

# State Street Early Learning Center News

September 2018 Edition



## “Fall” Back Into Classroom Routines

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

As you drop your child off at the State Street Early Learning Center each day you may wonder about the structure of their day. As with many aspects of early childhood, routine and predictability are crucial and at the heart of it all lays the opportunities for children to play, explore, and learn together. In each of our classrooms, the sequence of daily activities will be slightly different but will follow a predictable routine. There will be times to do things together as a group and times to work independently. There will be times to sit quietly and draw, times to do puzzles or listen to stories, and times to move their bodies. Your child will have opportunities to initiate activities: build a tower with blocks, cut out shapes, and paint at an easel. There will also be activities led by the teacher such as learning a new song or listening to a story. Educators at the State Street Early Learning Center collaborate, and plan daily to ensure that each child's developmental needs are met as interests are explored through curriculum planning as well as teachable moments! Scheduled into the daily routine at State Street ELC also include outdoor time and motor skill building in the Field House. By planning a daily schedule that is rich in opportunities to develop in all essential areas of child development, it is our goal to help all children grow into well-rounded, healthy learners.



**Reminder: We realize parking can be very challenging at times however please remember: Quincy Police Department mandates that Handicap parking requires a *displayed Handicap Parking Permit* - please respect the law. Thank you for your cooperation!**

## State Street ELC Items to Remember

Life is very busy for young families and there are certainly many things to remember as you prepare for each day.

Here are a few essential items that will help make your child's transition to State Street ELC easier.

- Please remember our SSELC has a maximum of childcare for up to 10 hours per day.
- Please remember to label everything with your child's first and last name.
- Pack a seasonably appropriate change of clothes to be left at school in your child's cubby. (per EEC state regulation).
- A steady supply of underwear, pull-ups, diapers, and wipes, is important for teachers to have on hand.
- In order to promote independence, pack lunches that are ready to eat and in packaging that is easy for a child to open. See your child's teacher and/or Family Guide for suggestions!

**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.



## Birthday Celebrations:

On occasions such as birthday celebrations and class parties, **we are asking that there be no more food options due to the many allergies in the center and want to be respectful to all children when celebrating.** You may want to consider donating a book in your child's name to the classroom library, providing a favorite library book you have chosen with your child for teachers to read or providing a favorite children's art and craft activity. Some other options maybe a little party bag with items from the dollar store or little balloons. **Please check with your child's teacher prior to an event to discuss your child's celebration!**

## 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 State Street ELC's best practices and policies to maintain a safe and efficient early childhood center. If you have a question/concern please ask! Working together is the best way to help your child.

- ✓ 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 should be encouraged to ring the doorbell and wait for a State Street ELC staff person to answer. Remember, this policy is not rude, it's 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. **All children must be at school no later than 9:30am unless they have a doctor's note!**

- ✓ Families are welcome to call the Center during rest time daily (1:00-2:30pm) to inquire about their child.
- ✓ Please be sure that families are **only using the main (front) door to go in and out of the center.** If we are outside on the playground please DO NOT use the back door by classroom 8. This is to protect the safety of all the children in the center.



**State Street Early Learning Center Open House will be on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 7:30pm!** Please

come and meet our teaching staff and the families in your child's classroom and learn more about our Child Protection Safety Curriculum!

Teachers will be available to watch the children while parents go to the conference room for the Child Protection Safety Curriculum presentation.

**State Street ELC Family Advisory Council:**

We look forward to continuing our Family Advisory Council and hope you will consider joining! Some of the responsibilities of the FAC would include:

- A time commitment of one hour every other month during the school year.
- Family representation from every classroom from toddlers through Pre-Kindergarten.
- Assistance with fundraising efforts for our Annual Campaign.
- Advising SSELc leadership re' community needs to ensure we are addressing the diverse needs of our YMCA community.
- Discussions on programming at State Street ELC to ensure the best in Early Childhood Education.
- Helping to facilitate networking opportunities with other organizations in our community whose mission aligns with that of the South Shore YMCA.
- Support for Annual Family Giving Day -May 2019

**Meet the State Street ELC Staff**

There are many friendly faces that help to make the State Street Early Learning Center the happy, thriving environment that it is. Please take some time to say hello to the teachers at SSELc as they work as a cohesive team to help all children learn, grow and thrive. The educators are:

Lauren Browning- VP of Youth Development

Kristine Swan- Associate Director of Youth Development

Mary Spargo- State Street Early Learning Center Director

Ann Venuti- State Street Early Learning Center Assistant Director

Ms. Denise- Administrative Assistant – Front Desk

Ms. Rose – Sr. Lead Teacher Monday / Friday Mornings

Ms. Laura – Sr. Lead Teacher Wednesday Afternoons

Toddler 1: Mrs. Whitney & Ms. Debra

Toddler 2: Mrs. LoriAnn & Mrs. Yan

Toddler 3: Ms. Lauri & Ms. Dayna

Toddler 4: Ms. Jessica & Ms. Izzi

Pre-School 1: Ms. Kelly & Mrs. Carol

Pre-School 2: Mrs. Siria & Ms. Amber

Pre-School 3: Ms. Brandy & Ms. Wilma

Pre-Kindergarten 1: Mrs. Hisako & Mr. Tommy

Pre-Kindergarten 2: Ms. Gigi & Mr. Justin

Pre-Kindergarten 3: Ms. Sarah & Mrs. Sarika

Float Teachers and Assistants:

Ms. Wilmary

Ms. Eryn

Ms. Maria

Ms. Caroline

Ms. Po

Ms. Kayla

Ms. Nicole

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Amanda

Mrs. Angie

Ms. Marie

Ms. Kelley

Ms. Olivia

Mr. Ethan

Ms. Jaimerea

Ms. Simone

Ms. Taylar

Ms. Brittany

Ms. Kaylen

Mrs. Donna

Please feel free to contact Mary Spargo or Ann Venuti with any questions. We value your feedback!

Mary Spargo – State Street ELC Director

[mspargo@ssymca.org](mailto:mspargo@ssymca.org) 857-403-4721

Ann Venuti – State Street ELC Assistant Director

[avenuti@ssymca.org](mailto:avenuti@ssymca.org) 857-403-4749

**For billing questions please contact Kathy Crompton at 781-264-9447 or [kcrompton@ssymca.org](mailto:kcrompton@ssymca.org)**