

## State Street Early Learning Center News

December 2018 Edition



### **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!



- Due to the holiday pool schedule there will be **NO Aquatic Safety Lessons the week of December 24<sup>th</sup>!**
- Aquatic Safety will resume the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>!
- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSING at 3:00pm on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>**
- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>**
- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSING at 3:00pm on Monday December 31<sup>st</sup>**
- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Get Important Updates from State Street ELC via the Remind Text Messaging App:**

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share **important updates** and reminders with students and parents.

**Subscribe** by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. ELC staff will never see your phone number, nor will you see ours.

**To join and receive information about emergency closures due to inclement weather and other reminders, text the following message @bcgcg7 to the number 81010**

**OR**

**If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.**

**On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:**

**<https://www.remind.com/join/bcgcg7>**



Sunday, January 6th, 2019

Race Start: 9:00 AM

South Shore YMCA - Quincy Branch

Kick off the New Year with the Y at our 8th Annual Frozen 5K Road Race through Quincy! Warm up after your run with family & friends at our post-race celebration inside the Quincy Y Briggs Family Field house, featuring family activities and more! Runners & Walkers of all ages and abilities welcome.

All proceeds from the Frozen 5K Road Race will support the Y's Annual Campaign helping to fund financial assistance to ensure everyone can belong & participate in Y membership, programs Early Learning, Afterschool Programs and services.

**Register Today at [ssymca.org](https://ssymca.org):**

**<https://ssymca.org/events/frozen-5k-2019/>**



## Frozen 5K Post-Race Party & Quincy 5-Year Celebration

Sunday, January 6,  
2019 | 10am - 2pm  
Briggs Family Field  
House | Quincy  
YMCA

Join us after the  
race, warm up in  
the Briggs Family  
Field House and

celebrate our 5-year anniversary of the new Quincy YMCA location at a FREE event for the entire community! Enjoy food, activities and games, Kids' Indoor Fun-Run, music, and more.

To learn more visit the [ssymca.org](http://ssymca.org).



### 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 as cars may be towed.
- ✓ 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.



✓ **Wondering how your child's day is going? Call us!**

Our door is always open. Call during rest time to inquire about your child's day directly with your child's teacher! (between 1:00-2:30pm). We are happy to give you a brief update.



### Math at Home

Have fun playing math games at home! Playing with number magnets and a cookie sheet helps children develop early counting skills and number recognition.

### Fun at Home Activities!

#### **Play Snow**

- 1/2 cup of conditioner
- 2 cup of backing soda

#### **Snow Paint**

- 1 cup of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 1 cup of water

#### **Ice Paint**

- Shaving Cream
- Blue Food Coloring
  - Crush ice
  - Glitter

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

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