



“It is a happy talent to know how to play” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Tiny Thinkers Families,

Happy October! As one of the busiest months of the year, we have lots of exciting events and important information to share. We highly encourage you to mark your calendars, so your child doesn't miss out on the fun!

Here are some of the exciting things we have planned:

1) Scholastics Book Fair (Sept 30 – Oct 11)

Our book fair will run for two weeks from Monday, September 30th through Friday, October 11th. You can purchase books during drop-off (8-10 am) and pick-up (2:30-5:30 pm). We accept debit/credit cards, and we encourage you to set up a Scholastic eWallet for easy, cash-free transactions. Please avoid bringing cash, as we may not have exact change.

2) Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year, parent-teacher conferences will be held over the phone. A sign-up sheet is available near your child's classroom, so please choose a time slot that works for you. Conferences will last 10-15 minutes, and we kindly ask that you call the school at your scheduled time. If you miss your appointment, you may reschedule depending on teacher availability.

3) Picture Day

Mark your calendars for Picture Day!

- Canoga Park: Friday, October 11th @ 10 am
- North Hills:
 - Ladybugs & Butterfly: Tuesday, October 8th @ 10 am
 - Busy Bees 1 & Busy Bees 2: Wednesday, October 9th @ 10 am

4) Halloween Parade (Thursday, October 31st)

Our Annual Halloween Parade is coming up! Children are encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes. Please avoid masks or any costume accessories that include weapons. If you would like to send treats, remember that we are a Nut-Free school, so no candy containing nuts. Non-food items like toys or fruit snacks are great alternatives.

North Hills students will join New Horizon for the festivities, while

Canoga Park students will visit Canyon Trails Assisted Living.

5) Emergency Kit Updates

Please ensure your child has an up-to-date emergency kit at school, clearly labeled with their first and last name. Contact the administration if you have any questions.

6) Earthquake Drill (October 17 @ 10:17 am)

We will participate in California's annual Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on Thursday, October 17th at 10:17 am. This is an important opportunity for our students to practice safety procedures in case of an emergency.

Resources:

When picking up your preschool child, asking them specific questions can help foster communication, boost language development, and create a stronger connection between their school experience and home life. Here are some resources and tips on what to ask your preschooler during pick-up, in both English and Spanish, along with useful websites for additional guidance.

Key Questions to Ask Your Preschool Child During Pick-Up

English:

1. **What was your favorite part of today?**
This open-ended question allows children to focus on the positive aspects of their day.
2. **Who did you play with today? What did you do together?**
Asking about social interactions helps your child recall details and reflect on their friendships.
3. **Did you learn something new today?**
This encourages them to share something they learned whether it's academic or social.
4. **What games or activities did you enjoy?**
Engaging in play is a significant part of preschool, and discussing this helps reinforce their learning through play.
5. **How did you feel today? Was there anything that made you happy or sad?**
Talking about emotions helps your child develop emotional intelligence and understand their feelings.
6. **Did you eat your snack/lunch today? What did you like about it?**
This connects their home life with school, especially when they bring snacks from home.
7. **Was there something you wanted help with today?**
This helps them express needs or areas where they might need support.

Spanish (Español):

1. **¿Cuál fue tu parte favorita del día?**
Esta pregunta abierta permite que los niños se concentren en los aspectos positivos de su día.
2. **¿Con quién jugaste hoy? ¿Qué hicieron juntos?**
Preguntar sobre sus interacciones sociales ayuda a tu hijo a recordar detalles y reflexionar sobre sus amistades.
3. **¿Aprendiste algo nuevo hoy?**
Esta pregunta fomenta que compartan algo que aprendieron, ya sea académico o social.
4. **¿Qué juegos o actividades te gustaron más?**
Participar en el juego es una parte importante de la educación preescolar, y hablar sobre ello refuerza su aprendizaje a través del juego.
5. **¿Cómo te sentiste hoy? ¿Hubo algo que te hizo sentir feliz o triste?**
Hablar sobre las emociones ayuda a tu hijo a desarrollar inteligencia emocional y entender sus sentimientos.
6. **¿Te comiste tu merienda/almuerzo hoy? ¿Qué te gustó de ello?**
Esto conecta la vida en casa con la escuela, especialmente cuando llevan refrigerios de casa.
7. **¿Hubo algo en lo que necesitabas ayuda hoy?**
Esto les ayuda a expresar sus necesidades o áreas en las que pueden necesitar apoyo.

Online Resources for Parents in English and Spanish

English Websites:

1. **PBS Parents – Encouraging Conversations with Preschoolers**
PBS Parents offers a range of articles and resources to help foster communication with preschoolers, including tips for asking questions that spark conversation.
2. **Scholastic – Questions to Ask Your Preschooler**
Scholastic provides a helpful guide with age-appropriate questions that can help children open up about their day.

Spanish Websites (Sitios Web en Español):

1. **PBS Padres – Cómo Animar a los Niños a Conversar**

PBS Padres ofrece una variedad de artículos y recursos en español para fomentar la comunicación con los niños en edad preescolar.

2. **Scholastic en Español – Preguntas para tu Pequeño**

Scholastic en Español brinda una guía con preguntas apropiadas para la edad que pueden ayudar a los niños a hablar sobre su día.

These resources can provide valuable guidance for parents who want to engage in meaningful conversations with their preschoolers and support their child's learning and development in both English and Spanish.

We encourage all parents and guardians to stay involved by engaging their children in conversations about what they've been learning in preschool. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We're excited to keep working with you and your children to foster a lifelong love of learning and curiosity.

October Reminders:

- **Mosquito Season:** If you'd like repellent to be applied to your child, please bring it labeled and complete the Medication Consent Form.
- **Extra Clothes:** Please provide at least two sets of weather-appropriate clothing for your child to keep in their cubby.
- **Labeling Belongings:** Ensure all of your child's belongings are labeled with their first and last name to prevent any items from being misplaced.
- **Trick-or-Treat Safety:** As Halloween approaches, please be cautious and ensure your children are safe while trick-or-treating.
- **School Hours:** Tiny Thinkers is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Extended care is available from 6:30 am to 7:30 am and 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
- **Payment Reminder:** Payments must be made on time to avoid a \$35.00 late fee.
- **Authorized Pick-Ups:** Ensure that anyone picking up your child is listed on their contact card, is over 18, and has a valid picture ID with them.
- **Sign-In/Out:** Please remember to sign your child in at drop-off and out at pick-up every day on both the corresponding clipboard and the CCRC or DCFS document.
- **Follow Us:** Don't forget to like us on Facebook, Instagram, and Yelp to stay updated on all school happenings.

Important Notes: Please be aware that we do not offer make-up or substitute days for any absences. There will be **no refunds** for days not attended, and we **do not pro-rate tuition** for vacations, sickness, holidays, or school closures. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call us.

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Teachers Corner

This month our focus topic will be:

Theme: Fruits, Vegetables, Five Senses, Human Body

Letter: G, H; I, J

Number: 3,4,5,6,7,8,9

Color: Light Blue; Orange

Shape: Triangle; Square

Cooking activity: Veggie Pita Pizza; Smiley Apples

Science: Fruit Oxidation; Popcorn Senses Experiment

Sign Language: Strawberry & Carrot; Do not Touch & Hurt

Vocabulary: Strawberries, Bananas, Cucumbers, Watermelon, Celery; Smell, Ears,
Vision, Taste, Touch

Spanish Vocabulario: Fresas, Platanos, Pepinos, Sandia, Apio;
Olfato, Oído, Vista, Gusto, Tacto

Canción en español: The Vegetable Song in Spanish; Los Cinco Sentidos

Songs: The Vegetable Song; The Five Senses

Character of Education: "Be Honest and True" "Be Environmentally Conscious"; "Always be Thankful",
"Be Cooperative"

Sensory: Ice Bin; Bubble Wrap Bin

Outdoor Painting: Corn Husk Painting; Fork Painting

Gross Motor Activity: Freeze Tag; Simon Says

Recyclable Project: Plastic Bottle APPLE, Plastic Bottle LUNGS



**Happy Birthday to everyone
born in this month of October**

***On your birthday, we send you our warmest wishes! May you
spend your special day surrounded by loved ones and family
and may all your dreams and wishes come true.***



Mon. 9/30 – Fri. 10/11/24 Scholastics Book Fair

Tue. 10/8 – Wed. 10/9/24 Picture Day (North Hills)

Fri. 10/11/24 Picture Day (Canoga Park)

Mon. 10/14/24 Columbus (Indigenous) Day

Mon. 10/14 – Fri. 10/25/2024 Parent-Teacher
Conference over the phone



Tues. 10/31/2024 Halloween Parade

