2022-2023 Activity Schedule

Month	Themes	Letters Numbers	Colors	Shapes
September 2022	Hello and Goodbye Orchard Adventure	A, B, C 1, 2, 3	Red	Circle
October 2022	Safety First Wiggly Wonders	D, E, F 4, 5, 6	Orange Black	Triangle
November 2022	Sweet Dreams Together Time	G, H, I 7, 8	Brown	Rectangle
December 2022	Hats Galore Tasty Traditions	J, K, L 9, 10	Green	Star
January 2023	Ready, Set, Go! Sparkles and Shivers	M, N, O 11, 12	White	Octagon
February 2023	Let's Communicate Happy and Healthy	P, Q, R 13, 14	Pink	Heart
March 2023	Silly Fun Wondrous Weather	S, T, U 15, 16	Blue	Oval
April 2023	Spring Has Sprung Up and Away	V, W, X 17, 18	Yellow	Rhombus
May 2023	Baby Animals I'm Growing!	Y, Z 19, 20	Purple	Square
June 2023	Marvelous Meadows To Market, To Market	Review	Review	Review
July 2023	BBQ Eats & Icy Treats Super Sports	Review	Review	Review
August 2023	Saddle Up Playground Palooza	Review	Review	Review

An Overview of the 2022-2023 Curriculum Year

Fireflies®

Family Guide

FunShine Express®
Early Learning Curricula

Welcome to FunShine Express!

Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of preschool activities this year through our professionally designed Fireflies® curriculum program. The Fireflies program is for ages 3-5. The activities are designed to meet early learning standards established throughout the United States.

Benefits for Your Child

Our curriculum:

- Builds enthusiasm for lifelong learning
- Encourages socialization and cooperation
- Promotes hands-on learning
- Nurtures teamwork and respect
- Promotes concentration and patience
- Builds confidence, self-esteem, and autonomy
- Embraces diversity

Benefits for Parents/Caregivers

- Knowledge that your child is participating in a curriculum program aligned with the highest quality standards in early childhood education.
- Built-in family engagement to keep you involved in your child's learning. You will receive a monthly Family Newsletter that includes "Learn with Me!" activities to do with your child at home, information about theme-related concepts, songs, a recipe, and a few book suggestions. Consider gathering some of the suggested books to supplement the program. Additional materials available online include calendars, blog articles, and music playlists.
- Exceptionally prepared teachers are able to spend more time each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.

What Will My Child Learn?

Monthly kits are centered around two themes. Each day, your child's teacher will choose from a series of activities that promote growth and school readiness. Fireflies activities address eight developmental domains:

- Language/Literacy
- Social/Emotional
- Math
- Approaches to Learning
- Science
- Physical Development/Health
- Social Studies
- Creative Arts

What Is Developmentally Appropriate Practice?

Developmentally Appropriate Practice means that activities and programs take into account what children are ready to do based on their individual development. Children ages 3-5 should be offered a range of opportunities to interact with and explore their environment.

What Are the Benefits of Developmentally Appropriate Practice?

Practices that take into account the developmental readiness of each child can boost self-confidence and independent thinking. Children will have opportunities for individual expression and to practice decision-making. This type of environment promotes skills and discipline, inspires creativity, encourages flexibility, and allows for emotional release.

Is Fireflies Developmentally Appropriate?

The Fireflies curriculum is designed to be open-ended and flexible. We provide ideas that teachers can implement to ensure appropriateness. To a great extent, teachers determine how the program is used in their settings.

As family members, you can support developmental appropriateness by following the lead of your child's teacher and being involved in their efforts. Children can accomplish many things without you seeing a specific project each day. Pay attention to how your child matures and talk with them about what they are learning.

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