

Photography and Video Photography at SYC

We use photography, videotaping and interviews of children for a variety of purposes at SYC.

Still photography is an integral part of the SYC program.

- The teachers usually make a “face poster” of children and teachers to hang in the classroom so the children will begin to recognize the others in their class.
- We ask parents to send in photos of their family to make a “family picture poster” to hang in the class.
- We put children’s face photos on each child’s cubby hole, so the child can identify their own cubby easily.
- We photograph class activities and often hang these pictures in the classroom so that children can “re-visit” projects they worked on and to document what children are learning. These photos are often documented with children’s ideas, in their own words, dictated to teachers. We sometimes include these in our school newsletter.
- At the end of the year, we collect all the photos and create “Memory books” of the year for each child.
- We have a group class photo taken each year in the spring to give to each family.
- The small group teacher usually makes a poster of their small group members to help the children remember which group they are in.
- We put thumbnails photos of all children in the class into our literacy materials, so children can find faces of friends to glue on paper for beginning letter-writing activities or creating art.

Video Photography

- We often videotape during free play time in classes so that teachers can refer to them to help see things they have missed such as: Is this child writing and cutting with the left or right hand most of the time? Does this child jump, run, hop on one foot? Who is this child sitting next to most often? Having video to review helps teachers learn more about each child.
- We sometimes show videotapes of classes at our parent coffees to give parents a clearer picture of how things are going in class or to show some special activities the children have done.
- We sometimes videotape a certain child to show a parent exactly what happened during a specific class time.

Website, Educational Publishing and Other Uses:

- We occasionally include photographs of children hearing a story or working on a science project, etc. on our website to better illustrate how our program works. These are pictures of groups of children and individual names are not used.
- Members of our staff sometimes write and publish works for professional journals and magazines. We also present workshops to educational interest groups, both locally and nationally, where we sometimes use photographs to illustrate our concepts (never with individual children’s names).
- Newspaper and television news personnel occasionally visit SYC classrooms to photograph children in our classes to use for illustrating their feature stories about preschools and young children.

SYC is committed to using photography responsibly in all the above areas and for no other purposes.

I permit my child to be photographed at School for Young Children (SYC) of Columbus, Ohio, for the above-stated purposes. I hereby release SYC and any of its employees or agents, from any compensation or damages in its use of photographs, audio/videotapes or interviews unless/until I revoke this permission in writing. I also understand and agree not to post on any internet or social networking sites any pictures of my own child that I take at SYC if those pictures include any other children.

Child’s Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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