



Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

September 2023

Dates to Remember

September 4th - NSEC Closed for Labor Day.

September 5th - McHenry Public Library Visits NSEC for a story hour.

September 11th - Scholastic book orders due

Sept. 13th & 14th - Picture Days! More info to come.

September 22nd - First day of Fall

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Policy Review

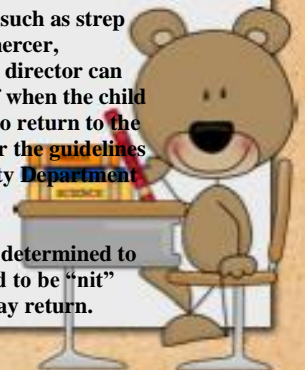
What happens if my child becomes sick while at the center?

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 curriculum time 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 28th 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. Space is still available for children who will be going into Kindergarten NEXT fall, 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 were able to get their classrooms ready for the new school year, discuss lesson plans and rearrange their classrooms for a fresh look! Afterwards we had a team building activity where all of us went on a float trip down the fox river. During this we had our staff meeting and discussed questions/ ideas for the new school year.





Picture day is
September 13th
&
September 14th

Please keep an eye on your emails
for further information. We will be
taking photos outside again 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 every three months this year.
There is a code and a due date on the
back of the flyers. The code is so
parents can order online. 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 4th: "Labor Day Holiday"

Thursday November 23rd: "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Friday November 24th: "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Monday December 25th: "Christmas Holiday"

Tuesday December 26th: "Christmas Holiday"

Mondy January 1st : "New Year's Holiday"

Tuesday January 2nd: "New Year's Holiday"

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

