



June 2022 Dolton

From the Desk of Velma Meek M. Ed, Site Director

Welcome to the month of June! We are almost into the summer season. As a reminder, please check your children's cubbies to see if he/she needs a new set of clean clothes that fit.

If your child wears sandals to school, please bring a pair of gym shoes for them to change into to wear outside.

Safety first always, gym shoes are safer than sandals and will protect their toes while playing outside.

We had an awesome time at Family Fun Night on May 13, the children were so excited to explain the science projects their classes did. I was so PROUD to hear each child talk about what they learned and how their science project worked. The smiles on their faces were priceless. Put a smile on your face because they did well, ask your child about the science fair. If you were unable to attend, we have pictures on top of the cubbies for you to view.

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We are getting ready for the end of the year transition celebration "Stepping Up to Endless Possibilities," that will take place on June 9, 2022, at 10 a.m. This event is only for the children that will be transitioning to kindergarten, please look for more details coming soon (see calendar below).

Dolton Early Learning Center uses creative curriculum for its educational curricula. This allows children to learn through their own interests.

Teachers create a classroom environment with interactive areas that promote learning, and children select the projects that interest them the most. The goal of creative curriculum is to help the children become enthusiastic learners.

What are 10 qualities of a good citizen?

- Volunteer to be active in your community.
- Be honest and trustworthy.
- Follow rules and laws.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Be informed about the world around you.
- Respect the property of others.
- Be compassionate.
- Take responsibility for your actions.

Always encourage your child to be kind and respectful and use kind words to help promote positive social emotional development.

Word Phrase of the Month:

Be a good citizen– Do you work within your community at home by taking responsibilities for your action and being respectful to others?

Classroom Notes/Educator

For the month of June your children will learn about pets, colors, sand, and music. They will also learn rules and routines in their classroom as well as how to "Be a good citizen."

The children will learn through studies; each study will help your child get a clear understanding on how things work in their environment. This study has started as follows:

- Classroom 1 focus: Animals
- Classroom 2 focus: Colors
- Classroom 3 focus: Boxes
- Classroom 4 focus: Sand
- Classroom 5 focus: Music
- Classroom 6 focus: Pets

Play Time Can be Active Time

It is almost summer, take your child on a walk around the block. Ride your bikes to the park, jump rope, live, love and laugh. For your preschooler, help your child to stay active and learn at the same time spend time outside learning about the environment.

Set playtime, mealtime, and bedtime routines to make daily life easier to handle. Try to limit T.V., video games, and computers to two hours or less a day. Children who watch more than two hours of T.V. a day are more likely to be overweight as they get older.

Upcoming Events - Mark your Calendar!

June 9, 2022 - Transition Celebration- No School

June 9, 2022 - Parent Committee Meeting- TBA

June 14-July 19, 2022 - Parent Cafés session every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Lots of incentives for everyone. More information and link to come.

6/20/2022 - Juneteenth Holiday- School closed

***From the Desk of Parent Involvement Coordinator,
Catalina Torres***

Try these ideas for taking care of yourself and reducing stress:

- Get enough sleep
- Drink water
- Move your body
- Find time in the day for breaks
- Listen to music
- Talk to friends and family
- Write a journal
- Reward yourself of a job well done
- Practice deep breathing
- Get outside
- Notice, what you see, hear, feel smell, and taste

FATHERS, GET ENGAGED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. IAFC EALY LEARNING VALUES YOU FOR WHAT YOU BRING TO THE CHILDREN.

Five things you should know about the importance of fathers:

1. Engaged dads make a direct impact in their children's future
2. Families are strengthened by supportive dads
3. Policies and programs especially for dads are on the rise
4. Dads find immense value in their participation in programs
5. The evidence based on the impact of dads and effectiveness of specialized programs is growing

"...That the most precious things a father can provide are time, attention, and love." Tim Russert

Resources and Around Town

Community Shred Day and Electronic Recycle, June 18, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon

1912 W. 179th St., East Hazel Crest, IL. Limit 2 boxes per vehicle. Call 708-799-7300. Acceptable: cables, calculators, cell phones, computers, hardware, laptops, desktops, fax machines, printers, handheld devices, hard drives, motherboards, televisions (one per household).

The Vitamin Angels and Walgreens Prenatal Vitamins program has expanded. The program is good through the end of the year. Also, great news, the prenatal vitamins can now be ordered and shipped directly to the program participants' home! Please note the closest Chicago area Walgreens to our Early Learning Department service area now participating in the program, is on 87th and Cottage Grove Ave., or 87th and Stoney Island Ave.

Legal Aid Society, Metropolitan Family Services - Legal Aid Society helps with these types of cases:

- Eviction Prevention, Eviction Defense
- Issues with Subsidized Apartments
- Housing Voucher Preservation
- Illegal Lockouts
- Sealing Eviction Cases
- Tenants Impact from Foreclosure
- Conditions Issues
- Security Deposits.

Services are free for financially eligible clients, regardless immigration status. Call the Intake Line at 312-986-4105.

CEDA Family Support and Community Engagement (FSACE)

The CEDA FSACE is a "case management" that can help you stabilize over 90 days by tailoring support to your needs and building a path towards self-sufficiency. The program can help you if you live in suburban Cook County.

How does it help?

Dental and Vision services like exams and glasses

Transportation help with car repairs, bus cards, gas cards, and more

Scholarships for post-secondary education

Job Prep & Counseling with training, job placement, and more

Fresh Produce and nutrition education

Additional Funds for your unique needs, like beds, getting an ID, paying GED fees, and more.

This program is designed to support households who experienced layoffs, a death in the family, reduced wages, children being at home, medical expenses, additional food expenses, and more.

Payments on your rent, mortgage, water bill, and phone bill

Online Learning essentials for students K-8 including laptops

Medical Costs for supplies and prescriptions

Food Box Deliveries for seniors and the homebound

Transportation costs, like registration fees

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO? PRE-APPLY TODAY!

Call **(312) 795-8948**. You'll need a driver's license/state ID/Consular Identification Card, as well as Social Security cards and income from the past 30 days for all household members.