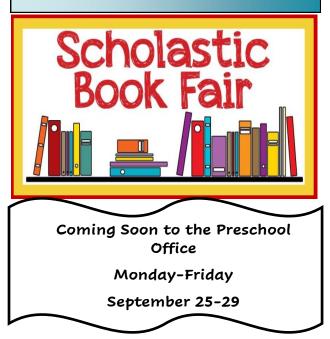


### Portfolio Building and Ongoing Assessment: Tracking Progress

FCS Early Educators build portfolios by collecting data from your child's demonstration of their growing abilities through photo, work sample, and general written observation. The data is used as evidence to determine where the child's abilities align on a developmental spectrum using the Desired Results Developmental Profile, DRDP. The teachers strategically provide activities and experiences that support all areas of development and learning to support growing development. To be valid, the child must be enrolled in school for a minimum of 60 days, or by August 15. If your child enrolled after August 15 you are welcome to still participate in the schedule parent conferences in October, and review your child's portfolio and progress with teacher feedback. Parent Conferences will be held during school closure days on October 27 & 28.



## Fremont Christian

# Early Education Department

2023

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."

Proverbs 16:19



## September

Monday, SEP 4 - CLOSED- Labor Day Thursday, SEP 12 - Fall Picture Day M-F, SEP 25-29 - BOOK FAIR

Teaching Pyramid Model: Center for Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (CSEFEL)

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Social-emotional development is the foundation through which early learners later access academic learning. The Teaching Pyramid Model provides a framework for teaching children how to identify, process, articulate, and problem-solve through their emotions. Teachers also focus on the child's ability to cooperate, take turns, negotiate, follow multistep directions, and build all essential measures of development that create pathways in the brain for future learning.

#### Fall Picture Day Tuesday, September 12

This year our school photos will be taken by <u>Generations Photography</u>. Please note the changes to the photo ordering process:



- Student will take their school picture the morning of September 12th with their class. (Please see schedule from your teacher for times)
- The proofs will be emailed to you after TWO WEEKS for your review. At this time you will decide which photo package to order.
- All order packages will be mailed directly to your home address. (You will no longer need to place an order prior to Picture Day.)

#### **Emotional Intelligence**

FCS Early Education department intentionally teaches emotional intelligence defined as "the ability to perceive accurately, appraise and express emotion; the ability to access and/or generate feelings when they facilitate thought; the ability to understand emotion and emotional knowledge; and the ability to regulate emotions to promote emotional and intellectual growth.." (Salovey and Mayer 2004, 35)

The bottom line is to teach children how to manage their feelings so that they are expressed appropriately and effectively, enabling them to work together smoothly toward common goals.

FCS students actively engage their brain's executive function during these exercises and activities, also developing a foundation in critical thinking and problem solving.



Children discussing "How do I feel today?", and analyzing faces with various emotions previously demonstrated with puppets at large group time.

#### See Parents Web companion article: Teaching Your Child to: Identify and Express Emotions

#### 2023 Warrior Family 5K Fundraiser Join our annual 5K to help support FCS!

#### Quarry Lakes on Saturday, October 7 at 8AM

Come run or walk 3.1 miles of fun and show off your Warrior Spirit! All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt and customized finisher's medal. Water station, music, refreshments at the finish line, and encouragement will be provided. Kids and walkers are welcome to register. You do not have to be a member of the FCS community to come out on a beautiful Saturday morning to join us in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Invite your friends and family to participate too.

Register by August 31st to save \$5.00 off registration by using the COUPON CODE: **EARLYBIRDS** at checkout. <u>Warrior Family 5K</u>

#### Avoid the Fine, Sign-in by 9AM

Arriving before 9 AM ensures:

- Minimized disruption to learning time.
- All children served snack on scheduled time.
- A smooth transition into the daily routine for your child.