



Small Wonders Learning Center

September Newsletter 2018



Reminder: **Small Wonders will be Closed Monday, September 3rd.**

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 4K program starts Tuesday, September 4th. Please note: If your child will not be at MPK, you must reach out to your child's MPK teacher to let them know. While they rent space in our building, they are a separate program.

Sunscreen/Bug Spray: All of these items should be taken home at this time. If they are not picked up by Friday, September 7th, 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: Families with new schedules or new classrooms 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 27th** 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), and Huggies Points 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 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 sensory bottles as well as making edible paint by using rice cereal. We have been working on basic sign language, this month we will be teaching the words "more" and "all done".

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.

With the start of September, we'd like to welcome our new friend, Avalynn! We are so happy to have you join in our learning fun. A very Happy Birthday wish goes to our friend, Avery! 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. 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 keep at Small Wonders for our outdoor adventures. As the seasons change, so will the temperatures and we want to be ready! For our beginning walkers, please be sure to send along shoes for our outside time as well.

Happy Fall!

Miss Heather and Miss Lynn



From the Rainbow Room:

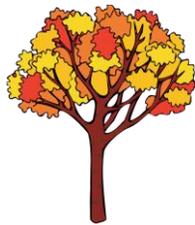
Happy September! Our exploring and discovery play this month will include The ABC's, Shapes, Colors, and Apples! We have so many fun activities and learning opportunities planned for our little ones this month. We will be starting off the month with learning to sing our ABC's, followed by looking at different shapes and colors. We will finish the month off with doing some taste testing of different kinds of apples.

We will be making family trees, please send in a couple 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 friend Avery! Also a BIG Happy Birthday to Olivia! We are so happy to have you come learn, grow, and play with us.

Fall Time Giggles and Wiggles ☺
Miss Barb L., Miss Taylor, and Miss Allie



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. We'd like to welcome Miss Mandi and Miss Kelly to our class. We've joined the Moonbeams over the last couple weeks and have enjoyed our time here. If you have questions, please let us know. We are happy to help!

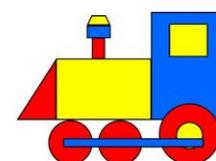
Our discovery for September will include ABCs, All About Me, Apples, and Shapes/Colors! The Moonbeams are going to get messy this month as we enjoy different sensory activities. We will also be using stickers as we explore different shapes and colors! We will be exploring our taste buds while doing some taste testing during our apple unit. During our All About Me unit, please send in a family picture or two to hang in our classroom. We love to look at our families throughout the day.

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. Also, please remember to bring in diapers and wipes monthly or as needed.

Reminder: The center is **closed Monday, September 3rd** 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 Mandi and Miss Kelly



From the Milkyway Room:

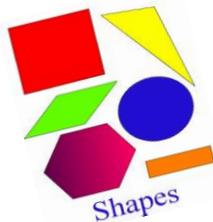
Wow, it's hard to believe that September is here already. We are so excited to begin to explore our learning units of Getting to Know You, Bus, Fall, and Letters & Numbers. We will be jumping into September ready to learn all the basics to help us get started in the right way. What a great way to start a new school year! This month we will be learning about each other and our favorites (colors, books, foods, and activities).

As the weather continues to be nice, we will spend lots of time outside engaging our core muscles. 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 HandWriting without Tears program this month.

Please be sure to check your child's extra clothing bin and make sure he or she has weather appropriate items. With the upcoming holidays please be thinking about what family traditions you have. If you would like to come in and share a fun tradition you have let us know! We would love to spend time learning about each others families. I'm looking forward to a fun year with my Milkyway friends. Memories are the greatest gift you can give your child!

Learning Is Fun!

Miss Barb S.



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!

This month we will be starting our Hand Writing Without Tears, as we focus on working on number and letter recognition as well as writing them. We are excited to make crayon people using our fine motor skills. We will also be doing our sensory skills during our apple week while taste testing different apples.

As the fall temperatures arrive, please be sure to switch out extra clothes for warmer fall apparel. The September mornings can be pretty chilly. Reminder to please send in family photos for our family wall.

Happy September birthday wishes to our friends Jackson, Kullen and Miss Melody! We hope you have an awesome day. We also would like to say **WELCOME** to our new and returning friends! We hope everyone has a great start to the school year. We are so excited to have you learn and grow with us this year! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

School Rocks!

Miss Melody and Miss Mandy



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 to help the year go well. If you have any questions regarding any of this, please let us know.

- All children should use a basket to put their belongings in when they arrive. Siblings should share a basket. Baskets should then be lined up along wall. When leaving, the children should put their basket away.
- All families **MUST** sign the Technology Form Slip prior to having electronics at our SWLC Main and Offsite locations. Electronic Days are Fridays at our Main Site.
- Families are responsible checking their child's mailbox daily and for reading the monthly newsletter which is available at www.smallwondersltd.com.
- Mailboxes are located right outside the classroom and they are separated by color for each school.

Happy September Birthday wishes go out to Nolan H., Nicole M., Lilly J., Michael M., Boden B., Kieran M., Bowyn P.!

We are so excited to have our own classroom! Our themes for the month will be Back to School, Families, Friendship, Team Work. We will start the month off getting to know each other, and sharing our summer stories! Throughout the month, we will be tapping into our creative sides as we enjoy some cool projects and do some fun art activities. We will be finishing off the month as we share apple orchard stories and review the parts of an apple.

School Time Fun!
The School Age Teachers

