



Seeds of Learning
Early Care and Education Center



September 2011 Newsletter

What's Happening at Seeds This Month?

Seeds of Learning will be closed for Labor Day Monday, September 5th.

September 6th Incredible Years parenting class will begin.

Come Join us for our "Back to School Bash" and FUNdraiser at Kips September 8th at 5:30 PM.

Monday, September 12th at 5:30PM is our first Parent Advisory

meeting of the new school year! Come join us and help us make this year better than ever!! You will receive 2 hours of parent involvement and child care is free!

The week of September 12-16th Seeds of Learning is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Shopping will open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. everyday. All books sold will help us earn books

and other classroom materials. See below for more information.

Seeds of Learning will be closed for staff training on Wednesday, September 21st.

Seeds of Learning will be evaluated the week of September 26th. We will be evaluated by the Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale and Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale.

Scholastic Book Fair

Seeds of Learning is having their very first Scholastic Book Fair the week of September 12-16th. Seeds of Learning will be filled with books for you to purchase. It is our goal to reach \$1000 in sales. Seeds will earn books and other classroom materials for all the books that are sold. For family members who live outside of Pagosa and can't shop at the book fair, they can shop online at <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2976754>.

Online shopping will be available Friday, September 9th through Monday, September 19th (these purchases will also help us reach our goal of \$1000).

Happy Birthday

Heath	September 1st	age 3
Miss Lyndsey	September 2nd	age ?
Anja	September 3rd	age 4
Miss Kelly	September 7th	age ?
Miss Lynne	September 23rd	age ?
Nicholas	September 25th	age 5



Special Dates :

- ◇ **September 5 Closed for Labor Day**
- ◇ **September 6th Incredible Years parenting class will begin**
- ◇ **September 8th Seeds celebration at KIPS**
- ◇ **September 12th Parent Advisory Meeting**
- ◇ **September 15-19th Scholastic Book fair**
- ◇ **September 21st will be the next staff day**

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Parent Involvement Hour Opportunities and Parent Reminders



from 5:30-6:30. Childcare is provided by Seeds of Learning staff. Our next meeting is September 12th.

- ◆ We are always looking for people to do laundry. If you are interested please sign up on the parent involvement board.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Please check your daily sheet to see if your child needs sunscreen or a hat. Thanks!
- ◆ Reminder: We are a secure facility. When you are picking up or dropping off your child, please do not let **anyone** in the building.

OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Join the Parent Advisory Committee. Meetings are the **2nd Monday of every month**

Parent Advisory

It is a brand new school year and a great opportunity to become involved with the Parent Advisory Board!! We are currently searching for a new Parent Advisory Co-Chairman to work hand in hand with the Family Advocate Director. Please talk to Miss Angie (Ladybug classroom) if you are interested.

Don't forget! Thursday, September 8th at 5:30PM is our Kips FUNdraiser and "Back to School Bash." The next Parent Advisory meeting will be held **Monday, September 12th at 5:30PM**. September 12-16th is our Scholastic Book Fair!



Butterfly News



With our annual Summer Break and family vacation times, it has been a busy month. Our favorite time of day

has been WATERPLAY!!! Hot weather can be fun if you've got so many "cool" ways to get wet. Sometimes it was so hot we could even chase our teachers and throw water at them!

We even had fun learning on stormy afternoons, as we watched the lightning flashes out our window and counted the seconds till we heard the thunder. Then we wondered about how far away (or close)

the lighting was. And why we go right indoors!

We would like to welcome Teagan, Serena, Jackson and Sam to the Ladybug class. We are looking forward to a great year!!

Bumblebee News

The summer has flown by for the Bumblebees! We had fun this past month playing with trucks. We painted with truck tracks, and had a truck wash. We also sang the "Wheels on the Bus" and learned a new finger play called "Fire Truck."

This month the Bumblebees also had fun looking for letters in our names with alphabet soup in the sensory table. We also practiced balancing and learning how to roll a hula hoop.

This month we also learned

the color yellow. We have our smiling yellow sunshine faces hanging all around the classroom. We colored corn and put yellow foam stickers on our corn and made it look like kernels. We loved playing with yellow ducks and picking up yellow ping pong balls in the sensory table.

We learned which foods are healthy choices and which ones are not healthy. We loved learning Dr. Jean's Banana Dance!

The Bumblebees were so excited that Seeds of Learning is

NAEYC accredited. We even made party hats to celebrate!



Dragonfly News



Where did the summer go? The Dragonflies are really excit-

ed about the new school year and are on the move.

Although August was a short month our Dragonflies became robots, frogs, princes and princesses. We learned that a robot doesn't move the same way people do, that frogs really don't start our looking like frogs at all, and that there really are fairy tale endings! Miss Ellen, Miss Meggie and Miss Debbie know that is true because we

had a truly magical year with your children. Thank you so much!

Ladybug News

The summer is going by so fast. We have enjoyed water play, learning about bears and animals of Colorado, and right now we are discovering Robots.

We have re-introduced the letter Q, K, M, T and the concept of high and low, fast and slow while singing our "Opposite" song with sign language.

We hope you are having a great summer. We are looking forward to the start of a new school year and getting to know all of our new friends. Heath is moving up from the Bumblebee room. Case and Milo are moving over from the Dragonfly class. We are welcoming back Carson after the summer break and are excited to meet Vander, Riley and Kaila.

We would like to thank you very much for your support in achieving and celebrating our NAEYC accreditation!



Kids' quotes of the month!! (names have been changed to protect the innocent)

"Hey shhhh! If you talk too much your mouth will fall off."

"When you itch bug bites it makes your blood say ouch!"

"Pretty girl, that hurts my ears!!!"

"My bones are a bit sad today!"

"Miss Alyssa, there is a killer whale in the lake so do not swim too far"

"My nana gave me this dress, its from Jesus!"

What is happening in Pagosa Springs?? (as far as we know...)

Thursday, September 1st

- ☼ Pancake Breakfast: Families are invited for a family breakfast to benefit the Senior Center (for more information call 970-264-2167)

Friday, Septmeber 2-4th

- ☼ Four Corners Folk Festival: Held at Reservoir Hill (for more information visit www.folkwest.com)

Saturday, September 3rd

- ☼ Pagosa Springs Farmers Market: Held at Ponderosa Lumber and Hardware 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, September 9th

- ☼ ColorFest 2011 Passport to Pagosa: Held at Town Park from 6-9 p.m. (for more information 970-264-2360)
- ☼ ColorFest 2011 Bands, Brews Ect. Held at Town Park from 12-7 p.m. (for more information 970-264-2360)

Saturday, September 10th

- ☼ Pagosa Springs Farmers Market: Held at Ponderosa Lumber and Hardware 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ☼ Reach for the Peaks ColorFest Hot Air Balloon Rally: (for more information 970-264-2360)

Sunday, September 11th

- ☼ Reach for the Peaks ColorFest Hot Air Balloon Rally: (for more information 970-264-2360)
- ☼ 2011 Bridge to Bridge 2k Run: Held at noon (for more information call 970-264-9948)

Friday, September 16th

- ☼ D.L. Marble Dance: Held at the Community Center from 7-11 p.m. (for more information call 970-264-4152)

Saturday, September 17th

- ☼ Food Pantry Benefit Concert and Variety Show: Held at the High School from 7-9 (for more information call 970-903-4150)
- ☼ Pagosa Springs Farmer Market: Held at Ponderosa Lumber and Hardware 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, September 24th

- ☼ Pagosa Springs Farmers Market: Held at Ponderosa Lumber and Hardware 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



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www.growingseeds.org

