## **Seed to Sprout Preschool**

May 2025



I can't believe we are down to the last few weeks of school--the year has FLOWN by!! Our year-end program will be held on the last day of school--see below for your class time and remember that families are invited to this program! The kids are excited to share their accomplishments from the year!

# **Important Dates**

<u>May 22</u>

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Year End Program
Herriman Library
AM Class 11:15
PM Class 12:30

### Birthdays

22nd Willa D.

#### **Storytelling**

Favorites from the year





## **WHY WE PLAY**

For Long Term Gains

Play is an amazing vehicle for learning all kinds of skills. Perhaps the most valuable are the "soft" skills, like empathy,communication, creativity, and teamwork. When children play together --- whether they're building a block tower, sharing shovels at the sensory bin, or smoothing over hurt feelings during a game of tag --- they are flexing their social skill muscles.

#### That's a BIG deal!





A recent study showed that social skills in early childhood (taking turns, sharing materials, listening to others share their ideas, etc.) were predictive of outcomes into early adulthood. Higher social acumen in kindergarten was connected with young adults who were more likely to go to college, get a





job, stay out of jail, and stay away from drug and alcohol abuse at age 25.

This finding is particularly noteworthy, considering most studies of "academic" skills in preschool and kindergarten are only predictive of the next few years.

So, while we work on building literacy skills and number sense, we also know that the "soft skills" children are forging in our classroom are just as important; and actually, at this phase of their education, more predictive of long-term outcomes. We want what's best for your child. Not just this year, or next year, but all the way into their adult lives. That's why we play!

