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Letter from Leadership

Reopening: As of Tuesday, August 4, Educare DC has reopened to a small number of families. We are continuing to monitor local guidance and the overall public health situation to determine when and how we might be able to serve more children onsite. In the meantime, all children enrolled at Educare DC have access to our remote learning program and other enrichment opportunities.

In order to protect the health of our staff, students, and families, we have modified much of our onsite programming. These changes include:

- Enhanced cleaning throughout the school day with deep cleaning on Fridays.
- Masks: All adults will always wear masks covering the mouth and nose. Children above the age of 2 will wear masks in public places in the Educare DC building.
- Daily health screening for children and staff onsite.
- Social distancing: Educare DC will continue to have 3 teachers in each classroom, with a maximum of 7 children per classroom.

Parent Council Meeting: These meetings are a great way to learn about school updates, get involved in the school, and meet other parents and staff. Parent council meetings will start back up in September - keep a look out for more information.

Parent Town Halls: Town halls will be held towards the end of the month to allow parents and families to discuss remote learning programs via Zoom. There will be different sessions for different age groups. Keep an eye out for more information!



Important Dates in August



- 24th-28th: A series of Parent Town Halls - keep an eye out for more information to come



Additional Information:

Contact Educare DC: Please call (202) 727-5604 if you have any questions.

Remind App: Remember to utilize the Remind App, if you are not already - contact Family engagement to help set an account up or if your phone number has changed.



Shout out and congratulations to Ms. Tanya and her family for their newest edition! Ms. Nora arrived on July 2 - promptly on her due date. Congratulations again to Ms. Tanya and her family! - Educare DC Family



Congrats to our Grads!

Even though our celebration looked a little different this year, we were still able to celebrate all of our students who are moving on to kindergarten this upcoming school year. A few of our teachers were able to go to each of our rising kindergartener's homes to celebrate their graduation from Educare DC!

Each student received their graduation cap, certificate for completing pre-K, a teddy bear, books, and some school supplies to help them gear up for kindergarten. We will truly miss each and every one of our graduating students, but we know they will do great things in kindergarten and beyond!



Learning Tip of the Month

Fill your children's life with letters!

Some of the most powerful ways to develop children's literacy skills are also the simplest: talk, listen, read and write with them. When we talk with our kids about the world — from how recipes work to the rules of sport games— we are planting seeds of knowledge that will help kids grow into curious thinkers, readers and writers.

Letter recognition is a key step in your child's literacy journey - see below for some tips and tricks:

- Keep an alphabet set so your child can touch and manipulate, such as alphabet blocks, and foam letters.
- When you read together, see if your child can name the letters in the title
- Try going on an "alphabet hunt" around the house or while out for a walk — finding objects that begin with different letters.



SHOUT-OUT!

I would like to shout out Mr. Cole for staying dedicated, committed and upbeat during these trying times. He has remained consistent with weekly Diaper Hub support and facilitation. Making the arrangements for ordering, pick up, set up, inventory and beyond. Our families would not have been able to receive such an amazing service without his commitment to the mission. Thank you Mr. Linwood Cole you are truly a rock star! - Ms. White

Shout out to Precious Cunningham for going the extra mile during this COVID19 pandemic and consistently meeting with families for parent orientation and enrolling families in the CCP program at St. Philip's Child Development Center on a weekly basis. - Ms. Newman

I would like to send a special shout out to Megan and Hannah for being amazing super stars and going the extra mile to collaborate with me in getting the Enroll page of the website updated and creating and launching our social media campaign. You both are such a joy to work with and I look forward to many more collaborations.

I would like to shout out Ms. Vinele Butler for all her hard work in putting together our All Staff Zoom calls, I know a lot goes into the coordination of the meetings behind the scenes and I really appreciate you working to keep us all connected during COVID.

I would like to shout out Ms. Shaunda White for being an amazing Director! Thank you for being so supportive of your team and giving us the autonomy to give you are best. - Ms. JaiFawn

A School for Your Community

Educare of Washington, DC, is an early childhood school built to serve the children and families of Washington, DC. We engage and empower parents in their children's learning and provide high-quality education through small class sizes and cutting-edge teaching methods. We are also committed to evaluation and continuous program improvement through our partnerships with the Educare Learning Network, Head Start and the University of Maryland.