



# SCCP Kids Connection



## From the Director's Desk—Purposeful Play

Fall has arrived and with it comes...snow? In keeping with typical seasonal changes, the children have been exploring all things autumn. The smell of freshly made applesauce has wafted throughout the school and your little one's artwork decorates the classrooms. When you stop in for a visit you'll notice apple prints, colorful leaves and a few pumpkins here and there. But at SCC Pre-

school, your child is involved in much more than art.

Because young children learn best through play and hands-on involvement, the teachers intentionally plan activities to encourage choice and active participation.

What, then, do children learn about and develop through their play and center-time activities?

### ART

- Exploring art media
- Color, shape, form
- Fine motor skills
- Move from the scrib-

bling stage to symbolic representation

- Create just for FUN!

### DRAMATIC PLAY

- Understanding roles
- Social skills
- Expression of feelings
- Gross and fine-motor development
- Move from solitary or parallel play to cooperative play

### LANGUAGE ARTS/ LITERACY

- Recognizing that print has meaning
- Tracking (following print left to right) (continued on page 2)

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### Moms and Mocha

All moms are invited to join us on October 14 and 15 from 9:00-10:00 for coffee or tea, conversation, and free wi-fi. Coffee hour will be held on a monthly basis and is a great way to meet new people. We hope you can come!

### Trash or Treasure?

Some of our classrooms are in need of the following recyclable supplies. If you have items available for use, please drop them off in the box next to the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

- Toilet tissue rolls
- Wire hangers
- Brown paper grocery bags (especially without print)



## Thank you!!

A special thank you to preschool governing board member, Pastor Ron Grey and church member Rod Elliott for generously giving of their time to assemble new kitchen sets and art racks for our classrooms. We appreciate you!

### SCC Church

Pastor Eric is introducing a new sermon series entitled *The Seven Deadly Emotions*. If you're looking for a church home,

## October Praise Time

Topic-God Made All Things

Verse-Gen. 1:31a

You're welcome to join us anytime!



## Purposeful Play (Continued)

- Manipulating phonemes (sounds)
- Improve torso strength, pincer grasp during "writing" activities

### EARLY MATH

- Familiarity with terms and concepts (i.e. big/small, more/less)
- Hand-eye coordination (i.e. puzzles and manipulatives)
- Develop ability to count, sort, and classify
- Explore conservation, patterning, and classifying

### SCIENCE

- Discover more about God's wonderful creation
- Relationship of "if-then"
- Predict outcomes
- Experience natural processes through experiments and observation

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Learn about his/her role at home, in the classroom, etc.
- Understand others (i.e. community helpers, children around the

world)

- Celebrate holidays and traditions

### OUTDOOR PLAY

- Physical activity feels great
- Social skills
- Gross-motor skills
- Improved cognition
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Who knew play was such hard work? If you want more information about the importance of play, we recommend *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards* by Kathy Hirsch-Pasek.

## Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP Club)

Are you looking for a way to get more involved at school? Do you enjoy meeting people? Would you like to minister to the needs of other families? Then consider becoming part of PEP Club.

New to SCC Preschool, PEP Club is a parent organization comprised of people like you who want to make new friends and support other preschool

families.

Consider the possibilities! Why not set up a babysitting co-op or a play-group? Or, provide meals for a new mother. Perhaps write cards of encouragement to those who are hospitalized.

PEP Club is designed to be parent-led and requires as little or as much time as you want to invest.

If you are interested in participating, just fill out the volunteer insert form and return it to your child's teacher.

We hope you'll be encouraged by other parents as you take this opportunity to share your time and talents.



## Petite Picassos and Mini Monets

SCC Preschool is participating with Display My art to offer parents the chance to reproduce your child's artwork on a variety of personalized products such as coffee mugs, note-cards, water bottles and more.

Each child will draw something of his or her own choosing during class and will receive a free magnet within a couple of weeks.

Parents can then place an order, if interested.

Funds raised as part of this program will be used to purchase new classroom equipment including Little People toy sets, Alphabet Tubs, and Bible center toys.

Orders will arrive in time for Christmas and a sure crowd-pleaser.

More information will be coming home soon!



## About Miss Rose

Many of you have asked about Rose Ebert, the dedicated woman who served SCC Preschool as director for 21 years.

While Rose is still undergoing cancer treatment, she remains positive about her illness and continues to be an example to others.

We plan on sending Rose a care package at the end of the month. If you would like to sign the card next to your child's sign-in log we'll be certain to send your thoughts along, too.

Thank you for encouraging Rose and for keeping her in your prayers.

## Debit or Credit?

As promised, our administrative genius, Marcia Matheny, and assistant director Denise Carson have made it possible for parents to make tuition payments automatically by debit or credit.

If either of these options appeals to you, please pick up a form outside the director's office near the Information Board.

Forms turned in on or before October 5th will ensure that this month's tuition is managed electronically.



## Prayer Partners

Christ instructs us to pray for one another and, as part of our ministry to your family, we are here to do just that. If we can pray for or with you in any way, please stop by Tammy's office or fill out the attached form and place it in the Prayer Request Envelope posted on the Information Board.

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Prayer Request

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(Mark your preferences below.)

Please keep this request confidential. (yes/no) OR  
Please publish this request one time only. (yes/no)

Please do/do not publish name.

## Who's Who at SCC School



**Name:** Sandy Blanton

**I love working with children because:** they are precious gifts from God to be cherished and molded. They are excited about life and learning.

**My favorite subject(s) in school:** choir, home economics

**In my spare time, I enjoy:** scrapbooking, skiing, camping reading, time with family and friends

**If I weren't working at SCC Preschool, I'd:** travel more and spend more time reading.

**Favorite Bible verse:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phil. 4:6-7)



**Name:** Leslie Byzewski

**I love working with children because:** they are so open and excited about new ideas and they help keep me young!

**My favorite subject(s) in school:** reading and science

**In my spare time, I enjoy:** time with my family and animals, reading, and camping.

**If I weren't working at SCC Preschool, I'd:** probably be working in Human Resources.

**Favorite Bible verse:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

# Classroom Capers

## Sunbeams

October gives us the opportunity to explore all things "fall" as we learn more about pumpkins, leaves, and seeds. Our curriculum for the month also focuses on make-believe, the colors yellow and orange, and the square.

Please keep the following dates in mind:

October 6/7-Bring in nature items

October 8/9 Venetucci Pumpkin Farm  
*Important: We'll meet at the sun flag at 10:00 a.m.*

Your children are wonderful! We're enjoying getting to know them.



## Butterflies

Our first month of school passed by quickly and it went very smoothly. And hooray, we don't need nametags anymore!

Thank you to the parents who came with us on our zoo field trip. Wasn't it a successful day?

October will be a busy month. We'll begin by talking about fall, leaves and pumpkins. Your children can also look forward to our costume party to be held at the end of the month. As soon as all of the children arrive, we'll have a school-wide parade. Parents are invited to join us for this wonderful photo opportunity! Group pictures can be taken after the parade. A special party snack sheet will be available next to the sign-in book. On your snack day, please remember to bring a drink and snack for 15 children. We provide cups, napkins and spoons.

Just a thought—when the time comes to purchase new shoes for your children keep in mind that 3 and 4 year olds feel frustrated if they can't put shoes on themselves (at least at school)! You may want to look for "kid-friendly" shoes. The children feel a sense of pride when they realize how **BIG** they've become!

## Rainbows

We're excited to let you know your children are scheduled to visit the Fountain Creek Nature Center on **October 22 (Thursday) or October 23 (Friday)**. We'll meet at **9:30 a.m.** at the Center. There is a **\$4.00** fee for children, but adults are **FREE**.

As a reminder, parents or guardians need to transport and stay with their child during this time. It's one way we help ensure your child's safety!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Praise Time 9:20-9:30 12:55-1:05	7 Praise Time 9:20-9:30 12:55-1:05	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day—School In Session	13 Praise Time 9:20-9:30 12:55-1:05	14 Praise Time 9:20-9:30 12:55-1:05	15	16	17
18	19 No School Staff Development	20 Praise Time 9:20-9:30 12:55-1:05	21 Praise Time 9:20-9:30 12:55-1:05	22	23	24
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