

## 2023–2024 Activity Schedule

Month	Themes	Letters Numbers	Colors	Shapes
<b>September 2023</b>	Wonderful Me Where We Live	A, B, C 1, 2, 3	Red	Circle
<b>October 2023</b>	Curious Critters Fairy Tale Friends	D, E, F 4, 5, 6	Orange Black	Triangle
<b>November 2023</b>	Cooling Down Barnyard Bash	G, H, I 7, 8	Brown	Rectangle
<b>December 2023</b>	Five Super Senses Merry Memories	J, K, L 9, 10	Green	Star
<b>January 2024</b>	Snow Friends Scribbles and Splats	M, N, O 11, 12	White	Octagon
<b>February 2024</b>	Kindness Counts Food Parade	P, Q, R 13, 14	Pink	Heart
<b>March 2024</b>	My Toybox Hopping & Hatching	S, T, U 15, 16	Blue	Oval
<b>April 2024</b>	Puddle Play Sail Away	V, W, X 17, 18	Yellow	Rhombus
<b>May 2024</b>	Flower Shop Animals All Around	Y, Z 19, 20	Purple	Square
<b>June 2024</b>	Fun in the Sun Summer Safety	Review	Review	Review
<b>July 2024</b>	Frogs and Friends Beach Vacation	Review	Review	Review
<b>August 2024</b>	Camping Adventure Picnic Pals	Review	Review	Review

# An Overview of the 2023–2024 Curriculum Year



## Family Guide



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# Welcome to FunShine Express!

Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of preschool activities this year through our professionally designed Fireflies® curriculum program. The Fireflies program is for ages 3–5. The activities are designed to meet early learning standards established throughout the United States.

## Benefits for Your Child

Our curriculum:

- Builds enthusiasm for lifelong learning
- Encourages socialization and cooperation
- Promotes hands-on learning
- Nurtures teamwork and respect
- Promotes concentration and patience
- Builds confidence, self-esteem, and autonomy
- Embraces diversity



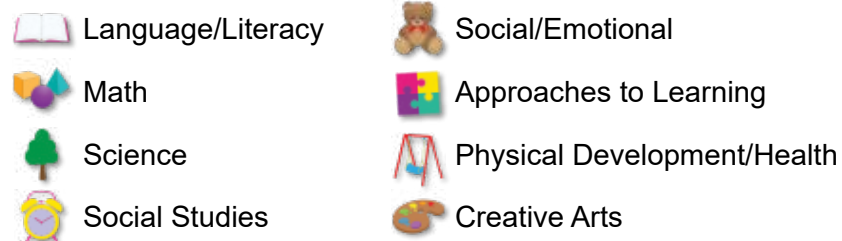
## Benefits for Parents/Caregivers

- Knowledge that your child is participating in a curriculum program aligned with the highest quality standards in early childhood education.
- Built-in family engagement to keep you involved in your child's learning. You will receive a monthly Family Newsletter that includes "Learn with Me!" activities to do with your child at home, information about theme-related concepts, songs, a recipe, and a few book suggestions. Consider gathering some of the suggested books to supplement the program. Additional materials available online include calendars, blog articles, and music playlists.
- Exceptionally prepared teachers are able to spend more time each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.



## What Will My Child Learn?

Monthly kits are centered around two themes. Each day, your child's teacher will choose from a series of activities that promote growth and school readiness. Fireflies activities address eight developmental domains:



## What Is Developmentally Appropriate Practice?

Developmentally Appropriate Practice means that activities and programs take into account what children are ready to do based on their individual development. Children ages 3–5 should be offered a range of opportunities to interact with and explore their environment.

## What Are the Benefits of Developmentally Appropriate Practice?

Practices that take into account the developmental readiness of each child can boost self-confidence and independent thinking. Children will have opportunities for individual expression and to practice decision-making. This type of environment promotes skills and discipline, inspires creativity, encourages flexibility, and allows for emotional release.

## Is Fireflies Developmentally Appropriate?

The Fireflies curriculum is designed to be open-ended and flexible. We provide ideas that teachers can implement to ensure appropriateness. To a great extent, teachers determine how the program is used in their settings.

As family members, you can support developmental appropriateness by following the lead of your child's teacher and being involved in their efforts. Children can accomplish many things without you seeing a specific project each day. Pay attention to how your child matures and talk with them about what they are learning.

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