

2020-2021 Activity Schedule

Month	Themes	Letters Numbers	Colors	Shapes
September 2020	All About Me Fasten Up	A, B, C 1, 2, 3	Red	Circle
October 2020	Dino Time Let's Pretend	D, E, F 4, 5, 6	Orange Black	Triangle
November 2020	Happy Harvest Manners Matter	G, H, I 7, 8	Brown	Rectangle
December 2020	Kids in the Kitchen Holiday Hoopla	J, K, L 9, 10	Green	Star
January 2021	Mitten Magic Rockin' Rhymes	M, N, O 11, 12	White	Octagon
February 2021	Feeling Fantastic Tropics in Winter	P, Q, R 13, 14	Pink	Heart
March 2021	Wacky Weeks Egg-citing Changes	S, T, U 15, 16	Blue	Oval
April 2021	The Joy of Art Nurture Nature	V, W, X 17, 18	Yellow	Rhombus
May 2021	Nests and Hives Little Bookworms	Y, Z 19, 20	Purple	Square
June 2021	Construction Zone Fun at the Fair	Review	Review	Review
July 2021	America the Beautiful Fishing Fun	Review	Review	Review
August 2021	Summer Discoveries 1, 2, 3, Review with Me	Review	Review	Review

An Overview of the 2020-2021 Curriculum Year



Family Guide



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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 ideas to build upon the themes and concepts introduced, songs, a recipe, character development, and a few book suggestions. Consider gathering some of the suggested book titles to supplement the program. Additional materials available 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 each child is ready to do based on his/her 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, each teacher determines how the program is used in his/her setting.

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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