



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

September 28, 2018



October Community Helpers

The month of October, the **Infants** will be learning all about our community helpers. The first week of October we will be learning about our EMT'S. Lots of art projects and books to help the children learn. We also will have a couple new sign language words such as brother and sister. In your child's cubby we will have a sheet to show you how to teach your child the sign language words at home. Just a friendly reminder it is getting colder out. So we will need you to bring your child's winter clothes so we can go outside during the day.

The **Toddler Two's** will be learning about EMT's, doctors and people who respond to emergencies. We will examine the differences between an ambulance, a fire truck and a police car as we learn what to do in case of an emergency.

Letter: **E**
 Number: **5**
 Color: **Green**

The **Toddler Three's** will be learning about first responders and how they help us. We will be looking at the number we call for help and what each first responders job is when they get to us.

Letter: **E (emergency)**
 Number: **5**
 Color: **Red**

We have so many fantastic people in Big Sky and we can't fit them all into one week. The month of October our **Preschoolers** will be talking about a variety of people that help make our community. This week the **Preschoolers** will be learning about our First Responders.

Letter: **Pp**
 Number: **4**
 Shape: **Star**
 Color: **Blue**

Important Dates	
September 28	October Billing Due/Processed
September 28	Immunization Records DUE
September 28	Scholastic Book Orders Due!
October 2	Developmental Screening @ Ophir
October 11	MLC Board Meeting
October 12	Corn Maze
October 15	November Billing Emailed

Corn Maze

MLC will take a field trip to the Montana Corn Maze on **Friday, Oct. 12th**. We still need parent volunteers! If you are interested please let the office know, as well as how many seats you have available in your car.

Scholastic Book Orders

We are starting Scholastic Book Orders back up! They will go home with the oldest child in the family and are **due today!** If you would like to order online, go to <http://www.scholastic.com>, click on the tab marked PARENTS and create an account. MLC's **NEW** online ordering class code is: **TPJZT**

Developmental Screening

When: October 2, 11 am-4 pm
Where: Ophir Elementary School

Make an appointment by calling Linda Nell at 406.995.4281 or email lnell@bssd72.org
Please see additional information below.

Spanish & Dance Class

This month in **Spanish**, Ms. Karla will be teaching the Preschoolers action words! They will also continue practicing their Good Morning song, Days of the Week, Months of the Year, ABC's and a new song that will include their newly learned action words!
 Song: [La Gallina Josefina](#).

This month the **Dance** class will be returning to ballet. We will focus on counting music, reviewing the basic positions, and learning more about sautes, or small jumps. The dancers will practice these movements in sequences of eight and also work on doing each sequence in time with music. "Simon Says" will be played as a memory game to work on these new moves!

Donations

The Infant Room is also in need of another **rocking chair!** If anyone has one they would like to donate, MLC would greatly appreciate it!

Director's Desk

Stephanie's Office Hours:
 Monday- Friday 8:30am-10am

Lori's Office Hours:
 Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am-10am

Or By Appointment

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Lone Peak Brewery for Pint Night. We were able to raise \$100 for curriculum programming and materials!

Preschool Parents:

If you haven't already brought a family picture in, it is not too late! Please bring one in so the students can finish their family photo collage!

Developmental Screening

The 2018-2019 Developmental Day for children 0 - 5 years old at Big Sky School District / Ophir Elementary School is October 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Make your appointment now by calling Linda Nell at 406-995-4281, or email lnell@bssd72.org

What is “Developmental Screening Day?”

Skills such as taking first steps, saying those first words and learning early concepts are referred to as “milestones of development”. The range of “average” developmental attainment of these milestones for young children can be broad.

Developmental screenings are used by doctors, nurses, early interventionists and educators to determine whether a child is reaching developmental markers. Every fall your school district offers an opportunity to participate in a free screening of developmental milestones for children ages birth to five years. This screening is brought to you because of a collaborative effort between your school district, the Gallatin-Madison Special Education Cooperative, Family Outreach Services and the Region IV Hearing Conservation Program. On your school district’s “Developmental Day” the following areas will be screened:

Gross Motor: using large groups of muscles to perform physical activities, such as skipping, jumping and throwing.

Fine Motor: motor: using hands and fingers to be perform activities such as drawing and writing.

Language: speech sound development or articulation, vocabulary understanding and use, language reasoning and early phonic skills.

Developmental Concepts: Understanding terms such as more/less; sorting and categorizing, colors and other pre-academic knowledge.

Social: Following directions and engaging with others

Hearing

Specialists are present to visit with you about any questions you might have and typical development as well as provide resources to support you, the parent, in raising a healthy and happy child! Please join us on this fun day.

*Developmental Screening Day is part of your school district’s responsibility for Child Find efforts under IDEA Part C.