

Little Bridges News

June 2025



Calendar of Events

Last Day of Public School

Thursday 6/5

Last Day of TK Tigers

Friday 6/6

VBS at Canyon Creek

For kids entering 1st -6th
June 9 - 13

Donuts For Dads

Friday 6/13

LB Summer Camp Starts

For kids entering 1st -6th
June 16 – Aug. 8

LB CLOSED

Independence Day

Friday 7/4

LB CLOSED

In-Service Staff Training

Monday 8/11
Tuesday 8/12

First Day of School

*For Infant/Toddlers &
Preschool & TK*

Wed 8/13

First Day of School

For After School Program

Wed 8/13

Donuts For Dads

Dads, we want to celebrate you on Friday June 13th. Please plan on dropping off your child(ren) this day! Your child has made you a special gift and would like to present that to you in their classroom while you share a donut.

VBS at Canyon Creek 6/9 – 6/13

You will see LOTS of activity on campus the second week of June. Canyon Creek's annual Vacation Bible School is happening here the week of June 9th – 13th. Little Bridges preschool continues to run as normal, while our school age children have the opportunity to attend a fun filled week and hear the Gospel. The whole church gets involved - including the high school and middle students who learn to be leaders.

Summer Fun

While our preschool curriculum continues to build on all the concepts we have learned over the school year, summer should also be a bit more FUN! Classes will have weekly themes and daily activities to match those themes. Check your class Friday emails for news about Spirit days, picnic days, game days and Friday Water Days!

Sunscreen and Hats

With the sun shining, we ask that you apply sunscreen to your children BEFORE they come to school. We will re-apply if needed. Hats are also a great option to keep sun off your child's face. Each child should have a bottle of sunscreen at Little Bridges - labeled of course!

Fall Registration/Welcome Packets

All children enrolled in Little Bridges for this fall will be receiving a Welcome Packet via email from us in early July. Please read through all the material carefully. The packet will contain a 2025/2026 calendar, new Fall tuition schedule, specific class information, bios on your teachers, daily schedules and enrichment information. Any additional forms will be sent through brightwheel. This is also a good time of year to make sure your child's brightwheel profile is current and up-to-date.

- The first day of school: **Wednesday, August 13th**.

Lost and Found

All lost items that are not labeled end up in the LB office *Lost and Found*. If you are missing an item, please come and see our collection. All unclaimed items will be donated to Harbor House Olive's Closet at the end of the month.

Because I Said So

Somewhere in the back of every parent's mind is a list. We'll call it "Things My Parents Said That I Swear I'll Never Say in a Million Years." And somewhere near the top of that list - right between "What do I look like, a money tree?" and "Your face is gonna freeze that way" - is a phrase that has the power to cut short any argument and silence the whining masses: "Because I said so."

Chances are, if you're a parent, you've said it a few times, despite your intention to banish it from your repertoire. But here's the thing: "Because I said so" is perfectly OK.

There seems to be a great misunderstanding about those four old-fashioned words. Some child raising specialists consider them repressive and potentially damaging. Other experts have convinced parents that the healthy family is a democracy. This sounds good, but someone has to have the final say in any family and that someone should be an adult.

By testing boundaries, kids learn what can be done and what cannot. Therefore, the effective parent will not prevent their children from expressing an opinion nor will they forbid their child from disagreeing with them. Yet when all is said and done, one thing remains clear: Parents must make the final decisions. The bottom line is, compliance is important. It's important that children learn to obey their parents and to follow rules.

Ideally, of course, parents should provide reasons for our decisions and demands. Our goal is to teach our children to make good decisions on their own, not just when we're in the room or because we said so. But when a short, simple reason leads to whining, it's time to play the authority card. Consider this example from our home: "Taylor and Liam, it's time to pick up the living room."

"Why? Who's coming over?" (I don't know why they always think cleaning equals company.)

"No one is coming over. I'm about to vacuum and I need all the Lego's off the carpet and in the bin."

"But..."

"I said so, now do it."

Simple. No argument. No whining. No messy living room. Whining has never worked in our family – so my kids don't even go there. Unlike some parents, I never made an anti-"because I said so" vow. So, I use it often with my children and I remind them that they are to obey me. They may protest and be upset, but I refuse to waste my time and energy explaining all the reasons I have for asking my children to comply.

We've heard it's important to communicate with children, to explain our actions and justify our decisions. But I'm not so sure that children need to know every reason behind every decision. I think children especially want reasons, most often so they can engage us in an argument that they have some chance of winning.

Youngsters have a right to know in terms they can understand, and they have a right to know only if they are willing to listen. A child probably understands about 2-3 words per year of age when disciplining, so long discussions with young children only gives a child the attention they are seeking rather than the input parents intended.

Parents should not talk through every rule, especially with young children who respect actions better than words. I love to hear parents of young children give a child five reasons why they should not choke the cat. Others will sit for minutes with a screaming child trying to explain why they must go to work. As kids get older and begin to question rules, it's okay to reason with them and to ask for their ideas. But, if the truth is "Because I said so," children have a right to know that too.

I tell parents, go ahead and give a 10-words-or-less reason for any decision you make. A few suggestions: "It costs too much", "There's not enough time", "You're not old enough", "It's time to go", "It's dangerous", "No sweets before dinner", "It's a school day", "We don't believe in that."

A well-disciplined child is happy, well behaved, thoughtful, and respected by others. Children brought up without discipline usually become selfish, greedy, dishonest, unpopular, uncooperative and insecure. Undisciplined children also lose their tempers easily and are constantly demanding attention while being disrespectful to others.

No other subject in parenting is written about more but practiced less than effective discipline. Remember, when parents plead, bargain, bribe, threaten, give second chances, or long explanations, they are wishing for, not expecting, obedience. No matter how eloquent or correct a parent's explanation might be, most children see only one point of view - their own. Sometimes, it is better, without hint of threat or apology, to simply say, "Because I said so."