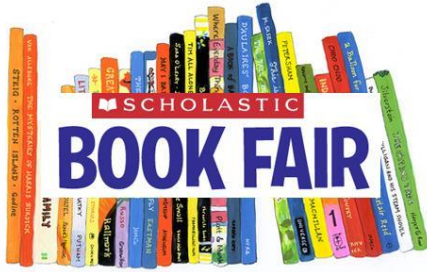


State Street Early Learning Center News

November 2016 Edition



Literacy Family Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th 6:15pm – 7:30pm we will be having an enjoyable evening with activities in the classroom as well as our scholastic bookfair you won't want to miss! We look forward to this family literacy event!



The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th for Thanksgiving Break!**

There will be **NO SWIM** on the week of Thanksgiving

The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Monday December 26th!**

The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Monday January 2nd!**



Secrets to keeping your child healthy all year long:

- **Handwashing** is the #1 way outsmart cold & flu bugs so sing happy birthday twice while rubbing those little hands!
- **Make bubbles.** Teach your children to scrub hard enough to whip up some suds

and send those germs down the drain, it's the friction that does the trick!

- **Spot clean** in high traffic areas where germs like to linger, like countertops, phones and doorknobs.
- **Sanitize smartly** in a pinch but don't forget to read the label as the liquid needs to be 60% alcohol to kill those nasty bugs!



As the weather is changing please be sure that you are changing out your child's extra clothes in their cubby.

Baby, It's Getting Cold Outside (But We Still Go Outside to Play)!



A gentle reminder to please send your children to school with proper winter gear: hats, mittens, coats, and when snow is on the ground- snow pants. If you have extra cold weather items to donate to the Center, we'll take them. These items will help us to "lend" items to children when they are forgotten/misplaced so that the rest of the class can get outside! Thank you!



Veterans Day Tribute

On Friday, November 11th, ELC will be honoring our nation's heroes. We will be working with the children to make cards for our veterans, share pictures of a family member who has served or is currently serving for our nation and get an opportunity to meet a true hero.



Families please use the State Street ELC's front main door only. The loading dock door and SSYMCA door are staff access only. If you are going to use the SSYMCA's facility please walk around and use the SSYMCA main entrance.



State Street ELC Best Practices and Policies

As we begin a new school year with new friends, families and teachers it is a great time to send out a few reminders about

ELC's best practices and policies to maintain a safe and efficient early childhood center. Please read over the following and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



- ✓ Please note: YMCA parking lot is ONLY to be used for YMCA participants who are using the facility. Please DO NOT park your car here if you are using public transportation!
- ✓ State Street ELC is a locked building at all times. All enrolled families and staff have key fobs to access the building. **Please do not hold the door open for others.** Visitors MUST ring the doorbell and wait for an ELC staff person to answer. Remember, this policy is not rude, it's about child safety.
- ✓ **If your child will be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center to inform us of their absence.** We will call to inquire about your child if we are not aware of their planned absence.
- ✓ The best time for families to call the Center is during rest time daily (1:00-2:30pm) to inquire about your child's day directly with your child's teacher!

State Street ELC Family Advisory Council:

Thank you to all of those that have passed in their papers to be part of the Family Advisory Council. We are still looking for families to join. Please stop in the office if you are interested!

- Helping with fundraising efforts to support the Change a Life Campaign.
- Supporting us in our efforts to provide the best in Early Childhood education for children and their families.
- Helping to connect the State Street Early Learning Center to other community agencies to support our Early Education goals.

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

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