State Street Early Learning Center News
August 2019 Edition

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!

SSEL C Best Practices and Policies

Please read over the following and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. If you have a question/concern please ask! Working together is the best way to help your child.

SSEL C 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 an SSEL C staff person to answer. Remember, this policy is not rude, it’s safety.

Please take it slow in the parking lot.

If your child will be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center at 857-403-4724 to inform us of their absence. We will call to inquire about your child if we are not aware of their planned absence.

Families are welcome to call the Center during rest time daily (1:00-2:30pm) to inquire about their child.

Don’t forget:

- Reminder: The ELC will be closed on Thursday, August 29th, and Friday, August 30th, as teachers get ready for the new school year and participate in professional development.
- Reminder: any child not be returning for next year’s school year: the last day in the SSEL C is Wednesday, August 28th!

Have you taken out your child’s summer clothes from last year and nothing seems to fit? The Center is looking for donations of extra clothes especially bottoms: pants, shorts, skirts, etc.!

Sunscreen/Insect Repellant
The State Street ELC asks 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 repellant. Should there be a warning regarding high levels of insects (mosquito’s) the State Street ELC children will not be going outside.

ELC Reminders
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We want to thank you for participating in the survey I emailed to you. Your feedback is so very valuable to the South Shore YMCA as we continue to grow and make changes for the future. If you did not have time to take the survey online and have feedback to share, please send me an email or stop by the office. I would love to hear your suggestions!

**DIY Sidewalk Foam Paint**

**Supplies Needed:**
- Two 4 oz. bottles of WASHABLE school glue
- 1 cup white flour
- 4-5 cups plain white shaving foam
- food coloring drops
- 1 gallon plastic zipper bag
- sandwich-sized plastic zipper bags – 1 per food coloring
- scissors

**Steps Taken:**
1. In a gallon-size plastic zipper bag add 1 cup of flour.
2. Pour both bottles of **washable** school glue on top of the flour. Make sure it’s washable for easy clean up!
3. Spray about 4-5 cups of shaving foam into the bag. At first I attempted to measure it in a measuring cup, but it was ridiculous trying to get it out of the measuring cup. So, after the first cup, I just eyeballed it.
4. Close the bag and knead it for a few minutes until everything is totally mixed.
5. Snip one corner of the big bag and squirt into sandwich-sized plastic zipper bags to divide it up per color.
6. Add 10 drops of one food coloring to each bag.
7. Knead each smaller bag until color is throughout the bag.
8. Snip off the edge and squirt it into plastic squirt bottles. Or you can be frugal and just paint with the zipper bags. If you keep it in the bags, just snip off a tiny corner, so it doesn’t come out too heavy.

**Corporate Volunteer Day at the South Shore YMCA Family Farm**

Many companies are looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities that engage employees and give back to the community! Though the Y’s Family Farm (located directly behind the Early Learning Center-Hanover) your company can spend a day team-building in the outdoors, while giving back through sustainable agriculture, with local food pantries across the South Shore receiving produce cultivated from the farm. Great opportunity for larger groups.

Please feel free to reach out to with any questions or comments. We value your feedback and look forward to a successful new school year at the State Street ELC!

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