



# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

September 2021

## Dates to Remember

September 6<sup>th</sup> - NSEC CLOSED Labor  
For Labor Day.

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Patriot Day

September 13<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Due

September 15<sup>th</sup> - Lunch with Deputies  
(Frontiers Class)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - First day of Fall

September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - Picture Days!

## Please Note...

Pictures will be taken outdoors (weather permitting). We will have a photographer here both mornings to accommodate all schedules. If your child does not attend on either of those days, you may bring them in between 9:00am and 11:00am to get their picture taken while you wait.

A new company will be used this year for LifeTouch, our previous hired company, will no longer take pictures outdoors.

## Waiting for the bus!



## Policy Review

**Each month we will be reviewing a different policy in our Parent Handbook. This month is our Change of Schedule/Withdrawl Policy...**

- **You are not enrolling your child for any length of time. Once a change of schedule has been approved or you have decided to withdraw your child, we require a two (2) week notice in writing. You will be charged a minimum of two (2) weeks once you have informed us of your child's last day or schedule change has been approved.**
- **This will allow us to be able to call from our waiting list and fill that spot in a timely manner.**



## Preschool/Pre-K



All NSEC classrooms have Preschool time, usually between 8:30 – 11:30 am. This time is the concentrated learning time where teachers engage children in precise lessons geared to intentionally teach the children a concept, topic or everyday self-help skills.



August 30<sup>th</sup> we were happy to welcome back our morning Ranger's Pre-K class. They meet 8:30 – 11:30 in the Ranger's room after our school age children head to school. If you know someone on our waiting list, maybe this is an option. Space is still available so spread the word.

## **COVID 19 Guidelines**

During this difficult and stressful time, we at NSEC want you to know that we value the safety and wellbeing of you and your child(ren). For this reason, we ask that you take time to read through the following statements that we have put into place to keep everyone healthy and safe.

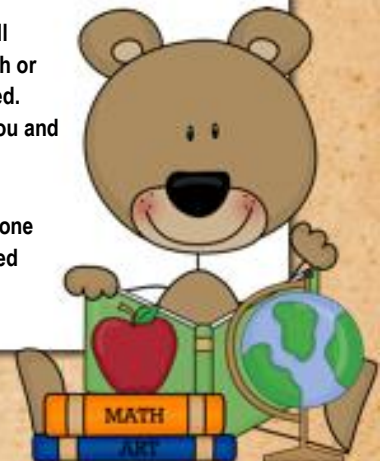
**Your child should not come to school if any of the following exists:**

- If a child is too ill to comfortably participate in the program
- If a child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or more within the last 24 hours
- If a child has not been fever free for 24 hours
- If a child is vomiting or has excessive diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- If a child has a communicable disease, please contact the center immediately. (These would include conditions such as COVID 19, strep throat, pink eye, mercer, impetigo, etc.) The director can then inform you of when the child would be allowed to return to the school again, under the guidelines of McHenry County Department of Health.
- If a child has been determined to have lice, they need to be "nit" free before they may return.



We thank you for helping us keep you and your child(ren) safe during this time. We understand this is a difficult and trying time, but we are following all the guidelines given to us by not only the IDPH & CDC but also DCFS. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the front office.

- When picking up or dropping off a child(ren), please practice "social distancing" (6 feet) at all times. When entering the program for any reason, we ask that you wear a face covering, wash or sanitized your hands immediately upon entry. Entry into the front entry and hallway is allowed. Children must be dropped off at the door of the classroom where a staff member will greet you and your child.
- Only one person allowed to enter with child upon arrival and departure.
- If your child becomes ill while in our program, you will be asked to pick-up your child within one hour of the program contacting you. Please have plans in place to ensure you or a designated person is available if this should occur.



**GOODBYE SUMMER! WE  
HAD A BLAST THIS YEAR!!!!**



**Scholastic is back!**

Scholastic is a program parents can order books at a discounted price. Every purchase made gives Nature's Scholars points toward books for our own classroom libraries'. Flyers will be sent home at the beginning of each month. There is a code and a due date on the back of the flyers. The code is so parents can order online. Ordering online is the preferred method but you can also order with the flyers and a check. No cash please. These books are great for Christmas gifts and seasonal books to read to your children. See Ms. Kristin if you have any questions.

### Holiday Closings

Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>: "Labor Day Holiday"

Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>: "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>: "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup> : "Christmas Holiday"

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Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>: "Christmas Holiday"

Thursday December 30<sup>th</sup>: "New Year's Eve  
Observance"

Friday December 31<sup>st</sup>: "New Year's Eve"

These are the upcoming holidays that we are closed. Please make sure you have alternative care. Regular weekly payment is still required.

