

2018-2019 Activity Schedule

Month	Themes	Letters/ Numbers	Colors	Shapes
Sept. '18	Hello and Goodbye Apples Everywhere	A, B, C 1, 2, 3	Red	Circle
Oct. '18	Be Safe Wiggly Wonders	D, E, F 4, 5, 6	Orange/ Black	Triangle
Nov. '18	Sleep Tight Getting Together	G, H, I 7, 8	Brown	Rectangle
Dec. '18	Hats Off to You Gingerbread and Jingle Bells	J, K, L 9, 10	Green	Star
Jan. '19	Riding Around Sparkles and Shivers	M, N, O 11, 12	White	Octagon
Feb. '19	In the Mail I Am Healthy	P, Q, R 13, 14	Pink	Heart
Mar. '19	Silly Fun Changing Weather	S, T, U 15, 16	Blue	Rhombus
Apr. '19	Up and Away Spring Has Sprung	V, W, X 17, 18	Yellow	Oval
May '19	Baby Animals When I'm Big	Y, Z 19, 20	Purple	Square
June '19	In the Meadow Giddy Up and Go	Review	Review	Review
July '19	To Market, To Market Sports Talk	Review	Review	Review
Aug. '19	Playground Palooza Cookout Lookout	Review	Review	Review

An Overview of the 2018-2019 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 and consists of monthly kits centered around two themes. Daily activities are offered for your child's teacher to select from as they work to enhance growth and school readiness for early learners. Fireflies® activities are built around eight developmental domains: Social/Emotional, Language/Literacy, Creative Arts, Social Studies, Physical Development/Health, Science, Math, and Approaches to Learning.

Fireflies® is designed to meet early learning standards designated by most states in the United States.

Benefits for Your Child

- Build enthusiasm for life-long learning
- They learn socialization and cooperation
- Learning through experience
- Skills such as teamwork and respect are taught
- Concentration, patience
- Build confidence, self-esteem and autonomy
- Exposure to diversity



Benefits for Parents/Caregivers

- Knowledge that your child is participating in a curriculum program that is aligned with the highest quality standards in early childhood education.
- You will be involved in your child's learning. Newsletters, calendars, book lists, blog articles and much more keep you informed. Children with involved parents do better in school and show stronger social skills.
- Your child's teacher spends more of each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.

What Is Developmentally Appropriate Practice?

In simple terms, Developmentally Appropriate Practice means that activities and programs take into account what each child is ready for. Developmentally appropriate for ages 3 - 5 means that children should be offered a range of opportunities to interact with their environment.

What Are the Benefits of Being Developmentally Appropriate?

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

Is Fireflies® Developmentally Appropriate?

The Fireflies® curriculum is designed to be open-ended and flexible. We provide ideas that caregivers can implement to ensure appropriateness. To a great extent, each teacher determines how the program is used in their particular setting.

As family members, you can support developmental appropriateness by following the lead of your child's teacher, and being supportive and involved in their efforts! Also, remember that children can accomplish many things without you seeing a specific project each day.



You will receive a monthly Family Newsletter. This 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.

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