

SOLSTICE SUNSHINE



Since December, the sun has been visible longer each day, and the longest day of the year has finally arrived!

This year, the sun will reach its highest point at 5:44pm CST on June 20th. At this time, the earth is actually as far away from the sun it could possibly be! Thanks to Earth's tilt, we still get a lot of incoming sunlight. In the Madison area, we should expect to get around 15 ½ hours of daylight. Happy first day of summer!

Make your own Sunshine

Materials: paper plate, “sunny” paint colors, paint brushes, white paper (for handprints), scissors, tape/glue, construction paper, pen

Directions:

1. Paint the whole paper plate-yellow, orange or anything sunny!
2. Paint your hands with a brush and stamp them onto white paper. Depending on how big your plate is, do as many handprints as needed to completely cover the rim
3. Once everything is dry, cut out the handprints, and tape/glue the base of the handprint to the edge of the paper plate.
4. Cut out eyes and a mouth for the sun, glue/tape them to the plate, and add the finishing touches with a pen.