Parent Survey Coming in January…

It is that time again families; time to complete the Parent Survey and let us know how we are doing. This is a short form which requires very little time, however we do ask that you write as many comments as possible as this helps us know where we need to improve and what is working. Many of the questions on the form were addressed when your child was first enrolled, in the Family Handbook or during your orientation appointment. If some of that information is but a dim memory, please feel free to see someone in the program office and they will be happy to provide another Handbook for you. Meeting the needs of both the children and their families is of the upmost importance to us and your honest feedback is vital to making that happen.

When:
The Supervisor Will Be Out Front of Each Classroom with Pastry and Coffee January 29th—February 1st.

Welcome Back to Preschool Ms. Tammy

We are happy to announce that Ms. Tammy Rogers is the new Instructional Specialist in Classroom C. Please stop by to say hello and welcome her back to the Preschool classroom. The toddlers will miss her but hopefully when they transition from the toddler class to the preschool they will be able to see her again. Tammy is dedicated to the children’s development and strives to make learning through play FUN for each child.

Dates to Remember:
- January 11  CLOSED
- January 21 CLOSED
- February 8 CLOSED
- February 18 CLOSED
- February 14 "Valentines with a Twist"

Happy Birthday…

Alexis         January   17
Jahziyah      January   12
Jaynee        January    5
Aijah           January  22
Micah          January    5
Ravan          January  10
Kadence        January  12
Destiny       January  10
Cody           January  22
Heriberto     January  10
Ivan           January    2
Daniel         January  30
Osvaldo      February 22
Carla          February 15
Jewel          February  6
Sophia         February 14
Teressah       February  1
Yovani         February 14
Kevin          February 20
Amaya          February 14
Kylie          March    7
Sarai          March     3
Evelyn         March  22
Bella          March  30
Jamaal        March    4
Gisselle       March    7
Victoria     March  16
Handy Man/Woman Needed

The Program is in desperate need of a Handy Person to do some odd but necessary jobs for the classrooms. If you or someone you know has a few extra hours in the next week please let your child’s teacher know or the supervisor in the program office. Some of the tasks; repairing small equipment, painting furniture, hanging curtains, repairing bookshelves. If you can donate your time, we have the tools.

Thank you for supporting the school.

Learning Through Play…..

Learning Through Play
By Shelley Butler

One sunny summer day, I looked out the window to see my son and a friend spinning and laughing, playing at something known only to the two of them, unfettered by time, expectations, or adult rules. Never before had I seen such pure expressions of joy. Were they playing to learn or consciously seeking new information or skills? No, but if you look closely, they were exploring spatial relationships, honing motor capabilities, practicing social skills and language, creatively thinking, gathering information about the world through their senses, or to put it simply, learning through play.

Play may be as old as the existence of humankind. Playthings have been discovered in the artifacts of ancient civilizations and many believe that the earliest chess pieces date back to 6,000 B.C. Though the link between play and learning was more fully investigated in the 20th century by theorists such as Jean Piaget, the connection was made as early as the first century B.C. by Plato, “You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.”

What is now undeniably clear in the 21st century is that play is essential, vital, critical, and fundamental to a child’s social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development. Without adequate, healthy play, children run the risk of entering school unprepared, growing into teens and adults without needed skills, and failing to meet their potential. Experts at the Institute for Play believe that healthy play in childhood can even prevent violence.

Through joyful, healthy play, children begin a love of learning and prepare for life itself!

(For More About Learning Through Play see the attached article)

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Perfect Attendance

Way To Go Families!

Osvaldo Araujo
Jaylen & Javeyon Brown
Noah Duplissie
Carla Canada
Teressah Brown
Jack Fleenor
Jahziyah Johnson-Chambers
Isabella Kaufman
Cody Kennard
Yovani Marquez
Logan Rasciner
Shantal Sanchez
Jett Chambers
Mikela Rasciner
Karissa Mosley
Eddie Sarabia

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