

State Street Early Learning Center News

June 2018 Edition



Art Show **Thank** **You!**

Thank you for attending the SSELc's First Annual Art Show. The Art Show is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their creative sides to their families. Watching the children and families flow through each classroom, admiring the work of each student made us all at the SSELc proud.

The Art Show is also a wonderful opportunity for families to learn about the Annual Campaign for the South Shore YMCA. Funds raised through this campaign help make it more affordable for many families to send their children to the State Street Early Learning Center as well as other programs at the YMCA through scholarship support. Please consider making a donation. Your contribution will help a family in our SSELc community. Pledge cards can be returned to Mary or Ann. Please ask for a pledge card if you did not receive one at the Art Show.



Free Fun Fridays

Enjoy some free family fun this summer in and around the city of Boston.

Some of the Free Fun Friday activities include:

Boston Children's Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, The Eric Carle Museum, Buttonwood Park Zoo and the Ecotarium. Please visit

www.highlandstreet.org or visit their Highland Street Foundation Facebook page or call 617-969-8900.



Have you taken out your child's summer clothes from last year and nothing fits? The center is looking for donations of extra clothes especially bottoms: pants, shorts, skirts, etc.



Please make sure that your children have extra clothes in their cubbies; we will be doing water play activities as the weather is getting hotter outside to stay cool.

Helping Young Children Through Transitions

Saying goodbye is a lifelong process and skill. Throughout our lives we say goodbye to people, things, and routines. As the school year comes to a close, children will be saying farewell to teachers, friends, and a daily routine they have come to expect. Even young children in school settings may experience goodbyes as classmates go away

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on vacation or they transition to another classroom.



Time to Transition!

As this school year comes to a close we anticipate a fun and exciting summer and start to a new school year in the fall. Many families are very eager to hear about their child's classroom placement for next year. Please note that all families will be notified of their child's classroom placement for the fall in July by a letter from the Director. All children's placements have been carefully planned over the past few months with input from the children's current teachers. Consideration for a child's placement includes a number of factors including the child's chronological age, enrollment schedule, peers, and balanced classroom dynamics. Unless otherwise notified, children will spend the summer in their current classrooms and will start in their new classrooms together as a class on Tuesday, September 4th. Because young children adjust to change more easily through a structured and routine process over time, it is our plan to ease this transition over the summer. This process may include visits to the new classroom on a "field trip" with their teachers, visits from the new teacher to your child's current classroom, fun family engagement events. Also, please feel free to stop in to your child's new classroom over the summer and

say "Hi" and look around together. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our ELC transition plans.



Sunscreen/Insect Repellent

The State Street ELC requests that families apply sunscreen with UVA and UVB SPF 30+ before school. The staff will re-apply sunscreen prior to heading outside. The sunscreen that will be re-applied will have UVA and UVB SPF 30+. All children must have signed permission slips located in their file. The State Street ELC does not apply insect repellent. Should there be a warning regarding high levels of insects (mosquito's) the State Street ELC children will not be going outside.



Reminder! SSELCC will be closing early [on Tuesday, July 3rd at 3:30pm](#), and closed [on Wednesday, July 4th](#) in celebration of Independence Day. We will also be closed [on Thursday, August 30th](#) and [Friday, August 31st](#) for Getting Ready for School Days.

Please feel free to reach out to Director Mary Spargo and or Assistant Director Ann Venuti with any questions or comments. We value your feedback!

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