
The Schoolage Teachers

