

Little Bridges News



September 2020

Calendar of Events

CLOSED – Labor Day
Monday 9/7

All School Book Fair
8/31 – 9/13

School Pictures
Frogs, Ducks, Giraffes,
Koalas, Pandas
Monday 9/21

Lambs, Jaguars, Penguins
Tigers, School Age 1st – 5th
Tuesday 9/22

Canyon Creek Church
On Facebook Live

Daily Devotionals
M – F 7:30am

**Sunday Services &
Sunday School**
Sundays 10:30am

Virtual Book Fair

Little Bridges will be hosting a virtual Book Fair the first 2 weeks of September. All orders are delivered direct to your home and shipping is FREE on book-only orders over \$25. The link will be emailed to you on Monday, August 31st and orders can be placed up until September 13th.

All purchases benefit Little Bridges. We earn 25% in Scholastic Dollar rewards that we can use for more classroom books and supplies.

The online fair has over 6,000 items for all ages - from board books to adult literature. Shop now for birthday, Christmas or classroom gifts. One of the best gifts you can give our teachers is a new book!

Picture Day is Coming!

We are moving forward with school pictures using the same company we have for used the past few years. APVisions has a great outside set up with a limited contact process in place. We love this local company and have always been pleased with their commitment to capturing real smiles from your kids! Pictures will be taken Monday, September 21st and Tuesday, September 22nd with a traditional Fall background. Look for picture information in your Friday Folders.

Classroom Shutterfly/Social Media

Each classroom has their own Shutterfly site where teachers post the weekly curriculum, calendar events, class news and pictures. This is a very useful place for parents to go to get classroom information. You can also access the school newsletters and teacher emails.

Keep up with us on Social Media! Pictures, events and daily happenings are posted weekly. You can find us at Little Bridges Childcare on both Facebook and Instagram.

Air Purifiers

The school has purchased air purifiers with True HEPA filters for each classroom. After a very generous donation from one of our families, we were convinced that purchasing these for each classroom was important for any unhealthy air quality days.

Friday Folders

This year each child has a Friday Folder to take home. We hope this organized form of transporting communication and children's work home is helpful. Empty the folder over the weekend and send it back on Monday.

Let's Read!

One of the best gifts you can give your child is to raise them to love books and reading. There are so many benefits and it has been proven over and over that children who love to read do better academically than those who only read when they need to.

But, how do you teach your child to love reading?

1. Read aloud to your child from birth

Yes, from day one! Babies understand more than you think and although they cannot respond, they will be taking everything in that they hear. The first years of life are the most crucial to language development, and the more words children hear the better.

2. Create a bedtime routine where you read together every night

Lie down with your child before lights out and read a favorite book, or even a single chapter of it. Stories teach kids about life in many indirect ways, but research also suggests that the cadence, rhythm, and tone of being read to - as opposed to the sounds of other kinds of talking - soothe a child and help relieve anxieties. I used to love ending my day with my boys this way, it became an "I love you" ritual in our home every night.

3. Read WITH your child not just TO your child

While reading to your child is important, reading with them is as well. Rather than rushing through the words on the pages, take time to discuss what is happening on each page together, perhaps guessing what is going to come next. Teaching your child to understand what they are reading is just as important as the reading itself.

4. Let your kids skip pages

Yes, it can be frustrating when you are reading a book to your little one and all they want to do is turn the page. However it is important keep reading time enjoyable. Talk about what's on the page that interests them or make up the words as you go along.

5. Keep a variety of books in your home

A child's very own library is important. Whether you turn a corner of a room into a special reading nook or keep books on a shelf or in a box, the important thing is that your child's books are in sight, and that there are a wide selection of books that they can read when they want to.

6. Let kids read what they want to read

What excites your child? Trucks? Ponies? Food? Fashion? Sports? Children will read more often if they enjoy what they are reading, so let them choose. Browse through the many selections in our online bookfair and let your kids pick out books that interest them. Talk with your child about favorite authors or illustrators and help them find additional books by them.

7. Do activities together that involve books you read

Draw characters from a book, act out a story you've read, or re-create the ending to a book. All these activities will help your child understand books and story lines better.

8. Don't push your child to learn to read before they are ready

All children learn at different stages. Let your child lead - if they are interested, encourage them - but forcing children may make reading feel like a chore instead of something enjoyable.

9. Don't stop reading to your kids when they learn to read themselves

Enjoying stories together doesn't need to cease when you have independent readers. I have such fond memories of reading the Harry Potter series and Chronicles of Narnia aloud to my kids when they were more than capable of reading them on their own.

10. Be a good example yourself

Let your kids see you pick out a book for yourself from the book fair and talk about why you choose it. Let your kids see you reading all sorts of material for enjoyment. Share your morning devotional with your kids, let them see you reading magazines, newspapers and books for pleasure, information and inspiration.