



Saddleback Children's Center



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Message from SCC

Dear SCC Families,

There have been a lot of fun activities buzzing around here at SCC and the holiday season brings out excitement in all of us. We are thankful to have the ability to continue our annual school traditions and are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Feast at the end of this month.

This is a delightful time in which we join and give thanks as each class helps prepare a special dish for a feast in their own classroom. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving as we are truly thankful for each one of your children and their families for supporting them through the start of this year!

- Megan Kraszewski, Director &
Kristin Thomas, Assistant Director



A picture from the Harvest Festival

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Outdoor Classroom Day!

Thursday, November 4th

Veterans Day Holiday

Thursday, November 11th, **school will be closed.**

Thanksgiving Feast Days

Thursday, November 18th and Friday, November 19th at 10:30 am. Our children will be celebrating Thanksgiving together with a school wide feast. Watch for sign-up sheets to bring food items. We also need parent volunteers to help prepare and serve at this special event.

November Recess

November 22nd-24th, school is in session for children enrolled in the Full Day & 8 Hour Programs only.

There is no Preschool.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 25th and Friday November 26th, **school will be closed.**



Fundraising at SCC

Fundraising Opportunities

Throughout the year we will have a few fundraising opportunities here at SCC. Some of these opportunities that you may look out for are:

- Family Nights Out
- See's Candies: Spring
- SCC T-Shirts: November
- Tile purchase: Spring

We have some great projects that we are working on at SCC to make our school shine from the inside out even more than it already does! We would like to show you what your fundraising efforts have gone toward and the new projects we are working on.

Ongoing Fundraising Projects

Outdoor Classroom Project

This will be an ongoing project for our play yards. As mentioned in previous newsletters, our very own Outdoor Classroom was certified as a demonstration site in February of 2019. This means that our school offers a curriculum which provides learning opportunities that are multi-sensory as well as holistic.

DONATIONS

We are so blessed to have Miss Kristina as our Outdoor Classroom Specialist this year! As she looks to improve and add to our yards we are in need of the following items: play kitchens or playhouses, plastic dishes, plastic food, and puzzles.

All donations are greatly appreciated! 😊



To find out more about this you can go to www.outdoorclassroomproject.org.

Fundraising Last Year...

Last year your fundraising proceeds went toward curriculum supplies and materials! With these funds we were able to purchase many items for our Outdoor Classroom: tricycles, sports balls, an outdoor scale, ice blocks, plastic animals, even some art and science materials! This is all thanks to the support of Community Lutheran Church members and SCC Parents.

Current Fundraising Projects

Continued improvements

As we have mentioned, the proceeds from our Fall Fundraisers this year will all go toward purchasing furniture for our classrooms and materials for our Outdoor Classroom. Please look forward to more information about how to contribute to that in the new year.

So far this year

WOW! As a school, we raised over \$2,500 through the Poppin' Popcorn Fundraiser and \$300 from our Selma's Family Night Out! A huge THANK YOU to all who participated!

SCC STUDENTS SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!!



- Join your teachers in showing school spirit and pride on Thursdays and Fridays
- T-Shirts cost \$20 and are available for purchase this month!
- Look for order forms at each sign-in station. Shirts will be delivered to your child's classroom.
- Sizes range from 4T-6T, YS



Mom and Dad take the night off!
Drop the kids off in the Big Room with Josiah and volunteers for Bible stories, music, crafts, fun games, outside play, and a movie while you have an evening to yourself. We are asking that each family bring dinner and a drink for their child.

Saturdays
November 13th
December 11th
January 8th
February 12th
March 12th
April 9th
May 14th

Time: 5:00-8:00 pm
Cost \$10 per child
Preschool ages 2-4 years old

Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for questions
Pre- registration is required.
Please email Josiah one day prior to Kids' Night Out

Angel Tree Tags Giving Back to the Community



This holiday season SCC will be participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Please visit our trees filled with Angel Tree tags at each entrance. Select a child's tag and purchase a \$15-\$25 gift. Return the gift **unwrapped** to one of the collection boxes we have placed in the foyer. All donations must be returned by **Friday, December 3rd**. Thank you!

****IMPORTANT NOTE****

We have children with severe allergies. Please show compassion and follow our "no nut policy."



SCC
Preschool **is**

NUT FREE

**THIS IS A
PEANUT AND
TREE NUT
FREE ZONE**

How Process Art Experiences Support Preschoolers

Laurel Bongiorno



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Is your goal to encourage children's creativity through developmentally appropriate art experiences? Review the differences between process- and product-focused art to help you get started.

Characteristics of process-focused art experiences

- There are no step-by-step instructions
- There is no sample for children to follow
- There is no right or wrong way to explore and create
- The art is focused on the experience and on exploration of techniques, tools, and materials
- The art is unique and original
- The experience is relaxing or calming
- The art is entirely the children's own
- The art experience is a child's choice
- Ideas are not readily available online

What children might say

"Look what I made!" "I'm going to do another!"
"Can I have more time?"

Characteristics of product-focused art experiences

- Children have instructions to follow
- The teacher created a sample for children to copy
- There's a right and a wrong way to proceed
- There's a finished product in mind
- The children's finished art all looks the same
- The children experience frustration
- The teacher might "fix mistakes"
- The whole class took part in an art project at the same time
- Patterns and examples are readily available online

What children might say

"Can I be done now?" "Is this right?" "I can't do it."
"Mine doesn't look like yours."

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NOVEMBER CONCEPTS
 COLOR: BROWN
 NUMBER: 3
 SHAPE: RECTANGLE



M	T	W	TH	F
1	2 CHAPEL	3	4 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY	5
8	9	10 CHAPEL	11 VETERAN'S DAY <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>	12
15	16 CHAPEL	17	18 19 THANKSGIVING FEAST DAYS 	
22	23	24	25 26 Happy Thanksgiving  SCHOOL CLOSED	
29	30	NOVEMBER BIBLE VERSE: "GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME." GENESIS 33:11		