



# Sunny Day Care & Montessori

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## Summer update from Sue

Did you know that SDC used to put out a monthly newsletter for 10 years? Yup, after taking a long break from doing a newsletter, we're back at it and hope you find the information useful! Thanks Katie Rusak for getting me started again.

Our SDC families are important to us and we're looking at new ways of communicating with you, such as this newsletter. Please let me know what you'd like to see us highlight; I'd love your feedback!

After a chilly spring, we're so excited that summer is

finally here and has brought with it some warm weather! The children are thrilled to be able to play outside now to run around on the playground and go on walking field trips.

We're pretty sure even the babies are happier when we're able to take them out for leisurely walks around the neighborhood in our double and triple strollers!



You may have noticed little flags in the ground at the front of the center, well, we put in a sprinkler system this year! In addition to the landscaping, we recently had several pot holes filled in the drive.

We're looking forward to many more fun crafts, games and field trips this summer and know that fall and school will be here sooner than we think, so we have a program that's full of fun for your kids! Please enjoy the remainder of your summer and be safe! ~ Sue

## NEWSLETTER

### Summer 2011

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## Detroit Zoo Field Trip!

Our preschool and older kids went on a field trip to the Detroit Zoo on June 24 and despite the drizzly rain in the morning, everyone had a great time! We saw all kinds of animals! Some of the crowd favorites: zebras, polar

bears, penguins, monkeys, alligators, flamingos and of course the butterfly sanctuary! We stopped for a yummy pizza lunch and a chance to recharge and then it was back to touring the zoo. We were so pleased to have 19

parents join us for the day and hope you enjoyed this special field trip!

To see more pics from the Zoo, please check out the photo album on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SunnyDayCare](http://www.facebook.com/SunnyDayCare)



## Field Trips!

"Oh, the places you'll go!" ~ Dr. Suess

Isn't it fun to go on field trips?! We have all kinds of activities planned for the summer. See what we've been up to so far in the area:



Splash Pad



Fishing and Playing at Shiawassee Park



Putt 'n Fun



Two trips to the Silver Dairy



Detroit Zoo

## A Visit from the Stork!



This has been a busy year for the Stork! Many of our children have welcomed a sibling over the last few months:

Gavin became a big brother to Dylan Michael Ripper born on 3-5-11.

Sarah became a big sister to Lucas Zhiyuan Zhao on 3-9-11.

Agus became a big brother to Anika Krothapalli on 4-1-11.

Claire became a big sister to Olivia Jean Kelly, born on 6-17-11.

Vanessa became a big sister to Isaac Henry Kantor born on 6-29-11.

Lily became a big sister to Neve Rashana Grekin-McKee on 7-7-11.

We know the Stork has more deliveries later on this summer! Congratulations to all the families welcoming new babies!

## Parents Night Out

We love our SDC parents! Special thanks to Katie Rusak (Allie & Tessa's mom) for organizing our first ever Parents Night Out! A few Sunny Day Care parents got together for drinks and bowling at Drake-shire Lanes on Grand River on June 24 and had a great time getting to know one another.

The cost was only \$8 per person (included shoe rental) and I'm told the food was delicious! Katie is planning another Parents Night Out soon, so if you'd love to participate, contact her at:

karusak@hotmail.com or (734) 649-0609

Let Sue know if you would use Sunny Day Care to leave your kids to join "Parents Night Out!". We could do a pizza/movie/pajama night!!



The Eatons, Rusaks, Nordbecks and Leslies.

## We're on Facebook!

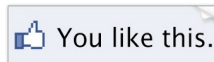
In January 2010 we created a Sunny Day Care page on Facebook and at first started out slow in posting. However, if you've been to the page recently you'll notice that there's a lot more action going on! It is our hope that our Facebook page can serve us in several ways, but especially with communication and recruitment.

While we are working (behind the scenes at the moment) to update and provide valuable information through our website, it has become clear that Facebook can be a great tool for communicating with our SDC families. We have the whole summer schedule for

## Please "Like" us!

older and younger children posted in the "Notes" section of our page (so you can see what activity your child may be up to that day!) and recently also used the "Notes" section as an additional way of publishing the Parental Consent form for the Zoo Trip in June.

We have utilized the Events option to schedule things like the Zoo Trip, Parents Night Out, an upcoming Bridal/Baby Shower, and hopefully much more in the future.



We are also posting photos of the children (with permission of parents—see story below) as they enjoy various field trips and activities.

Not only is it nice for parents to see photos of their child having fun, but this is a great low-key way to showcase to potential families that Sunny Day Care would be a great place to enroll their child!

It's our intention to have the page be informative, so we'll aim to keep posts relevant and timely.

[www.facebook.com/SunnyDayCare](http://www.facebook.com/SunnyDayCare)

## Photo Release Form

At Sunny Day Care & Montessori, we take many pictures. Mostly we take pictures for display on our classroom walls and our parents' personal use.

In the age of the internet, we have a website ([www.sunnydaycare.com](http://www.sunnydaycare.com)) and a Facebook page (see above) and occasionally we like to post photos on these sites.

We need each parent to accept or decline what we can do with pictures of their child/children. A Photo Release Form was sent home with each child in late June. If you have not returned the completed form, we ask that you please do so, in order that we may know your specific wishes regarding photos of your child/children.

If you need a new form, or wish to change your selections at any time, please do not hesitate to ask Sue for a copy. We want to respect your wishes.

Thanks! We appreciate your help!



## We're throwing a Bridal / Baby Shower!

Miss Emily is getting married in Las Vegas on October 15, 2011 and...

Miss Jenny is having a baby girl, Zoey, due at the end of August!

Please join us, **Thursday, July 14 at 6pm** in the Gym as we help them both celebrate! All are welcome!

Desserts & beverages will be served.

\* Emily SiKora and Brian Grimes are registered at: Sears and Bed, Bath & Beyond. (Lowes Gift Certificates are welcomed too).

\* Jenny and Joe Lambert are registered at: Babies R Us and Target.





We are blessed with a wonderful, loving staff whose average time working with Sunny Day Care children is now over ten years. Each newsletter we will introduce to you a few of our staff members sharing a little bit about them, starting with the owner, Miss Sue and our infant room teacher, Miss Pat!



**Miss Sue:** Before founding Sunny Day Care with a friend in 1992, Sue worked as a System's Analyst for Ford Motor Credit Co. for ten years until she had her second child. Sue took training from the Michigan Montessori Teacher Education Center and became a certified Early Childhood Montessori teacher. Sue has two grown children, Mr. Joe (21) and Miss Megan (24), who have worked with the children on and off for years. And her husband, Mr. Mike, or as the kids call him, Mr. Noodle, helps out with all the maintenance. Now running the business on her own, Miss Sue often sneaks out of the office and can be found in the Infant and Toddler Rooms playing with the children!



**Miss Pat:** Pat is one of our Infant Room Teachers, and has been a part of our child care team since 1999. She loves to sing to the children and has a heart of gold! Prior to joining SDC, Pat was an administrative assistant at Little Caesars. Pat raised two grown children, a daughter (Valerie) and son (Tommy), who are both married, and she loves spending time with her "Grand-Puppy" Miles whenever she can! In her free-time, she and her husband Mike love to hit to links and play golf at area courses all over Michigan.



## Remember One Stop Shopping!

**Emily** (yes, the one who is getting married!) has been a **Scentsy** consultant for 2 1/2 years. These are not just decorative wickless

candle warmers to make your house smell great (have you noticed how nice daycare smells?), but are the best gifts. There are warmers, Buddys (stuffed animals with scent packs), Scent Circles (for the car), Room Sprays, Fragrance Foam and Travel Tins (lockers/drawers). Emily has all the scents to smell. **Order: [www.glowingwax7.scentsy.us](http://www.glowingwax7.scentsy.us)**

**Sue** just became a consultant for **Thirty One**—every bag, purse, thermal, tote, basket, caddy, cube, backpack, and bin you can think of. So many colors and patterns to pick from and everything can be personalized (what a great gift!).

**Order: [www.mythirtyone.com/suecasey](http://www.mythirtyone.com/suecasey)**

You cannot miss the display by the doors. Anything you see on these tables can be bought as you walk out the door. Take a catalog to order that special item for you or for your favorite people. Think of us for birthdays, weddings, showers and even Christmas! Emily & Sue are always available to answer any questions and appreciate the support!!



## Happy Birthday to You!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to the kids and staff with birthdays in June, July or August:

### June

- 1st Melanie Schroeder 4
- 1st Lauren & William Swords 7
- 2nd Tyler Taulbee 2
- 2nd Katrien Feenstra 5
- 4th Brenna VanDenBerg 7
- 17th Jaden Cherian 5
- 20th Ryan Nordbeck 5
- 23rd Miss Stephanie
- 27th Colin & Nathan Shasteen 3

### July

- 5th Stelios Ligerakis 3
- 7th Miss Sue
- 9th Thomas Lichtenberg 10
- 14th Sienna Jones 5
- 18th Sovay Livingstone 3
- 24th Cassidy McCarver 2
- 27th Kennedy Williams 4
- 30th Miss Usha

### August

- 1st Kayla Eaton 3
- 3rd Madison Lemieux 6
- 4th Tessa Rusak 1
- 5th Alex Salaniuk 1
- 8th Becca Nordbeck 3
- 9th Beau Mylek 4
- 13th Joshua Luo 3
- 15th Emma Watt 2
- 16th Matthew Rose 5
- 29th Max Lemieux 4
- 30th Roarke MacArthur 2

