August 2018 NEWSLETTER
Partnering with the Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy to improve children’s well-being through research, practice, and policy.

Town Square Special Performances for Families

August 13th at 3 p.m. Town Square
Chef Mark Gonzalez will perform with a few of his band mates to help us celebrate the end of the summer. This will give our children the chance to experience unique instruments and sing along to some of their favorite songs. Families are welcome to join their children and enjoy the music.

New School Year Starting August 22

Our 2018-2019 school year will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 22. 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. 20 and 21, and will be ready to welcome new classroom communities together beginning Wednesday of that week.

Giveaway Books

Don’t forget to check your child’s mailbox for the monthly Kass Family Book Club book! Infant and Toddler families, look for Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown. Have fun with your child as you find the different objects around the room and tell each one goodnight.

Preschool families, look for Twenty Yawns by Jane Smiley. Have fun with your child as you count the yawns and help Lucy fall back to sleep.

Events

Every Tuesday from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Talk - Drop off your child and enjoy coffee and a snack with staff and other families in the JP Morgan Chase library.

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Stay & Play - Explore ideas like magna tiles, play dough, and yummy time finger painting while getting to know other families.

Mondays & Fridays from 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.
Community Storytime - Experience fun stories, silly songs, and exciting family activities.
Literacy Tips

Reading daily with your child, even before they can talk, has many benefits. The more you read with your child, the more they are exposed to and learn. From an increase in their vocabulary to their knowledge of unique ideas such as ocean animals and science concepts.

Reading also improves your child’s concentration skills. As a toddler your child will want to turn the pages, flip the book around, and bounce from book to book. As they get older they will learn to sit with books for longer periods of time and focus on the pages as you read. This will continue to increase as they get older and enter school.

Reading is also a great way to bond with your child. Does your child love dinosaurs? Read books about dinosaurs together to discover new facts. Do you love to cook? Get an illustrated cookbook and try out new recipes with your child. And if your family is experiencing a difficult situation, you can use books to help guide the conversation with your child.

You can find all kinds of exciting books in our library.

Saturday Aug. 18: Weinland Park Festival

Weinland Park’s neighborhood festival is planned for Saturday, August 18th from noon to 4 p.m. in Weinland Park. Once again, SFC will offer activities for young children and their families. Join us for P&G giveaways, music, face painting, book reading, water games, and fun with sand. There will also be games for elementary and middle school children. The festival is a chance for neighbors to come together for an afternoon of fun and to learn about resources and opportunities in Weinland Park.