

Salida Early Childhood Center

Family Handbook 2017 - 2018

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Welcome to the Early Childhood Programs of the Salida School District!

Our commitment to families.....

- A curriculum for your child that prepares them for school and a lifelong love of learning.
- A safe, secure, healthy and fun, learning environment.
- Staff that maintain strict confidentiality regarding your child and family.
- Staff who will assist you in connecting with a doctor, dentist, and resources in the community that support families with young children.
- Family fun activities which are informative, interactive, and enjoyable.
- Staff who communicate with you regularly regarding your child's health and development.
- Healthy meals and snacks while your child is in school.
- Multiple opportunities to participate and partner in your child's education.
- Our center accepts children of all abilities. Children are never suspended, expelled or asked to withdraw for any reason.



We have an **open door policy** and always welcome your comments, questions, or suggestions.

What we ask from families.....

- Ensure that children are dropped off and picked up on time.
- Notify the center if there are any changes in your phone number, address, or contacts.
- Send your child to school every day when they are well enough to attend and contact the school regarding any absences.
- Commit to meeting the health related requirements and follow-up by the school's deadline. If these requirements are not met with support from the staff, children's participation may be impacted.
- Participate in two family conferences and two home visits each year.
- Notify the Center of all persons authorized to pick up your child.
- Participate in family goal setting, family events, and return requested information.

Thank you for trusting us with your child! We look forward to partnering with your family and wish you a great year!

Ilona Witty
ECE Principal

Theresa Gilson
EHS Program Manager



Home Visits

Teachers will be contacting you to schedule your first home visit this month.

The purposes of home visits are:

- To build a friendship and partnership between the parents and teachers
- To review your goals for your child's education & to make an educational plan together, to best meet the needs of your child.
- To get input for program improvement
- To give you information on your child's progress.

Your child's teachers will make every effort to schedule the visit at a time that works for you.

Your child will love welcoming his or her teachers to your home, and it helps children feel more comfortable when they know their parents and teachers are friends.

August 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 First day of school! *First Home Visit Event!	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Home Visits!

Visit Day
11-1 p.m.

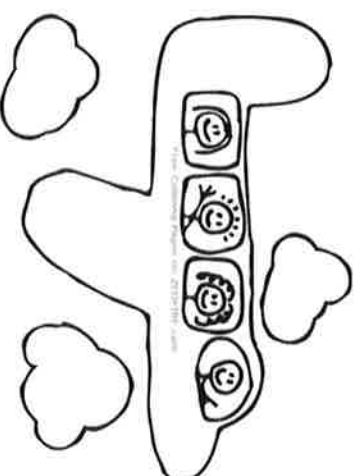
CHILD DROP OFF & PICK UP POLICY

Drop Off:

- The center's doors open at 7:50 am; Morning class begins at 8:00 a.m. For afternoon classes, the center doors open at 11:20 am.
 - Getting your child to school on time, gives them time to ease into their school routine daily. This is very important for young children.
- Children must be signed in to their classroom with a full signature & time.
- Please help your child to use the restroom, wash hands, and get started with an activity.

Pick Up:

- Children must be picked up on time every day. Half-day morning classrooms end at 12:00 p.m. Full-day and half-day afternoon classes end at 3:30 p.m.
- Children must be signed out of their classroom with a full signature & time.
- If you have made different pick up arrangements, please let your child's teacher and the front desk know at drop off. Only authorized persons may pick up children. Please be sure to add any individuals who may be picking up to your child's contact list. This can be done at the front desk and must be done PRIOR to others picking up your child. Identification will be requested if the person is not known to the staff.
- If a child is not picked up on time, the following protocol is followed:
 - Within 10 minutes, staff will call guardians. AGAIN, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE CURRENT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS!
 - If staff is unable to reach you, we will continue to call the listed contacts on file. If we are not able to reach someone to pick up your child within 30 minutes of pick up time, the police will be notified.
- At no time will Salida Early Childhood Center staff transport children.



Car Seat Safety

Road injuries are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children in the United States.

Never let your child ride in a car

unless secured in an age-appropriate car seat! Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent

Information on current child restraint laws are available from Lindsay, our school nurse, and at the Safety table this month.

Stay tuned for a car seat safety class & a free car seat give-a-way offered at the center!

Per Colorado licensing regulations, your child needs to have a current physical and up to date immunizations BEFORE September 28th (this marks our federally mandated requirement)

September 2017

Health & Safety Month!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Closed— Labor Day!				SCHOOL IS IN SESSION TODAY!	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Lead testing week, with Nurse Lindsay	Family Dental Night!	Coffee Talk! join us for a coffee!			
Safety Table in foyer!						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				"THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Physicals and Immunizations are due to Lindsay!		

HEALTH SERVICES



Medical Health Care

The physical and emotional well-being of your child is very important to us. Our program requires that each child has the following:

- Physical exam
- Up to date immunizations
- Hearing, vision and developmental screening
- Lead and hemoglobin testing

Please make an appointment with your physician for your child's physical exam and immunizations. The physical exam and screening are to assure that your child is in good health and to identify any problems that may need further evaluation. **It is important to complete these before school starts.** This will ensure that proper referrals and follow-up care can be done as soon as possible. We value and appreciate the time you take to accompany your children during these visits. **If you do not have insurance please let us know and we can help connect you with the appropriate resources, before you make any appointments.**

We will be screening for hearing, vision, and development at the center during school and will notify you with the results of these tests.

Dental Health Care

Dental health can affect how your child performs in school. Each child enrolled should have a complete dental exam. *If your child has not been to the dentist yet, we will have a Dental Night in September and cavity free at 3 on November 14th, at the center.*

Tooth brushing will be a part of the everyday activities. Children will be provided with tooth brushes and toothpaste to use while they are at the Salida Early Childhood Center. They will also learn about foods and practices that promote healthy teeth and gums. Parents are encouraged to promote these practices at home as well.

Please call Lindsay Haarmeyer, School Nurse, if you need help finding health or dental care providers in the community or need assistance in paying for any of the required services (530-5358).

Attendance

For your child to gain the skills needed to start kindergarten, regular attendance is very important. Each day of learning builds on the day before, and your child will miss some of the basics needed to advance if he or she doesn't attend consistently.

Attendance is recorded daily and is checked by the program staff as required by our regulations. If a child is absent for an extended length of time or attendance is irregular, the Family Services Coordinator will contact you in order to discuss ways to improve attendance.

Volunteers

We will be handing out a parent input/volunteer form this month and would love to know if you want to volunteer. We love volunteers both in the classroom & in the office. Stop in and chat with Sheri if you want more information.



October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 National walk/bike to school day!	11	12 FAMILY SWIM NIGHT	13	14
15	16	17 Coffee Talk with Heather! WIC Table	18	19 "THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 FAMILY WORKSHOP NIGHT with Sarai Trujillo	27	28
29	30 Pajama day tomorrow!!	31 Pajama Day!				



= Ready Children

SICK CHILD POLICY

The Salida Early Childhood Center (SECC) cares about the health of all the children and wants to prevent the spread of illnesses. **When your child is not feeling well, please keep him/her at home where they can rest comfortably. If you feel your child is not well enough to play outside he/she needs to stay at home.**

Please notify SECC if your child will not be coming to school. When the teacher feels that your child is sick and should not remain at school, we will notify the parent/guardian to pick up the child. SECC does not have facilities to care for sick children.

Children with these symptoms should not attend :		Children with the following symptoms should also see a doctor :
Fever at or above 100.4 (oral) or 99 (axillary) Cannot return for 24 hrs.	Repetitive Diarrhea	
Unusual behavior (cranky, less active, listless, crying, won't eat)	Untreated Lice	
Severe red or sore throat	Severe coughing	
	Vomiting (from infection)	Pink Eye with white or yellow pus-type discharge
		Impetigo (honey crusting around mouth or nose)

Exclusion Policy - Children will be excluded from attendance at SECC if:

- The child's illness prevents the child from participating in routine activities.
- Keeping the child in school poses an increased risk of illness to the child or to other children or adults with whom the child will come into contact.
- The child exhibits any of the following symptoms, which require immediate attention: fever, rash, abdominal pain, unusually irritable behavior, sore or red throat, upper respiratory infection, diarrhea, vomiting, impetigo, untreated lice, ring worm, pink eye with pus coming from the eye, severe coughing.

Conditions that DO NOT require exclusion:

- A type of germ in the child's bowel movement or urine that can cause disease, but without symptoms
- Children with conjunctivitis with clear watery discharge and no fever, eye pain, or eye or eyelid redness
- Children with a rash, but no fever or change in behavior
- Mild respiratory illness that poses no risk to others

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics for a contagious disease/infection, we ask that your child be on the medication for 24 hours before they return to school. If your child needs medications during school hours, your MD will need to fill out a medication administration form.

Please contact Nurse Lindsay if you have any questions regarding when your child should return to school or medication administration.

**Help us celebrate
Literacy month:
READ aloud to your child
for 15 minutes
every day!**

November



**We will be hosting our first annual
BOOKDRIVE this month.**
We will collect books to replenish
our lending library and to offer to
our families during the school year.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
(held on November 9th & May 17th)

Conferences are a time for you to
talk with the teachers about your
child's progress and set goals.

We encourage all parents to attend.

Here are some questions you may
wish to ask:

- ◆ How is my child doing?
- ◆ What can I do at home to help
support my child's learning?
- ◆ Does my child behave in class?
- ◆ Does my child have friends?
- ◆ Are there any problems?
- ◆ Does my child need extra help?
- ◆ Where can we get this help?

Most of all, take this chance to get to
know your child's teachers and
celebrate your child's learning!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Coffee Talk	8	9 Parent Teacher Conferences childcare & meal provided	10	11
	Literacy guest in foyer!					
12	13	14 Cavity Free at Three	15 HSAC Luncheon with Lindsay	16 "THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	The SECC is closed for Thanksgiving week!					
26	27	28	29	30		
	Accepting donations of gently used toys and clothes for our annual Toy & Clothing exchange!					

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION



If your child is prescribed a medication that needs to be given during regular school/child care hours, we require that the medication is brought to the center and an "Authorization to Administer Medication" form be completed.

Medication will not be given without a signed medical authorization for the particular prescription or non-prescription medication.

Please do not give your child medications that they are to administer themselves while at school, such as cough drops, creams, or pills, etc. Non-prescription medications must be accompanied by written authorization from your child's physician, along with instructions for administering.

If your child has a prescription for an Epi Pen for treatment of allergy symptoms or an inhaler for asthma, please ask your child's doctor to prescribe an extra one that may be kept in the classroom's locked medication box in case of emergency.

Injured Children and Emergencies

Minor injuries like scrapes, small cuts and bumps are treated by the staff. Parents are made aware of all injuries, through the use of "accident report forms". If outside treatment is required for a non-life threatening emergency, the school nurse will notify you and explain the situation and advise accordingly. If it is a life threatening emergency, staff will call 911.

In the event of an emergency, the Salida Early Childhood Center will follow the procedures outlined in the Salida School District Emergency Preparedness Plan. This Plan is available on the Salida School District website, www.salidaschools.com

******PLEASE MAKE SURE SECC HAS UPDATED PHONE NUMBERS FOR BOTH PARENTS
IN THE EVENT OF AN INJURY OR EMERGENCY******



Winter Clothing

Please check each day to be sure your child has the winter clothing needed to enjoy his or her time outside. Necessary items include a warm winter coat, a hat, waterproof mittens or gloves, snow pants, and snow boots.

If you are in need of a winter jacket please see Sheri, the family services coordinator.

Toy and Clothing Exchange

Join us for our annual clothing and toy exchange. Household items, in good condition welcome too.

This is FREE for all families!!

LEAP applications (energy bill assistance) are available for any-one desiring one.

December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Toy & Clothing Exchange (all week)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Home Based Family Event	15	16
17	18	19	20 Last day of school before winter break!	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Closed Dec. 21st through Jan 5th

FAMILY SERVICES & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



The most important educator in your child's life is **YOU**. We recognize that this is an exciting and sometimes daunting prospect. We all want to do the best for our kids, right? Did you know that the family is the primary force in preparing children for school and life and it is proven that when schools & families work together, children succeed!

The Head Start approach to school readiness means that **children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning and schools are ready for children.**

To support you as your child's first and most important teacher, the family services coordinator, Sheri Johnson-Horsley, will partner with parents to:

- ✦ Support families in reaching their goals via **Family Partnership Agreements** (FPA's.) FPA's identify the **strengths & resources** of each Head Start family in the program and are designed to support families in meeting their goals. Families are asked to meet twice a year with the family services staff.
- ✦ Encourage **family involvement in your child's education** via being a classroom volunteer, being an educator at home (supporting your kids at home with what the teachers are doing in the classroom), being a member of our governing board and attending activities to support parenting (i.e. participating in weekly parenting classes, to build resilience in your children & family).
- ✦ Provide information on **resources in the community** that strengthen your child or the family.
- ✦ Plan and organize **family activities/events and home based socializations.**
- ✦ Promote literacy via **lending library**, story time with guest readers and reading initiatives like Literacy month in November.
- ✦ Work with **community agencies** (i.e. Solvista Health, Family Youth Initiative, Chaffee County Health, etc.,) to align programs which help support our families' needs.



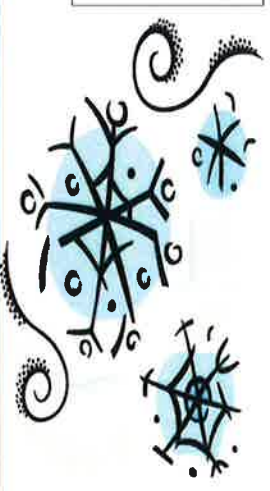
The Power of Outdoor Play

- Studies show that fresh air can reduce the spread of colds and germs.
- The USDA recommends children move at least 60 minutes each day, and 30 minutes for adults.
- Fall and winter play presents wonderful opportunities for children to observe and collect leaves and pinecones, make footprints and build things out of leaves and snow.
- At home, you can feed the birds by hanging apples, popcorn strings or pinecones rolled in peanut butter.
- Go for a nature walk, go sledding, or shovel and dig in the snow.
- *Activity is the best gift you can give your child. Activity will help your child grow into an active adult.*

Mid Year Survey:

Please complete our survey, this month, as it helps us learn how we are doing and what we could improve upon.

January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Closed for winter break through Jan 5th					
7	8 Classes Resume today!	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 "THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 \$ Financial Literacy Night	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Where
there is love
there is life.

Mahatma Gandhi

Snakes2Love.com

Families

We work hard to engage families as we care for and teach their young children. We do this by asking for family input about our program, goals for your child and ways we can provide support to families. We meet with families on a regular basis including family partnership meeting, conferences, home visits and at pick up/drop off.

A child's first educational experiences set a foundation for a lifetime of learning. We call this **school readiness**, the hope that every child will succeed in future school experiences. Research shows that when children's families and schools work together children are more successful! We encourage families to share their culture and background with our classrooms.

Teachers encourage children to learn by exploring and participating in hands-on activities. They provide a variety of activities and experiences, encourages children to play with peers and support individual skill development for all children.

Home Visitors visit weekly with families and support healthy attachment, parenting strategies and child development information. Family events provide opportunities to meet with community and peer groups.

We are very proud of our education staff. Each year we provide on-going training to help staff maintain skills, enthusiasm, and knowledge.

*A child's play is their **WORK!***

During your child's time here at SECC there are likely to be a few changes.

Family transitions: We have many resources to support those tricky little life changes like the birth of a new baby, potty training or even divorce. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these resources.

School transitions: We will work with you to plan for changes here at school too. When a child leaves one classroom to move to another we begin thinking about and planning with you far in advance to make the move as smooth as possible.

CURRICULUM We follow the *Creative Curriculum* which helps teachers to arrange the environment, set a schedule, plan activities, deliver instruction and make daily interactions so that each child is challenged based on their own individual development. The curriculum has four main developmental areas; *language, physical, cognitive and social/emotional* skills. The goals and objectives tie directly to Colorado standards for Kindergarten readiness.

We want children to become curious thinkers and learners. We value your **input** and encourage you to share ideas and activities with us.



February 2018



Social Emotional Health of Children

According to Kristin Stanberry, to understand social and emotional development in pre-schoolers it is recommended to practice and reinforce the following skills with your child throughout the day, to further your child's development:

- Provide structure and daily routines at home; this creates a secure environment for your child.
- Encourage your child's independence. As he practices and masters skills such as getting dressed, brushing his teeth, or feeding a pet, be sure to praise him.
- Make sure your child has regular social contact with other children his age, both one-on-one and in a group. This is an opportunity for you to teach him to cooperate with peers, resolve conflicts, and build and maintain friendships.
- Play games that require your child to cooperate with others, wait his turn, and learn to be a gracious winner or loser.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 "THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event	16	17
			Coffee Talk			
18	19 Presidents Day: <u>SCHOOL IN SESSION!</u>	20	21	22 FAMILY SWIM NIGHT!	23	24
25	26	27	28	<div>Positive Guidance Social and Emotional Development</div> 		

Files and Confidentiality



The Salida Early Childhood Center maintains family files for all children enrolled, and they are kept in a locked file and are confidential. Parents who have legal custody of their children are welcome to review their file at any time. The files contain your application, health records, individual observations, release forms, home visit documentation, developmental screens, and other information specific to your child and family.

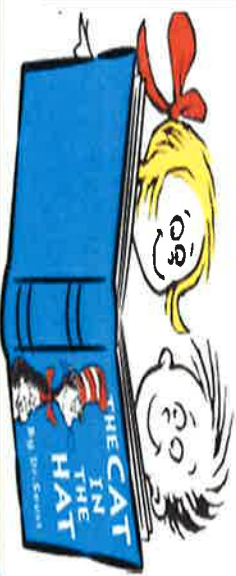
When you are volunteering in the classroom, any information you may learn about any child must remain confidential. All staff and regular volunteers are required to sign and abide by the Salida Early Childhood Center Confidentiality Policy.

Holiday Celebrations

In order to be respectful of all views and values the Salida Early Childhood Center does not celebrate holidays. We do however encourage families to share favorite traditions, talents and skills with children in our classroom. The center, with parent input and help, try to come up with innovative and creative ways to provide rich experiences for all children. If you have a tradition or talent that you would like to share with our classrooms, please talk to your child's teacher or see Sheri, the family services coordinator. If families choose to celebrate their child's birthday at school, we ask that you bring an activity or party favor rather than food or candy.

No outside food or candy is allowed at The Salida Early Childhood Center. Suggestions are pencils, stickers, crayons, or a game or activity that the children can do together. Please talk to your child's teacher about specifics.

If your family does not celebrate birthdays or other holidays, please discuss this with your child's teacher.



Enrollment Reminder

The application deadline for new children is Thursday, April 5th, 2017.

****If you know anyone, with children birth to five that are interested in the program, please encourage them to fill out an application. ****

Yay! It's also pajama day, at the Early Childhood Center!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dr. Seuss Day— Pajama Day	2	3
Dr. Seuss's Birthday: Read Across America Day!! Office staff will read to the kids today!						
4	5	6	7	8	9 Home Visits	10
11	12 Car Seat Class at the SECC!	13	14 Coffee Talk: Surprise Guest!	15 "THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event	16 Home Visits	17
18	19	20	21	22 FAMILY WORKSHOP NIGHT!	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
The SECC is closed for Spring Break!!						

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING INFORMATION

Preventing child abuse should be everyone's concern. Safety of children is important both at school and home. *As staff of a licensed child care center, we are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse. This means that we have been trained to recognize the signs of child abuse and are required by law to report any suspected abuse immediately.* This is always done with best intentions to protect the child. Parents or guardians may not be notified if a report has been made. You should also be aware that all of our staff have undergone criminal background checks and have fingerprints on file with the Colorado and Federal Bureaus of Investigation.

The goal of the Salida Early Childhood Center is to advocate for families.

Families should know the following:

- The Early Childhood Center is here to support and help families
- All staff has been fingerprinted and had a background check completed to insure your child's safety as well.
- All licensed Centers are legally obligated to report child abuse/neglect.
- Our Program acts as an advocate for families by referring them for assistance.
- The Salida Early Childhood Center works with other community agencies to best help families
- The Salida Early Childhood Center offers parenting classes, workshops and various other resources to strengthen families.

Families can also support this effort by doing any of the following:

- Increase their sensitivity to what and how children express themselves
- Become knowledgeable about early childhood development and child care programs
- Form relationships with other families who have children of the same age
- Understand and use child abuse reporting procedures when appropriate.
- Communicate with the staff and director if you have any questions or concerns.

Our open door policy encourages families to speak to us freely about these issue as well as any others!

The HOTLINE number to call to report child abuse or neglect in Chaffee County is 844-CO4-KIDS. Your call will remain anonymous.

Parent Participation and Volunteer Opportunities:

Since it is proven that children do better in school and in life if their parents are involved in their education, we believe you will want to participate in many of our activities: family fun nights, literacy events, home visits, parent teacher conferences, policy council, parent surveys and program self assessments & evaluations.

While every parent is encouraged to be involved in their child's education, we recognize that parents work and time is limited. We respect your right to choose how you want to participate.

Volunteering at the Salida Early Childhood Center, is fulfilling and engaging. If you decide you want to volunteer, inquire with Sheri about the details.

We have many wonderful volunteers that spend endless amounts of time with the children. We will honor such volunteers next month!



April 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Enrollment deadline for 2018-19 school year	6	7
Watch your cubby for information on Kindergarten Transition events						
8	9	10	11 HSAC luncheon with Lindsay	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Coffee Talk: Surprise Guest!	19 "THIRD THURSDAY" Home Based Event	20	21
22 Celebrate Earth Day today!	23 Week of the Young Child Celebration	24 Cavity Free at Three @ the SECC	25	26	27	28
29	30					

How to Prepare Your Child For Kindergarten

Have you signed your child up for kindergarten? If he or she will be 5 years old by August 1st of this year, your child will be ready to enter Elementary School!

There will be Transition Activities scheduled in May for you & your child to become familiar with the kindergarten program at Longfellow Elementary School. Please check your child's cubby for information on these activities to ease your transition to public school.

Some things you can do to help your child get ready are:

- Visit Longfellow Elementary during transition events. Your child will feel more secure if he or she sees the classroom, playground and school as a whole.
- Show him or her where the water fountains & bathrooms are, and where to put his or her coat and backpack.
- Use the materials given to you by the preschool and kindergarten teachers to keep your child's skills up during the summer.
- Lastly, be sure to visit the school during the summer. Play on the playground with your child & check out the lush gardens and the free "lending library". Take a book, give a book.
- Show your child that school is a FUN place to learn and grow!

May 2018



**SCREEN
FREE
WEEK!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				3	4	5
6	7 Volunteer Appreciation Week!	8	9 National bike to school day!	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Coffee Talk: Elementary Teachers!	17 Parent Teacher Conferences & "THIRD THURSDAY"	18 SCREEN FREE Celebration in the park!	19
20	21	22	22 Last Day End of the year celebration!	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Returning Families completion of new
paperwork

Top Reasons to
Participate in Your Child's
Early Childhood Education

- ♦ Studies show that children of involved parents do better in school and in life.
- ♦ Our programs appreciate and depend on parent participation.
- ♦ We respect parents and realize that not everyone can volunteer in the classroom, so we offer a variety of ways you can participate.
- ♦ Your voice is important and we want your input on providing quality services to meet the needs of families.
- ♦ Family Fun Nights & parent workshops offer great activities for you as a parent or for a night out for the whole family.
- ♦ Participation on the Policy Council gives you a chance to have input on program policies and budget.
- ♦ "Thursday Folders" will come home once a month with your child, so you can learn more about child development & work on his or her skills together.
- ♦ Many opportunities for parent education and training are available, which help you be a better parent to your child.
- ♦ Kids are so proud for you to see their work, their classroom, and interact with their teachers.

June 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Summer Home Based programming to be announced....						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

BE YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST ADVOCATE



Children are looking for your approval at all times. They want to feel that they are wanted, needed, and accepted for who they are. As they begin to grow and learn about their passions, it will be important for you as their parent to do whatever you can to become your child's biggest advocate.

What does it mean to be your child's greatest advocate? This means that you know your child, you support your child and you listen to your child. You know what they aspire to become and the heroes that they have. You are aware of their likes and dislikes, what they are good at & what frustrates or discourages them. Think about fans of celebrities. They are aware of every single detail of that person's life and will do whatever they can to be that person's biggest proponent and ally.

As a parent, this is your job. Your child NEEDS you. Tell him that you love him. And show him that you love him, by engaging with him, playing with him and reading to him. Ask yourself, "Am I my child's biggest advocate? What else can I do to show them my support?"

This article was adapted from
www.dadrevolution.com.

July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Closed for 4th of July holiday!	5 Closed for 4th of July holiday!	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				