



Sunny Hill Preschool

June 2019 Newsletter

From the Director

Can you believe that June has arrived? I know we are all wondering where the time has gone! It has been a year of change, a year of growth, and a year of learning. Staff and administration alike have had a wonderful time getting to know each one of the children, watching them grow and develop, and seeing their personal triumphs. There have been many laughs and many tears, but most importantly, there was much fun being had by all.

From learning how to be social to potty training to speaking in sentences, the children in the 2.9 programs have thrived in their development. Three-year-old children have become writers, builders, and unified members of a community. The children in our four-year-old programs have traveled the world, explored different medias, and built solid relationships that may travel on with some of them as they begin kindergarten next year.

As we celebrate and enjoy the last few days we have left together, we have one more challenge and very important task, transitioning our children to the future. Whether transitioning to a new school in the fall, to a new teacher and classroom here at Sunny Hill, or moving, change is about to occur. Please know that no matter how large or small we think the transition is, it can include stress and/or anxiety because it is a life change.

So how do we successfully transition and say “good-bye” for the children in our programs here at Sunny Hill?

We help children anticipate the end of school by:

- preparing the room for next year’s children together.
- talking about saying “good-bye” or “See you later” when children bring it up in their conversations.
- maintaining routines that allow children to feel emotionally safe and secure during this time of change.
- celebrating summer birthdays, talking about what we do in the summer and anticipating a visit from Farmer’s Helpers on June 12 and 13.
- finishing up Portfolios so they can finally be taken home and shared with families.
- acknowledging mixed feelings—the excitement of summer fun with the sadness of goodbye.

Most importantly perhaps we ask families to help us with the last day transition!

On Wednesday, June 12th we ask all families to return 15 minutes early:

- **At 11:45 if your child is in the 9:00-12:00 program.**
- **At 12:45 if your child is in the 9-1:00 program.**
- **At 2:45 if your child is in the 9:00-3:00 program.**

On Thursday, June 13th we ask all families to return 15 minutes early:

- **At 11:45 if your child is in the 9-12:00 program.**
- **At 12:45 if your child is in the 9-1:00 program.**

Arriving early gives parents and children time to spend in the classroom looking at the Portfolios they receive from their teachers and saying “good-bye.” Together, enjoy looking at the developmental milestones that have occurred, the happy times shared with friends and teachers at school, and the educational experiences and works of art you take, as you both say “good-bye” to teachers and friends. In this way, you will be helping to support your child take his/her first step of transition to the next phase of life.

As you leave school this year, have something developmentally appropriate to look forward to with your child. This will provide a connection between the known and the unknown. For example:

- picnic lunches.
- a small get together or playdates at a classmate’s house.
- a special “family” time watching a movie or reading a story together.

As adults, we can reduce the stress on young children as they say “good-bye” by modeling the excitement and anticipation of new experiences during the summer ahead.

Kathy, Kathy and I would like to extend our thanks to you for a wonderful year at Sunny Hill. It has been a pleasure working with you and your little ones this year. Have a fabulous summer and see many of you next year!

Warmly,

Heather, Kathy and Kathy

A Special Thank You:

After many years of dedication and service, one of our staff, Angie Knightly will be moving on from teaching here at Sunny Hill. However, this is not good-bye! Angie will be subbing for us in the fall of 2019. Her dedication and devotion to the children and staff are both respected, appreciated, and invaluable. On behalf of the entire Sunny Hill Community I personally would like to thank Angie for all her hard work and wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors. Angie, you will be missed!

I would also like to thank Kathy Gilberto, our Bookkeeper, Palmer, our new Assistant Director for their dedicated work for the past year. Both Kathy and Kathy have played this year in keeping Sunny Hill a successful environment for as we continue to streamline the front office. We look continued devotion to the families, children, and staff with



and Kathy service and hard an integral role staff and families forward to your whom we work!

A huge shout out to our amazing Sunny Hill staff. We appreciate your hard work, dedication and commitment to our fabulous families and children! You are what makes Sunny Hill the unique and amazing community we share. And lastly, thank you to all of you! We won’t say goodbye but see you soon!

Important Dates	End of Year Family Survey
<p>May 31 – 2019-2020 paperwork is due</p> <p>June 10 – Special Enrichment from Be Ahead of the Game</p> <p>June 11 – Last day of Stay, Play and Learn</p> <p>June 12 – Last day of 3 day programs</p> <p>June 13 – Last day of 2 day, 4 day and 3 day TWTh programs</p> <p>June 24-28 – Week 1 of Summers at Sunny Hill</p> <p>July 1-5 – Sunny Hill Closed</p> <p>July 8-12 - Week 2 of Summers at Sunny Hill</p> <p>July 15-19 - Week 3 of Summers at Sunny Hill</p> <p>July 29-August 18 Sunny Hill closed for vacation</p> <p>August 21 – August Playdate (August 22 – raindate)</p>	<div data-bbox="1047 178 1234 325" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>An email with a link to our Year-End Survey was sent out several weeks ago. For those that took a few moments out of your day we appreciate your comments. If you are still interested and would like to participate in the survey, we would like to hear from you! Your feedback is always important to us and is an integral part of our reflection each year.</p> <p>The survey will not take long but will help us evaluate key areas of our program. If you would prefer to print a copy and write out your answers we are happy to accept paper copies as well. First year or last---your input matters to us!</p> <p>Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and let us know how we are doing!! Thank you!</p>

Lost and Found
<p>Have you checked to see if your child has all his or her belongs? Don't forget to check out the lost and found located in the front lobby of the school. You might be surprised to find something that you didn't realize was missing!</p> <div data-bbox="630 1249 812 1417" data-label="Image"> </div>

Paperwork Follow Up
<div data-bbox="142 1537 483 1732" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>As a reminder, the June packet is now due! If you have not yet handed in your state packet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for those who have handed it in already!</p> <p>Need-based scholarship applications are now being reviewed. Families will receive a letter in June regarding your scholarship.</p> <p>For those enrolled in Summers at Sunny Hill, there will be a few more items we need to collect. Be stay tuned for that paperwork!</p>

Room 2 Mrs. DiPietro and Mrs. Rogers Tiffany Kudravetz/ Lara Urso
Room 3 Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Lingley Jessica Cooper/Erin Thalmann

4 Year-Old Classes Room 1 Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Lewis Manpreet Nehra/Colleen Rawlings
Room 4 Mrs. Coffin and Mrs. Davis Kim Kittridge/ Colleen Mazin
Room 6 Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Hodgetts, Mrs. Gennari
Liz Condon, Andrea Mueller, Jessica Noble

Stay, Play and Learn Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Despite the cold and rain in May we still managed to get in some outside activities. During "Shadow Painting" we outlined each other's shadows with chalk and then painted them with water. The children then looked at the shadows of trees and painted them. Unable to find any additional shadows, the children then proceeded to paint the picnic tables!



We also went on a Spring Nature Walk to complete our three seasons collage. As we walked around school we picked different flowers, weeds, grass, clovers, etc. We then glued them on our poster board to make our Spring Collage. All three are displayed on our bulletin board.

Our Special Day theme was "Outside Adventure!" It was a "Rain or Shine" event. Even though it was mostly rain, that didn't stop us. We all trekked out looking for anything we could toss down a "storm drain." Each child filled his own bag with rocks, sticks, pine cones, etc. We took turns tossing them into the drain. Was it a "big splash" or a "little splash?" Did it "sink or float?" We then did what every child loves to do --- jumped in the puddles! And it was the highlight of the day. The children also pretended to be at the "Bike Wash". Children assisted in washing our tricycles and push bikes by using soap, buckets and sponges. Fun was had by all!



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All of us at Stay, Play and Learn would like to say goodbye to the children be moving on in the fall. We want to thank you SO MUCH for letting them stay, learn with us. We will miss all of you so much. We want to say to the children that back in the fall, we can't wait to see you again! And a warm welcome to all the new who will be joining us in the fall!

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Thank you for a great year!

Sincerely,
Jane Strait, Sue Davis, Kate Coffin, Angie Knightly
and Debbie Rogers

