Join us for our online SFC Family Discussion:
GET THE MOST FROM STORY TIME WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILD

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
12:00pm – 1:00pm via Zoom
*Zoom link will be sent at a later date; this discussion will also be recorded and made available afterwards

Join preschool teacher Kari Welch and assistant principal Samantha Peterson to learn more about how reading with your young child is one of the best ways to continue enriched learning at home. They will share simple strategies to get the most from reading to enhance your child’s vocabulary, phonological awareness, number sense, and narrative building skills.

ICYMI: If you missed last month’s family discussion on Kindergarten Readiness and Transition, you can find our recap (complete with the recording and presentation slides) under Announcements on the school’s website or by clicking here. –

UPCOMING CLOSURES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming days when the A. Sophie Rogers School will be closed. You can also find these dates on our events calendar.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday, March 15

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday, April 23

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 31

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday, June 18

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Monday, July 5

classroom corner: featured project

Check out our latest featured project: Equity, Equality, and Justice: Toddlers’ developmentally appropriate explorations. Hear how Room 130 is deepening their commitment to equity, equality and justice with their toddlers. Read how they are meeting Ohio’s Early Learning Development Standards through specific examples of inclusive classroom activities.

You can also find this project featured on our Classroom Corner webpage all month long.
COVID-19 symptom list

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since we began navigating this pandemic together. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation and resilience as we continue to follow state guidelines and regulations to keep all children, staff and families safe and healthy. **Masks are required for all adults entering the building, as per Ohio and university guidelines.** We no longer have disposable masks to provide at the front desk. Please make sure to wear a mask as you enter the building rather than putting it on in the lobby and have extras in your car and pockets to keep all our school families healthy! At school, we are implementing additional cleaning and sanitation of surfaces, social distancing between classroom groups, frequent hand washing and supporting all children over age 2 to wear masks from home. In addition, all staff are tested bi-weekly for COVID-19.

If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 among our school community, all school members will be informed. If the health department and university determine that quarantining and/or closing a classroom(s) for a period of time is required, the families immediately impacted will be contacted and directed accordingly. If a family member has confirmed COVID-19 or is in quarantine, young children should quarantine at home as well.

All of our community thanks you for remaining at home when symptomatic and for 24 hours after any of the following symptoms subside:

- Fever over 100°F
- Cough/shortness of breath
- Runny nose/congestion
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

Continued advocacy for vaccine priority for early childhood educators

As we shared last month, Ohio’s COVID-19 vaccination roll out does not yet identify early childhood educators for group priority. *The Dispatch* recently interviewed preschool master teacher Vanessa Shrontz and principal Anneliese Johnson on this topic. Differentiating between early childhood educators and their K-12 counterparts also reflects broader disparities in how society treats the teachers of our youngest children. Many Ohio advocates are asking Governor DeWine and health leaders to act swiftly and prioritize the vaccination of early childhood teachers, including the signatories of this [Change.org petition](http://bit.ly/ASR-Buckeye-Paws).

RECAP: Buckeye Paws’ (wonderful) visit

To say that the children and teachers enjoyed the visit from Shiloh and McDuff, ambassador dogs for the Buckeye Paws program, would be an understatement. It was a wonderful visit, with unexpected benefits, and the next visit is already much anticipated! We’ve attempted to recap the event to show a glimpse of how meaningful it was through sharing how the children prepared for the visit, compiling photos into a video montage, sharing quotes from children and teachers about what it meant to them, and showcasing children’s journal entries after the visit.