2023–2024 Activity Schedule

Unit	Themes	Colors/Shapes
September/ October 2023	Wonderful Me Where We Live Curious Critters Fairy Tale Friends	Red Orange Circle/Triangle
November/ December 2023	Cooling Down Barnyard Bash Five Super Senses Merry Memories	Brown Green Star
January/ February 2024	Snow Friends Scribbles and Splats Kindness Counts Food Parade	White Pink Heart
March/April 2024	My Toybox Hopping & Hatching Puddle Play Sail Away	Blue Yellow Oval
May/June 2024	Flower Shop Animals All Around Fun in the Sun Summer Safety	Purple Black Square
July/August 2024	Frogs and Friends Beach Vacation Camping Adventure Picnic Pals	Review

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FunShine Digital®

Family Guide
ages 0–3 years

Welcome to FunShine Digital!

Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of stimulating activities this year through our professionally designed FunShine Digital® curriculum program. This program is for ages 0–3. Curriculum activities are designed to address established early learning goals and standards 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. Every two months we provide a Family Newsletter loaded with helpful information. You'll find "Learn with Me!" activities to do with your child at home, information about themes and concepts, vocabulary words, sign language, a book list, a recipe, and songs. 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?

Lesson plans are organized into themes and released bimonthly—Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, and July/Aug. Each theme is covered for approximately two weeks. Your child's teacher/child care provider can choose from a variety of activities and materials to promote and enhance growth in the following developmental areas:

Language/Literacy: Children develop skills in both listening and communicating and build a foundation for later reading and writing. Activities include songs, rhymes, fingerplays, reading picture books, and more.

Physical/Health: Activities promote wellness and allow children to grow in using both small and large muscles. Playdough, water play, vigorous outdoor play, healthy snack ideas, and more are offered.

Science/Math/Creative Arts: Children are encouraged to enjoy and explore a variety of art materials, investigate their world, and begin to engage in symbolic thinking. Activities include pretend play, sensory exploration, experimentation, self-expression, and more.

Social/Emotional: Experiences are planned to help children develop relationships with adults and other children, learn more about themselves, recognize and express feelings, and begin to demonstrate self-regulation.

Social Studies: Predictable routines and age-appropriate rules bring order to children's lives. Children will learn about their families, their child care setting, and the local culture and community.

Approaches to Learning: Opportunities to build skills in this area are woven throughout all of the curriculum activities. Such activities focus on building memory and promoting curiosity, persistence, and problem-solving—skills that are critical for lifelong learning!

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

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FunShine Digital®

Family Guide
ages 3–5 years

Welcome to FunShine Digital!

Your child's teacher/child care provider will be offering a wide range of preschool activities this year through our professionally designed FunShine Digital® curriculum program. This 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
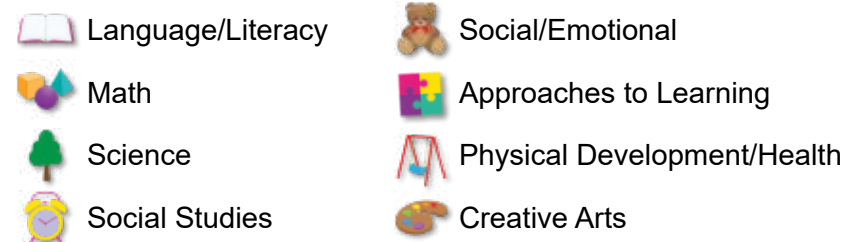- Builds confidence, self-esteem, and autonomy
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- Exceptionally prepared teachers are able to spend more time each day interacting with children and less time prepping and planning.

What Will My Child Learn?

Lesson plans are organized thematically, and two new themes are released each month. Each day, your child's teacher will choose from a series of activities that promote growth and school readiness. The activities address eight developmental domains:

📖	Language/Literacy	🧸	Social/Emotional
🔷	Math	🧩	Approaches to Learning
🌳	Science	🛝	Physical Development/Health
⏰	Social Studies	🎨	Creative Arts

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 FunShine Digital Developmentally Appropriate?

The 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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