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Early Learning Center News

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ELC Progress Reports (COR)

At the Early Learning Center educators use the Child Observation Record (CORAdvantage) to assess each child's development. The COR is done twice a year for Toddlers, Preschool, and Kindergarten children, and every 3 months for infants. Our first COR evaluation will be sent home during the week of January 1st.



What is the COR?

The COR is an observational, strengths based tool used by teachers to assess children's

developmental progress over a period of time. It is organized into eight major categories of child development considered crucial for success in school: Approaches to Learning; Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development and Health; Language, Literacy, and Communication; Mathematics; Creative Arts; Science and Technology; and Social Studies. Teachers spend a few minutes each day writing brief notes ("anecdotes") that describe significant episodes of young children's behavior. Teachers collect anecdotes for completing the COR during the normal daily routine, so the assessment process is seamlessly integrated with early childhood teaching and planning. The information gathered by teachers is organized into a developmental summary for families that provides a comprehensive portrait of each child's developmental gains. Please look for this report this week and enjoy reading all about your child's successes at the ELC this fall!



Family Play Date in the KidZone

Looking to expend some energy during these cold winter days? Come to the KidZone and play on **Saturday, January 13th from 8:30-10:00am**. Play with your children and meet other families while enjoying all the KidZone has to offer!

Family/Teacher Conferences

Starting on the week of January 29th, please look for the sign-ups to schedule a Family/Teacher Conference with your child's teacher. Conferences will be scheduled for two consecutive weeks in February and will include opportunities for face to face meetings as well as phone conferences. Conferences are a great time for educators and families to connect and share thoughts, ideas, and strategies for helping your child reach their full potential. Conference sign-ups will be posted on each individual classroom door starting the week of January 29th.

Parking Lot Safety



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For ease of getting to the parking lot to the right side of the building quickly (and if you need a break from

the STEAM KIOSK ☺), families may use the exit directly to the left of the Infant Classroom. Please do not use the KidZone to exit the building. As always, please hold your child's hand and check for traffic coming from the Gymnastics parking lot. Thank you!



Family Advisory Council

Resolve to Support Your Child's Early Education by Joining the Family Advisory Council in 2017

The Family Advisory Council is instrumental in helping to guide our decisions regarding our Early Learning Center programming. The FAC meets the second Wednesday of every month from 5:15-6:15pm. We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, please contact Jamee if you would like to participate!

- every month from 5:15pm-6:15pm. Join us!
- When taking your child to their annual physical appointment, please remember to get a copy of the report for us at the ELC! We need this updated yearly from the date of your child's appointment.
- Please remember to sign your child in and out of the classroom each day with the time and your initials.
- Baby it's Cold Outside (but we still go outside to play when the temperature is above 28 degrees!) Please pack labeled snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens to play in the snow every day.
- For all information regarding closures due to snowstorms please check the website at www.ssymca.org under announcements. Also, please make sure that all of your children's emergency contact information is correct and up to date in the event that we need to contact you due to early closures.

Fall 2018 Enrollment Process

Families, please begin to think about your plans for September 2018 and get prepared to complete a new enrollment packet. In order to confirm enrollment for

September 2018, we will need newly updated enrollment paperwork as well as the annual registration fee for each child. **Enrollment paperwork for 2018 will be sent home during the last week of February.** If you have any questions, please contact Jamee Beaudry.

Ongoing Reminders

- The ELC Family Advisory Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of



Thank you!!!

There was no shortage of holiday cheer around the Center this holiday season. Thank you so much for the thoughtful gifts and kind wishes that you offered to us all here at the Early Learning Center. The teachers and children enjoyed the fruit, treats, gifts, cards, and well wishes that were showered upon us. Also, thank you for your generosity and kindness towards others in our community. By participating in the Baby Bundles program we were able to help many other families in need this holiday season. Thank you!

