

## State Street Early Learning Center News

October 2019 Edition

### October is here!

We had a great turnout for our Open House this past Thursday. Families moved from classroom to classroom to explore the different activities throughout the center to learn more about their children's experiences in school & explore with their families and friends.



### SSELC Family Reminders!

The Early Learning Center will be **closed October 14th** for a Professional Development day of continuing education to improve educator skills and ensure the best learning outcomes for students. Like your children, our dedicated and inspiring teachers never stop learning!

**Aquatic Safety Sessions** for Preschoolers will begin at the end of October. **Your Child must be 3 years old to attend.** If you want your child to participate please complete the required permission slips and submit to the office. Please label all of your child's belongings. Children must come to school dressed in their bathing suit under their clothing on their swim days. **Please arrive to school by 8:30am on swim days!**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>:** We will be having our annual harvest walk. Feel free to send in your child's costume (**no masks or accessories, or slippers**) or feel free to have your child dress up in their favorite pajamas!

### Child's Belongings

- It's the time of year to take stock of your child's extra clothes. Please make sure your child's **extra clothes are weather appropriate and also label them so they don't get sent home with the wrong child.**
- Please make sure if your child goes home with soiled clothes that clothes are replenished the next school day. Don't forget about socks as well as an extra pair of shoes or crocks.
- We also want to stress the importance of wearing a jacket & perhaps sending one that you can keep here in their cubby. Some mornings have been a little chilly.



**As a reminder to all families:** Please ensure that your child is here **by 9:00am** each morning so they do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities and have the ability to easily adjust to classroom routines. Following routines is an important part of a child's day as it allows children to navigate the continuous challenge of learning new things in a climate of safe and comforting boundaries that are created by routines. Routines for young children help them form healthy habits and feel more in control of what happens next. **If your child will be late (for example: due to a doctor**

**appointment)** please call the Center so that we are able to inform the teachers as soon as possible. We will have a sign in book at the front desk for all late-comers. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation!

Gentle reminder: Our ELC limits childcare for no **more than a 10hr day** as it can be very challenging for young children being in school for more than the 10-hour limit. Center staffing is also a consideration so that we are able to maintain state mandated ratios.

Please remind your child to use their walking feet in the hallway and to stay with whoever is picking them up or dropping them off for the day.

Please bring all children into the center when you are picking up your child enrolled in the program. We cannot have children who are not enrolled in the program staying on the playground when drop off or pick up person goes into the center.



### **Key Fobs**

Please ensure that you remember to bring your key fob each day so that you are able to access the building during pick-up and drop-off as there may not always be someone available to let you in as we help to assist and cover in classroom as needed. If you are in need of a new key fob, please come to the office to complete a form to obtain a new key fob. A fee of \$7 (cost we are charged for the fob) will be charged for a replacement.



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