



Start Off Smart

Presented by Owen County Learning Network

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Start Off Smart Says "Goodbye" to our Kindergarten Kids



Left & Below - Elijah gets a little help from mom & dad, and Melissa.



Rt. & Below - Rylee Brewer enjoys an evening with her parents, Jim Brewer & Amy Freeman.



Above - Landon Summerlot is excited about learning!



Left & Below - Shaydon Stickels is joined by parents Kim & Shawn, & little sister, Kaylynn.



Left - Kady Hixon explains his plan to his dad, Kenny.



Below - Rebecca Edwards is all smiles!



Left: SOS kids practice their listening skills while they work some muscles!

Left - Rhianna Tischa smiles for the camera as she get ready for kindergarten this year!





Happy Birthday September SOS Kids!

1st	Celsiey Lohman	17th	Isabelle Sylvester
1st	Addison Nicholls	18th	Ian Koons
6th	Jaylyn Richardson	18th	Tylan Layton
8th	Shelby Bault	19th	Corbin Beliles
10th	April Hubbard	19th	Addy Carey
10th	Ian White	21st	Eden Surber
14th	Ava Lilley	23rd	Maria Rawley
14th	Daniel Fulk	24th	Cambria King
14th	Carter Mullins	24th	Noah Pendleton
16th	Dalton Jones	26th	Aden Bault
16th	Cadence Linville		



Parents, if we omit your child's name from our birthday page we apologize! Please contact us if this happens so we can correct the error. Thanks!



Would you like to see a picture of your child in our birthday page? E-mail a picture to jmcguire@socs.k12.in.us and we'll try to get it in. Make sure you e-mail it the month *before* their birthday and include child and parent names.

Birthday Pics!



Left, Cambria King
Below - Shelby Bault



Developmental Play for Toddlers

Some ways to help your toddler's development:

- Play simple recognition games. Place three familiar objects in front of her and say, "Please give me the ..."
- Even if your child doesn't say many words yet, ask "Where's?" and "What's?" whenever you can while looking at pictures and reading a story.
- Add songs and rhymes into all of your routines. Sing "Rub-a-Dub-Dub" at bath time or sing a lullaby at bedtime.
- Be sure to offer materials to scribble, draw, or pretend to write. Make an art container and fill it with paper, crayons, pencils, and markers.
- When reading books with older toddlers point to the words as you read. This helps them become familiar with printed words having meaning.
- Teach new words all the time. Do this by talking about what you are doing or what is around you. The more your toddler hears you speak the more



Developmental Play for Babies

For Young Babies: Tummy Time!

Babies today spend more time on their backs than babies of past generations. Why? We lay babies on their backs to sleep, but we may also have baby equipment that places them in this position too often.

Take a minute to notice what position your baby is in during waking hours. Is he/she lying in a bouncy seat, car seat, carrier, or stroller during the day? Spending extra time on their backs can cause pressure on the back of the head that can cause flattening. It can also create unequal muscle tone in the neck, and a delay in developing

strong neck, shoulder and abdominal muscles needed for sitting and crawling. But Tummy Time can help!

Tummy Time is:

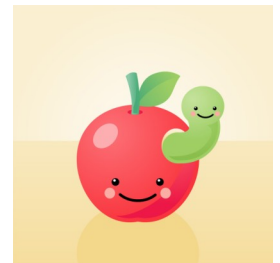
- Good for all babies
- Placing baby on his tummy on the floor
- More fun for baby if you prop a book or toy in front of her or put on some music
- A fun bonding time when you get down on the floor with your baby and play
- Easier in short doses - try just a few minutes at a time, several times a day

For more information see www.orthoamerica.com

Toddler and Preschool Craft Corner

Apple Stamping Project

This is an easy project that requires little preparation! Pour small amounts of red, green, and yellow paint onto a paper plate. Cut an apple in half and let your child paint with it. Show him how to place the cut side down in the paint and stamp the apple onto a construction paper or any blank painting surface. Give him markers or crayons to add a stem, seeds, or a worm to complete the picture!



Make it Together - Pizza Snack Cups

1 can refrigerated biscuits(12 oz./10 biscuits)

1/2 pound ground beef

1 jar pizza sauce (14 oz.)

1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (2 ounces)

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In muffin pan, evenly press each biscuit in bottom of each cup; keep chilled while you prepare the rest of recipe.
2. In a medium skillet, brown ground beef over medium-high heat; drain. Stir in pizza sauce and heat it through.
3. Evenly spoon beef mixture into biscuit-lined muffin cups. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese; bake 5 more minutes until cheese is

melted and biscuits are golden. Let cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan.

How my child can help:

- Gather ingredients.
- Press biscuits into cups.
- Spoon beef mixture into cups.
- Sprinkle cheese on top.



This shared activity helps:

- Develop listening skills
- Practice thinking skills
- Use motor skills
- Support parent-child bonding & create fond memories of shared times together



September 27 - You Could Win This!!



Raffle...Raffle...Raffle! Time is running out!

Winning ticket will be drawn during the 5th Annual Owen County Learning Network Auction, September 27 at the Spencer Christian Church Life Center. Don't miss it!

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. To purchase tickets call the office at 829-5869 or see us at the Apple Butter Festival September 17!

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Play & Learn Group

2011 - 2012 Schedule

We're excited to start a new year of Play Group at SES! Mark the dates and plan to join us at the Leah Watt Center.

2011 Dates

Wednesday, September 14	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, October 12	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, November 16	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, December 14	9 to 11 am

2012 Dates

Wednesday, January 11	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, February 8	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, March 21	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, April 18	9 to 11 am
Wednesday, May 16	9 to 11 am

L.O.F.T. Home School Group is a cooperative home school organization for Owen County residents. L.O.F.T. stands for *Legacy of Faith Teaching*. The organization's ideals are based on biblical principals. If you would like to know more about L.O.F.T. e-mail loft@spencernazarene.org or call Davawn Creech at 829-1823.

Don't Miss a Thing!

Parents - Please remember to let us know of phone number or address changes. This will insure your child will receive FREE birthday books each year! Just call 829-5869 to keep us updated.

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