EVENTS

Saturday, Aug. 19, 12:4 p.m.
Weinland Park Festival

Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 21, 22
SFC Closed for Professional Development

Friday, Aug. 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Brown Bag Family Workshop
Potty Training Strategies & Tips

Every Tuesday, 8-9 a.m.
Coffee Talk - drop off your child and enjoy coffee and a snack with staff and other families in the SFC library.

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30-11:00 a.m.
Community Reading Time in the SFC library for children birth to 5 years and their parents and caregivers.

Starting in September
Family University
Weinland Park families, enjoy lunch on us and Saturday discussions on family issues and caring for young children. Details to come next month.

OUR MISSION
The Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy
partnering to improve children’s well-being through research, practice and policy

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**Summer Reading:** TRAVEL AND SHOPPING

Are you going on a trip this summer? Have your child help create a list of items that need to go and have her cross the items off a list as she packs. Not going on a trip? Have your child help create the grocery list and find those items while you are shopping. Encourage a love for reading by having your child find letters all around them. Use these letters and think of words that begin with that letter. If your child is ready, have him identify the letter by its sound. For fun and exciting books on travel and shopping, check out *Hello, Airplane* by Bill Cotter and *Llama, Llama Mad at Mama* by Anna Dewdney, available in the SFC library.

**SFC to Host ZERO TO THREE: Aug. 9**

SFC has been chosen as a model site by ZERO TO THREE to film a nationally released professional development curriculum series. SFC was chosen based on our supportive teacher-child interactions. Filming will begin on Aug. 9 from 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please see your child’s teacher to complete a release form by Aug. 8. Questions? Contact Kristen Knight, 614-292-1261 or knight.450@osu.edu.

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**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**New School Year Starting August 23**

Our 2017-2018 school year will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 23. Our SFC graduates will be off on new adventures in kindergarten, and families and children who are continuing in our program can expect new faces, some classroom environmental changes and plenty of opportunities to introduce new friends to the fun that they will have in school.

Teachers will be in professional development trainings on Monday and Tuesday Aug. 21 and 22, and will be ready to welcome new classroom communities together beginning Wednesday of that week.

**Helping Your Child with Transitions**

As fall approaches, many of our friends will be going through some important transitions. This can be a tricky time for some kids to understand.

Here are some things that we encourage you to try with your child:

- **Listen:** Ask your child about their upcoming transition to get a sense of their understanding of what will happen.
- **Clarify:** If your child is having a hard time understanding what their transition will be like, you can talk them through it step by step. This is a good way to prepare them for what to expect so that they can feel confident.
- **Encourage:** Point out the exciting and fun parts of the changes that your child will experience. Going to a new kindergarten classroom may seem overwhelming because it will be unfamiliar, but you can talk about the new friends that your child will meet and the new toys and books that their classroom will have.

Contact Family Advocate, Katie Van Fossen holloway.148@osu.edu