



# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

September 2022

## Dates to Remember

September 5<sup>th</sup> - NSEC Closed for Labor Day.

September 6<sup>th</sup> – McHenry Public Library Visits NSEC for a story hour.

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

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic book orders due

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

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Picture Days! More info to come.

## 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, contact us and we will give you a time to come in to get their picture taken while you wait.

A new company will be used this year; Photo Monkyee.

## Waiting for the bus!



## Policy Review

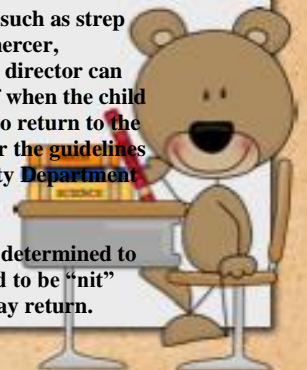
### What happens if my child becomes sick while at the center?

We do our best to keep all children and staff safe while at Nature's Scholars. This includes keeping illnesses at bay. If a child starts to show symptoms or reports that they are not feeling well, we will assess their wellbeing and try to provide a quiet space/activity for the child for a short period of time. However, if a child develops a fever, is vomiting, has unexplained excessive diarrhea, or is very lethargic or is unable to actively participate in the program, we will contact the parents to pick them up as soon as possible. If a parent cannot be reached, we will proceed to contact the people listed on the child's "Permit to Pick Up" form. Note: The child must then be fever/symptom free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.

### Under what circumstances should my child remain at home?

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 **without medication**
- 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 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.



## Preschool/Pre-K



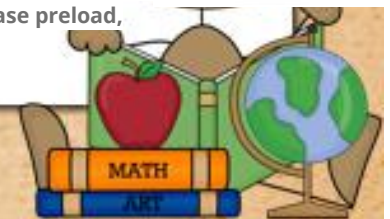
All NSEC classrooms have Preschool time, usually between 8:30 – 11:30 am. This time is the concentrated learning time where teachers engage children in precise lessons geared to intentionally teach the children a concept, topic, or everyday self-help skills.



August 29<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.

## UPDATES

- With the school year up and running and everyone attending different schools, we can't stress enough how important it is for parents to communicate with us any important information that would possibly affect us (i.e., before and after school changes, making sure you communicate with the bus that your child's transportation needs to and from NSEC, contact us if your child won't be needing transportation in our van for those at Harrison or Richmond districts, any before or after school activities your child is involved in and won't be in attendance, and any other changes that we would need to know). Please also remember that we do not get any direct emails from the school districts so if there are any schedule changes, please forward the emails to us! Thank you!!
- Also, if you know if your child is going to be absent, please let us know via phone or email by no later than 9:00 AM. We really want communication to be a priority so that we can continue to provide the best possible care for your child. Let's make this school year great!
- If you are doing some deep fall cleaning, please keep us in mind! We are always open to donations!
- On in-service day all our teachers and staff updated their First Aid and CPR trainings. We also purchased ResQPOD's for the center as well!  
The ResQPOD<sup>®</sup> impedance threshold device (ITD) is a simple, non-invasive device that delivers intrathoracic pressure regulation (IPR) therapy during basic or advanced life support CPR to improve perfusion. The ResQPOD ITD lowers intrathoracic pressure during the recoil phase of CPl by selectively restricting unnecessary airflow into the chest. These vacuums increase preload, lowers intracranial pressure (ICP), and improves blood flow to the brain and vital organs.





## COT SHEETS NEEDED!

As you have all seen, our new floors have been installed and looking great! We are trying to keep them looking new and taking extra precautions. Every child in the Little Sprouts, Explorer's and Frontier's classrooms need a crib size sheet for their child's cot. The sheets extend over the base of the cot and prevents scratching or scuffing. You should also be supplying a crib size blanket. We have had to loan out multiple blankets to the point of running out and then some children not having one to cover up and cuddle with at naptime. Supplying your child's own sheet and blanket is comforting to them to have their own likings and scents of home. Of course, on occasion if one has been forgotten, we are always happy to supply a loaner. We want our staff to be with the children and not having to be pulled out of the room rounding up blankets and washing them daily. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

## 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"

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

Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>: "Christmas Holiday"

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

Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>: "New Year's Day" day off

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

