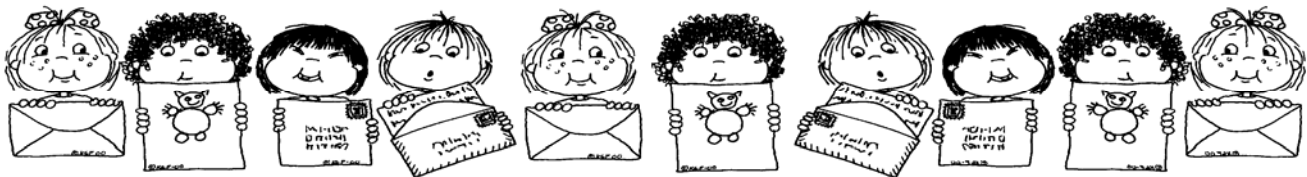


WELCOME TO THE SOUTH REDFORD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:

Beginning in October of each year, the Student Services Department offers a preschool program for all children in the district who are eligible to attend kindergarten the following fall. A major goal of this program is the involvement of parents in their child's education at the earliest possible stage. The preschoolers also have an opportunity to experience activities that foster readiness for learning. The activities and projects are designed to be adapted to different levels of readiness. The goal is that each child can meet success and develop a positive self-image.



THE TEACHER

Mrs. Wyler

DAILY SCHEDULE:

- Circle Time: We share show & tell, review the calendar, and introduce the letter, number, shape & color of the week.
- Train Ride: We take a tour of the room to see what will be available at playtime.
- Project Time: We work on the project for the day.
- Play Time: We play at the various centers throughout the preschool room.
- Playground Time: We play on the indoor or outdoor playground depending on weather.
- Story Time: We listen to a story.

PARENT COMMITMENT:

- A commitment is required on the part of the parent(s) to:
 1. Attend (either a parent or designated adult) all scheduled parent participation sessions.
 2. Insure that the child is present at all sessions on time.
 3. Pay a \$40.00 material fee and turn in all paperwork.

ABSENCES:

- If your child is unable to attend his/her regularly scheduled class, it is important that you call and notify us of the absence and the reason. If you do not notify us, this will be considered an unexcused absence. The preschool phone number is 535-4000, ext. 1036.
- **THE CHILD COULD BE DROPPED FROM THE PROGRAM** if he/she has **three** unexcused absences or **excessive** tardiness. An absence will be excused if a parent calls the Preschool or sends a note indicating the reason for the absence.
- Alternatively, a letter to the Director of Students Services explaining extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.
- Grandparents, baby sitter or another adult may substitute for the parent on parent participation sessions.
- An adult **MUST** accompany each child on parent participation days or the child cannot attend on that day. If you have two children in the program, **AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY EACH CHILD.**

- Siblings are **NOT** permitted to attend any of the six scheduled parent participation sessions, as baby-sitting is not provided.
- **MATERIAL FEE & ALL PAPERWORK** is due on the first day of class. A Health Appraisal Form, signed by a doctor and a **completed** Child Information Form (gold form) must be on file for your child to attend preschool.

CLASS TIMES:

Morning	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Afternoon	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

If you arrive a few minutes early, activities will be on the table for you and your child to share together. There is no adult supervision until 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. The outside doors are locked at 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Please make every effort to have your child to class on time. When a number of students arrive late, it is embarrassing for them and causes a disruption for children already learning. Similarly, please be prompt in picking up your child. We suggest arriving five to ten minutes before dismissal time. At this time, we review the day's activities and make you aware of any other important information.

DISMISSAL:

At the end of class, we will dismiss children one by one. Although this process may seem long or arduous, it is necessary to insure that each child is dismissed to the proper adult. Please be sure that any person picking up your child other than you has photo identification and is listed on the Child Information Form (gold form). We will only dismiss your child to a person listed on the form or a person named in a signed and dated note.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

All school districts are required to report the occurrence of certain communicable diseases to the Wayne County Health Department on a weekly basis. In addition, we try to keep parents informed by sending notes home when a communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, strep throat, etc.) is identified in the classroom. Ill students are excluded from school based on District, County, and State school health guidelines.

Please do not send your child to school with an undiagnosed rash, frequent diarrhea, eye or ear discharge, green nasal discharge, excessive cough, active head lice or within 24 hours of having had a fever or vomiting. Prior to your child returning to school following any illness, please consider whether he/she is feeling well enough to participate in regular classroom activities.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

The School Immunization Program, initiated to enforce Michigan and Wayne County laws related to immunization of children, prohibits preschools from admitting children who are under immunized.

The school office must have a completed record of immunizations in each student's file (immunization waiver available from the district nurse). Students without a complete immunization record will be excluded from school until needed immunizations are administered and required written documentation is furnished.

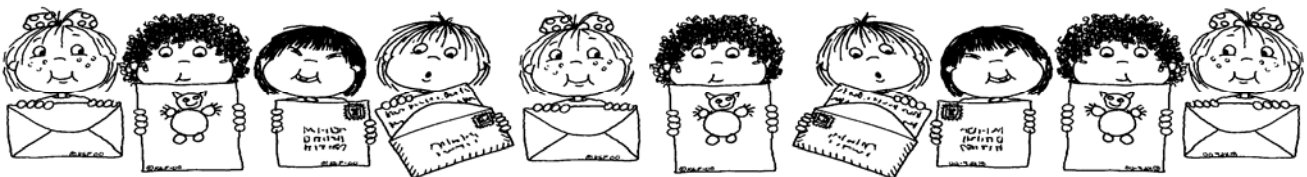
The following immunizations are required for preschool entry:

- DTaP.....Minimum of 4 doses, one of which must be administered on or after the 4th birthday
- IPV.....minimum of 3 doses, one of which must be administered on or after the 4th birthday
- MMR.....2 doses, one given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd a minimum of 4 weeks later
- Hepatitis B..3 doses, the last of which must be administered at or after 24 weeks of age
- Varicella.....1 dose administered on or after the 1st birthday

OR laboratory evidence of immunity

*Rules for minimum intervals between doses of all immunizations apply

A current green Health Appraisal form, completed by parent (Section I) and physician's office (Sections II-IV), must be provided on or before the first day of school for all preschool, kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade students.



CLOTHING:

We suggest you send your child to school in appropriate, but comfortable and washable play clothes. We paint, glue, and color. Tennis shoes or rubber-soled shoes are required for the gross motor activities conducted in the gym or on the playground during each class session. Please avoid sandals and open-toed shoes as they present a safety concern. If tennis shoes or rubber-soled shoes are not available for gym, the child will not be allowed to participate in gym activities.

Outerwear and boots are to be removed and placed in your child's locker before class begins.

SNACKS:

We do not provide a snack on a regular basis. Occasionally, we may provide a special snack as it ties in to the activity of the day. Please make us aware of any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

BIRTHDAY TREATS:

If your child's birthday falls during the course of the program, and you are considering sending a treat, please choose from one of the following suggestions:

Healthy Snack ★ Stickers ★ Coloring Books

Please be sure each item is individually wrapped. Send enough items so that each child in the class will have his/her own. Check with your child's teacher to confirm class size.

SHOW & TELL: 2008 -2009

As an important language experience for your child, we will be encouraging all the children to bring items from home to use at circle time. When needed, please discuss in advance with your child his/her contribution. Unless requested, please leave all other toys, stuffed animals, etc. at home or in your child's locker.

OCTOBER

- 13 - 14 **PARENT DAY # 1**
- 15 - 16 ☺ Bring your smile
- 20 - 21 Return Activity #1
- 22 - 23 Return Manners Paper
- 27 - 28 Bring in an apple
- 29 - 30 Wear something orange

NOVEMBER

- 3 - 4 Return Activity Paper #2
- 5 - 6 ☺ Bring your smile
- 10 - 11 **PARENT DAY # 2**
- 12 - 13 ☺ Bring your smile
- 17 - 18 Bring something found on a farm
- 19 - 20 ☺ Bring your smile
- 24 - 25 Bring an ingredient for trail mix
- 26 - 28 **THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO CLASSES**

DECEMBER

- 1 - 2 share a favorite nursery rhyme
- 3 - 4 ☺ Bring your smile.
- 8 - 9 **PARENT DAY # 3**
- 10 - 11 wear your favorite color
- 15 - 16 ☺ Bring your smile
- 17 - 18 Wear red and/or green.

PRESCHOOL WINTER RECESS

DEC. 22- JAN. 4

JANUARY

- 5 - 6 Return Birthday Paper
- 7 - 8 ☺ Bring your smile
- 12 - 13 Bring a pair of mittens/gloves
- 14 - 15 wear black &/or white **PENGUIN PARADE**
- 19 - 20 **NO CLASSES**
- 21 - 22 **PARENT DAY #4**
- 26 - 27 Bring a favorite stuffed animal & wear pajamas
- 28 - 29 Bring your shadow.

FEBRUARY

- 2 - 3 Bring a picture of a healthy food item
4 - 5 Return Activity Paper #5
9 - 10 ☺ Bring your smile
11 - 12 Know your address. Bring in a self-addressed, stamped envelope
16 - 17 **MID-WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES**
18 - 19 Wear red, white &/or blue. Flag Parade
23 - 24 ☺ Bring your smile
25 - 26 ☺ Bring your smile

MARCH

- 2 - 3 ☺ Bring your smile
4 - 5 Bring something with a tail
9 - 10 Return letter page
11 - 12 Learn your phone number - Return phone number paper
16 - 17 Wear something green
18 - 19 Return Activity Paper #6
23 - 24 **Professional Development/Teachers No Classes**
25 - 26 **PARENT DAY #5**
30 - 31 Return Circus Paper

APRIL

- 1 - 2 ☺ Bring your smile
6 - 7 ☺ Bring your smile
8 - 9 Bring something soft
SPRING RECESS NO CLASSES APRIL 10 - 17
20 -21 Return Activity Paper #7
22 -23 ☺ Bring your smile
27 -28 ☺ Bring your smile
29 -30 ☺ Bring your smile

MAY

- 4 - 5 What do you want to be/do when you grow up?
6 - 7 Bring a recent picture of yourself.
11 - 15 **PARENT DAY # 6 FIELD TRIP - ATTEND ONLY 1 DAY THIS WEEK**
18 - 19 ☺ Bring your smile
20 - 21 Bring something found in the ocean.
25 - 26 **MEMORIAL DAY - NO CLASSES**
27 -28 ☺ Bring your smile

JUNE

- 1 - 2 ☺ Bring your smile
3 - 4 **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING CEREMONY & Picnic**

PARENTING DAYS:

Each child **MUST** attend the scheduled parenting days with an adult. It is important that your preschooler work on a one-to-one basis with you. Therefore, **NO** other children may attend these sessions. Parents should wear comfortable clothing on these days, as you will be participating in all scheduled activities with your child. Adults are not going to be observers, but active participants. These days should be fun for you and your child.

PLEASE NOTE PARENTING DAYS:

Monday/Wednesday Class	Tuesday/Thursday Class
October 13	October 14
November 10	November 11
December 8	December 9
January 21	January 22
March 25	March 26
Field Trip May 11 - 15 (<i>attend one day only</i>)	

CLASS TIMES FOR PARENT DAYS ONLY:

Morning 9:00 - 11:00
Afternoon 1:00 - 3:00

Please note that classes on Parent Days end 15 minutes earlier.

ACTIVITY PACKETS:

During the program, packets of activities will be sent home for parent(s) and child complete together. These are “fun” activities designed to promote skill development. Before each packet is sent home, instructions will be given to parents. Carpoolers are responsible to share all messages and any clarification of these directions. The activities are adaptable to meet the needs of your child. If they cannot complete the activity as suggested, please feel free to adapt it to fit their needs.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

In January and May, we will distribute progress reports to communicate your child’s current development in the preschool program. The progress report reflects the skills and behaviors we work on in the classroom.

CONFERENCES:

At the end of the school year, conferences are held by teacher request. *If at any time* you have a question or concern and desire to meet with us, please call and/or arrange a conference.



VOLUNTEERS:

In addition to the Parent Days, we are always happy to have you participate on regular days. We understand that not every parent is able to volunteer. But if you are able and willing, you may sign up on the sheet provided and indicate the day you are available to volunteer. As with Parent Days, we are not able to accommodate any other siblings. Please remember to wear comfortable clothes.

MYSTERY READER:

To encourage our preschool students to become readers, we invite guests to read to them at story time. Administrators, parents, relatives, and siblings are welcome to come and read. You may bring your favorite children's book or we will pick one for you. This is an excellent opportunity for our preschoolers to meet their classmate's parents.

SNOW DAYS:

On these days, classes are canceled due to serious weather conditions. **THESE CLASSES WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.**

For information about school closings, we suggest you listen to WJR radio 760 AM., check the District Cable, channel 10, or visit the district's web page at <http://southredford.net>. You will also be notified by the district's automated calling system.

If the South Redford School District cancels classes for the day, our classes will also be canceled. If South Redford Schools are open, and by late morning hazardous weather conditions develop, we may cancel our afternoon class. We should notify you by 12:30 P.M. If you do not receive a telephone call, our afternoon class is being held as scheduled.

CODES OF CONDUCT:

Students must adhere to the following rules:

1. Children are to walk and not run in the classroom or hall.
2. Children should use a moderate speaking voice in the building.
3. Children should pick up and put away what they take out.
4. Children should be respectful of furniture, games, and equipment.
5. Children should remain with the group and under the guidance of their preschool teachers at all times.
6. Children should treat the preschool teachers and other children in a respectful manner at all times.

RULES OF DISCIPLINE:

1. Child is given a verbal warning.
2. Time out is taken from activities.
3. Parents are informed of problem.
4. Child is taken to the Director's office.
5. Parents will meet with the Director and preschool teachers.
6. If not resolved, child will be dropped from the program.

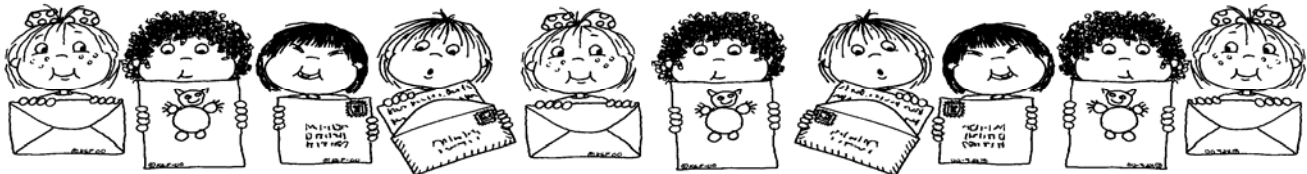
KINDERGARTEN:

Registration or participation in the South Redford Preschool Program **DOES NOT MEAN YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN.** We do forward copies of your child's Birth Certificate, and Residency Packet to the elementary school. You will need to be present, in March of the next year, at your local elementary school to register your child for kindergarten.

Addams Elementary	(313) 532-8064
Fisher Elementary	(313) 532-2455
Jefferson Elementary	(313) 937-2330
Vandenberg Elementary	(313) 532-0300

YOUNG FIVES:

South Redford School District offers a full day kindergarten. In addition, a Young Fives program is offered as an alternative to the kindergarten experience. The Young Fives Program is appropriate for students who, at the end of preschool, are not quite ready for kindergarten and need an extra year to grow and develop. It is designed with an appreciation of developmental differences in children. For further information, please contact Jefferson Elementary at (313) 937-2330.



RELATED BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

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