Please come and join us at the for our fun filled Family Night Tuesday, February 12th 6:00pm-7:30pm. Family Nights are a great opportunity to learn more about your child’s class and meet the SSELC families!

Valentine’s Day!

As we think about celebrating holidays with children it is easy to let our mind instantly jump to candies, sweets, and treats. Our goal at the State Street ELC is to teach children about Healthy Living and establishing healthy habits right from the start. If you are volunteering to provide a snack for Valentine’s Day, please consider the healthier options of “Red Items,” such as pink applesauce, watermelon, strawberry yogurt, etc. By providing these snacks on a special day, we are showing children that healthy food is also special and fun!

Help keep our ELC healthy during the season & please remember these handy tips:

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| Temperature of 100.4 or higher | Within the past 24 hours | Within the past 24 hours | Body rash with itching or fever | Itchy head, active lice, nits | Redness, itching, swelling | Hospital stay and/or ER Visit |

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:....

| I AM FREE from vomiting for at least 24 hours | I AM FREE from diarrhea | I AM FREE from rash | I AM FREE from fever | TRUSTED with my doctor | EVALUATED by my doctor | RELEASED by my medical provider |

LOOKING FOR A HINT TO MAKE VALENTINES WITH YOUR CHILD?

Don’t worry about writing the name of each individual child in your child’s class on their Valentines. Instead, make it a meaningful activity for your child where they may practice writing/recognizing their own name. For younger children try using printable (or blank) labels with your child’s name on them and have the child stick the label onto the card (great pincer grasp skill building!) . This way, when your child delivers the cards they will not have to know how to read the names, they simply will “deliver” their special Valentine to each friend and everyone will know who it is from!
To ensure the safety of all, please take your time and drive carefully while in the YMCA parking lot. It gets very busy at drop off and pick up times. Please remind your child to hold hands and walk closely to whoever is picking up!!

State Street ELC Best Practices and Policies

As we begin a new year with some new friends and families 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: Please DO NOT park in handicap parking spots.
✓ 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.

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

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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