



Dear Parents,

Hello and Happy day to you! It's finally here! Our End of the Year Program and Preschool Graduation will take place on **Wednesday, 30 May 2018 at 12:00pm** at the **Whitmore Library Auditorium**. This is a very special occasion for your child, as it will be the first time many of them have performed on-stage for many of them. In addition, they will be showcasing what they have learned throughout the year. Finally, they will have the honor of receiving their Preschool Diploma and participating in their graduation ceremony. Please read over the following information carefully, as it should address all aspects of the upcoming performance.

*As a special note, there are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to times listed in the following outline. However, please prepare for the *possibility* of adding 5 minutes to the end times listed for the *worst case scenario* where class may be let out late (we are working with 3-5 year olds and sometimes life happens). Please do not ask to pick up your child early, as it will disrupt the class/rehearsal for 18 other children whose parents planned ahead. The doors to the auditorium will remain closed and locked until the times listed and until I am ready to start/end your class' turn.

Graduation In-Class Rehearsal Information WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, May 23-24, 2018

Normal Class Time – WEAR SCHOOL SHIRTS TO CLASS

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 23-24 DURING NORMAL CLASS TIME, I will be recording the Program Rehearsal. We have a few students this year that do AWESOME on their practice, but the stage is just a frightening concept for some personalities. I am hoping that this will give the parents of these sweet kids the opportunity to see their children's hard work regardless of how things go on Graduation Day. Because of this I am asking all parents to **PLEASE DRESS YOUR CHILD IN THEIR SHINING STARS SCHOOL SHIRT ON BOTH OF THESE DAYS**. Obviously if your child only comes Wednesday or Thursday, they will only wear it to class on their appropriate day.

Graduation Pictures Information FRIDAY, May 25, 2018

Mandatory for ALL Students

Class Pictures: These will take place on **Friday, 25 May, 2018** at the **Whitmore Library Auditorium (downstairs)** from **11:45am-1:15pm. This will be class for the day**. We will be doing class pictures as well as a large group picture. Please make every effort to have your child present at this event. This is the only chance they will have to be in our school graduation pictures. I will open the door to the Auditorium when it is your class' turn to come in. You can leave your child with Miss Sam and the parent helpers that have been kind enough to volunteer to help out. **I will need 2 parents that would be willing to volunteer to help with crowd control/activities**. If you would be willing to do so, please let me know by Monday, May 21.

Dress Rehearsal Information Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mandatory for ALL Students

Dress Rehearsal: The dress rehearsal for our program will be on **Tuesday, 29 May 2018** at the **Whitmore Library Auditorium (downstairs)**. It will take place from **1:15pm-2:30pm. This will be class for the day**. Please have your child wear **blue denim jeans/shorts or skirts and the Program Shirt that Miss Sam sends home with him/her (NO OVERALLS and NO FLIP-FLOPS)**. Please reserve the program shirt for the **graduation pictures, dress rehearsal and the performance** so that it will look new for the graduation. **Please do not let your child eat in the program shirt. Please take your child to the restroom prior to dropping them off at 1:15pm**. With so many kids, it is VERY difficult to do bathroom breaks. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child. I will open the door to the Auditorium door when I am ready for kids to come in and be picked up. This will take the place of class on that day. Please note that parents are not permitted to stay for this event. I have been doing the Graduation Program for over 11 years now and I promise it will be 100% more productive to have just me with the class for this rehearsal.

Program Information WEDNESDAY, May 30, 2018 – 12:00pm

ALL Students and their families

Dress: Your child will need to be dressed in blue denim jeans/shorts or skirts, and the program shirt that Miss Sam sends home with him/her (**NO OVERALLS**). Please make every effort to keep the shirt clean and nice for their special day. Should you decide to wash the shirt, please keep in mind that it is 100% cotton and will shrink if you are not VERY careful. Please do not switch shirts with other children, as the children's place on the stage corresponds to their shirt color.

Girls: Please do not wear hair up (in a "pony-tail", bun/s, etc). Graduation hats do not stay on with these super cute hair-styles. If your child wears a skirt, they will be required to wear some type of shorts under their skirt

All kids: NO FLIP FLOPS. We have discussed this in class, and demonstrated pros and cons of these shoes. We would appreciate your support. Every year I have at least one parent send their child in flip flops, and they inevitably fall off or trip at some point in the program. Thanks for helping our program run smoothly in this way!

Time: Please bring your child to the foyer at **11:50am**. Doors will open between 11:45am and 11:50am. Please **do not arrive late**, as it will make things more difficult for all involved, and is inconsiderate to those who plan ahead and are on time. Your child will be prepared in class so they will know that you will be dropping them off in the foyer and then going in the auditorium to sit down.

Location: Whitmore Library is located at 2197 E. Ft. Union Boulevard.

Video/Photography: Video recording of the program is permitted.

Admission: There is no cost for admission to the program and we WELCOME any friends and family that would like to support your child on this very special day!

A Few More Things:

*The cap and gown that your child will wear is theirs to keep, as is the shirt they will be wearing. If you do not wish to keep the cap and gown, you can leave it with Miss Sam at the end of the Program.

*Please make sure your child has a healthy breakfast and good night's sleep prior to coming to the program. I want them to have all of the energy possible to help them participate.

***Please take your child to the restroom just before you drop them off at 11:50am.** There will be no bathroom breaks once the program has started.

*Please encourage your child to smile during the program and participate as it will give your child a sense of accomplishment.

A Few Miscellaneous Notes

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE (WHAT'S HAPPENING PAGE AND CALENDAR) AND THIS LETTER for any questions about specifics for the rest of the school year. If it can be answered in any of these places, I will refer you to these resources for answers to your questions. Hopefully this will give you extra time with your sweet kiddos (they are way more entertaining than texts to me anyway ;))

AS IS THE CASE EVERY YEAR, EACH GRADUATION EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE OF SCHOOL FOR THAT DAY. I cannot be in two places at once (i.e. setting up the library for several hours, coordinating and putting on a Graduation, and holding class at the school). Although my husband and children (and probably most clients) would love to duplicate me, unfortunately that technology is not available yet and the graduation programs are so dear and important to me that I still feel the overwhelming desire to make each one personal and oversee and put on all of the aspects of them.

Any days that are not specified above, that are listed on the calendar as school days are normal class schedule.

Unbirthday Parties MONDAY AND TUESDAY, June 4-5 , 2018

On Monday and Tuesday, June 4th and 5th, we will be having our Unbirthday Parties. We will be celebrating all of the summer birthdays and birthdays that we might have missed due to late enrollment. If your child has a summer birthday, you are welcome to bring a treat on that day to celebrate them! **Class will be at the normal time.**

Birthdays we will be celebrating:

Monday, June 4: Davey, Whitney, Jemma, **Jacob, Kale**

Tuesday, June 5: Violet, Maxwell, Henry, Cora, Mary Jane, Hudson, **Eli, Amelia, Rosie, Alice B., Easton, Owen, Jocelyn, Finlee, Tali**

If I have missed any kids, please let me know!

Last Day of School FRIDAY, June 8, 2018

Come to Mountview Park **at 9:30am** for a fun treat! We will get to take part in a reptile show presented by Scales and Tales Utah. **The presentation itself will start promptly at 10:00am**, will last for 45 minutes to an hour, and will include a hands-on experience for everyone. Everyone is invited (including siblings – as it will be at the park) and **parents can plan to stay**. Bring a blanket because we will be sitting on the grass. We will have donuts and juice and I have a special gift for each preschooler. This will be class for the day.

If siblings and/or friends come (which I hope they will) please let them know that the gifts are for the 2018 Shining Stars Graduates.

Mountview Park is Located at 1651 Fort Union Blvd., Cottonwood Heights

Summer Classes

Summer Preschool Classes Begin **June 25th**. Summer classes are Super fun and a great way to keep your child engaged during the summer! I still have spots left in all classes. Many people have asked about the pricing, etc. The prices listed are for the entire session. Basically you can choose how many days you would like your child to attend and how long you want them to come. I am flexible if your child can only come 1 week, 2 weeks, etc., or if you want your child to come to the A class one day, and the B class on other days. This is just a way for your child to have fun and get out this summer and I am super flexible. The classes are set up so that I hold the A class and then we have snack (which I provide), and then I hold the B class. If you choose the combined class, your child will stay for both classes and the snack.

*Refer a friend and get \$5.00 off of Registration for classes 2-5 days/week. Also, ask about discounts for siblings!

Hopefully I have addressed any questions you might have. I am so looking forward to this graduation. It will be a very special day. If there are any questions I have not addressed and that cannot be found on the website or in this letter, please feel free to email me so that I can help make this graduation wonderful for your child and your family.

Thanks!

Miss Sam