



Small Blessings

2011-2012 Family Connections!

Family Advisory Group: the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation criterion recommendations for Family Advisory Group: *Knowing and Understanding the Program's Families*




- The program facilitates opportunities for families to meet with one another on a formal and informal basis, work together on projects to support the program, and learn from and provide support for each other.
- The program's governing or advisory groups include families as members and active participants. Staff or other families in the program encourage and support family members in taking on leadership roles.
- Program staff and families work together to plan events. Families' schedules and availability are considered as part of this planning.

August 2011




- 1st thru 12th  Family **Conferences** attendance is appreciated
- 4th  **Open House** 9:30 – 1:00pm Take a Break and come Play with Us...Snacks, Playground Fun, Classroom Activities, Teachers and mingling families
- 6th  **Street Dance and Taste of Zionsville** Chamber evening event see <http://www.zionsvillechamber.org/events.php>
- 12th and 13th  **Two Days of Professional Development** 8:00am – 5:00pm (School Closed Friday, Saturday is a training day).
- 26th  **Family Night with the Indianapolis Indians** 7:15pm at Victory Field; tickets for game and a sack dinner are \$10 per person and can be billed to your account. Small Blessings will provide the sack dinner of hot dogs, soda/juice box, chips and cookies at the game (we'll be located just inside the main gate on the lawn!). Please RSVP on our website with the number of tickets. Remember to invite family and friends! Includes fireworks!

September 2011

- 5th **HOLIDAY** **Labor Day** (School Closed)


-  **Art to Remember** Families purchase art transformed into magnets, coffee mugs & more made by their own little Van Gogh. Funds raised benefit classroom resources & art materials. Late September families will receive the selected art from your child that will be GREAT Christmas gifts for that special someone that has everything! All items will be delivered to parents by the beginning of November.
- **9th, 10th, 11th**  **Zionsville Fall Festival Lions Park** Small Blessings will have a promotional booth and fun activities for families. This is a great way for families and teachers to network with the community and give away their Referral Cards! Families that register with your Referral Card earn you \$500!
- **13th & 14th**  **Fall Picture Day** Infants and Toddlers will be on the 13th, Preschool on the 14th. Part time children will have their pictures taken whatever day they are here. Occasional care and part time families not in attendance those days can come in at 9:00am both days.
- **19th Promoting Children's Success, A parenting Series:** Building Relationships and Creating Supportive Environments, Emotional Teaching Strategies, Determining the Meaning of Challenging Behavior, Developing a Behavior Support Plan – 6 week support class for families and teachers. (Sept. 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th). Friends and family welcome!

October 2011





- **1st 9:30-11:30am Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Recognizing Infant Cues
Objectives: Book of Jenny (baby cues), Parentese, Copycats, and Bubble Talk—Full Objectives on website. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family, per workshop. Childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **8th 8:45 to 12:00 pm**  **Indianapolis Chapter of IAIEYC Fall Workshop** (for Teachers)
Children with Challenging Behaviors: Understanding and Developing Day-to-Day Skills that Guide the Professional. By Michelle Rohen.
- **8th**  **Kids' Nights Out** Theme Fall Bash: 5:00-10:00pm. Friends and family welcome!
- **13th Family and Teacher Advisory Group/Open Forum**
- **17th thru 28th**  **Family Conferences** attendance is appreciated
- **26th Boone Village Trick or Treat** 5:30-7:00pm

- **23rd**  **Pumpkins and Hayrides** Lions Club thanks their community for their support

November 2011


- **5th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Learning Through Exploration: (includes information on Biting!) Objectives: Careful Frank (Reading Faces), Testing 1, 2,3— Full Objectives on website. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family, per workshop. Childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **18th Thanksgiving Lunch with Families @11:30**
- **24th and 25th HOLIDAY Thanksgiving** (School Closed)
- **28th thru December 3rd**  **Scholastic Book Fair** Celebrate literacy at Small Blessings. Every book you buy earns books for your children's classrooms. Build for your home library or kick off your holiday shopping!

December 2011





-  **Angel Tree Project** In the spirit of giving, Small Blessings will again support the Angel Tree Project. Angel Tree gives gifts to children with an incarcerated parent. You can contribute by purchasing, wrapping, coordinating or delivering the gifts. Wish lists will be distributed at the Breakfast with Santa on December 4th and also available in the lobby in December. If you would like to volunteer, please visit Janine at the front desk.
- **3rd**  **Breakfast with Santa** Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and photo with Santa. Sittings at 8:30am & 10:00am at Small Blessings. **Zionsville's Christmas in the Village Parade at 10:00am.**
- **3rd**  **Staff Christmas Party**
- **10th**  **Kids' Day Out** 5:00–10:00 pm
- **23rd & 26th HOLIDAY Christmas** (School Closed)
- **30th and 2nd HOLIDAY New Years** (School Closed)

January 2012



- **7th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Handling Stress Objectives: Rough Day, Tantrums, Morning Madness—Full Objectives on website. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **19th Family and Teacher Advisory Group/Open Forum**

- **26th**  **Open House** 9:30 – 1:00pm Take a Break and come Play with Us...Snacks, Playground Fun, Classroom Activities, Teachers and mingling families.





February 2012

- **4th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Emerging Literacy Skills
Objectives: Gone Fishing/Story Time, Dad's Club, Keep Talking—Full Objectives on website.
This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **6th thru 17th**  **Family Conferences** Family attendance is optional
- **11th**  **Kids' Nights Out** Theme: Music/Dance/Karaoke Party 5:00-10:00pm Friends and family welcome!
- **17th**  **Teacher, Family and Children Talent Show** 7:00 -9:00 pm in the Arborists. Come share your talent with friends! (Open Mic Night!) Potluck snacks! Friends and family welcome!
- **27th to 2nd**  **Read Across America** Focused activities around family reading all week!





March 2012

- **2nd Dr. Seuss's Birthday**
- **3rd 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Every Child Ready to Read!
Come learn everyday tips and strategies that will help you help your child learn to read!
Friends and family welcome! This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **10th Child Health and Safety Fair** 10:00-1:00pm A gathering of community partners pull together a children's resource fair for families in the local and surrounding areas. Invite families to attend and gather information, resources and engage in activities related to children's health and safety.
- **13th and 14th**  **Spring Picture Day** Darling nontraditional pictures! Infants and Toddlers will be on the 8th, Preschool on the 9th. Part time children will have their pictures taken whatever day they are here. Occasional care and part time families not in attendance those days can come in at 9:00 both days.
- **24th 8:45 to 12:00 pm**  **Indianapolis Chapter of IAEYC Winter Workshop** (for Teachers)
Classroom Activities by Deborah Stewart.

April 2012

- **7th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Attachment Objectives: Safari & Learning from Dad—Full Objectives on website. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **7th**  **Zionsville Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt** 9:00 am (Don't be late 😊)
- **14th**  **Kids' Nights Out** Theme: Spring Fling! 5:00-10:00pm Friends and family welcome!
- **19th Family and Teacher Advisory Group/Open Forum**
- **23rd thru 27th**  **Week of the Young Child** Week long activities celebrating children!
- **27th & 28th**  **Two Days of Professional Development** 8:00am – 5:00pm both days (School Closed Friday)




May 2012

- **5th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** Feelings About Feelings Objectives: How our “meta-emotions” shape the way we handle feelings—Full Objectives on website. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **7th thru 11^h**  **Teacher Appreciation Week** Families celebrate their teacher partnerships in the life of their child.
- **11th**  **Muffins for Mom** In honor of Mother's Day, Mom's can stop by the lobby for a complimentary muffin & beverage.
- **14th thru 25th**  **Family Conferences** attendance is very much appreciated
- **25th**  **Annual SB5** Bring your child's bike and helmet for our own race in the parking lot. Friends and family welcome!
- **28th HOLIDAY Memorial Day** (School Closed)







June 2012

- **2nd 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop** The Four Parenting Styles Objectives: How to teach children about emotions—Full Objectives on website. This Research



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- **9th  Kids' Nights Out** Theme: A Luau! 5:00-10:00pm. Friends and family welcome!
- **15th  Donuts for Dad** – In honor of Father's Day, Dad's can stop by the lobby for a complimentary donut & beverage.
- **23rd  Summer Ice Cream Social (Hot Dogs Too!)** – Celebrate summer with Small Blessings families 4:00-7:00pm. Friends and family welcome!

July 2012

- **4th  Independence Day** (School Closed)  **Zionsville Lions Club Fireworks!**
- **7th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop Emotion Coaching** Objectives: Listening with empathy is at the heart of Emotion Coaching—Full Objectives on website. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **8th  Zionsville Lions Club Free Concerts in the Park!**
- **15th  Zionsville Lions Club Free Concerts in the Park!**
- **22th  Zionsville Lions Club Free Concerts in the Park!**
- **29th  Zionsville Lions Club Free Concerts in the Park!**

August 2012

- **2nd  Open House** 9:30 – 1:00pm Take a Break and come Play with Us...Snacks, Playground Fun, Classroom Activities, Teachers and mingling families
- **4th 9:30-11:30pm Research-Based Parent/Teacher Workshop Ins and Outs of Child Development.** Objectives: Ages and stages, Discipline, what behavior is telling us, and conflict resolution, How children learn/developmentally appropriate behavior, How to facilitate play, Communicating with children, Process vs. product. This Research Based Workshop is open to the public! The cost is \$25 per family; childcare and snacks provided. Please RSVP on our website.
- **6th thru 17th  Family Conferences** attendance is optional

- **9th and 10th Leadership Summit**
- **10th  Professional Development Day** (School Closed)
- **16^h Family and Teacher Advisory Group/Open Forum**
- **18th   Kids' Nights Out** Theme Watermelon Splash! 5:00-10:00pm Friends and family welcome!
- **TBD  Family Night with the Indianapolis Indians vs LOU** 7:15pm at Victory Field; tickets for game and a sack dinner are \$10 per person and can be billed to your account. Small Blessings will provide the sack dinner of hot dogs, soda/juice box, chips and cookies at the game just outside the entrances of West & Maryland, We'll sit on the lawn just inside the gate. Please RSVP at the front desk. Remember to invite family and friends! Includes fireworks! Friends and family welcome!