

Gazette

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope and confidence." – Helen Keller

We are like a snowflake – all different in our own way!

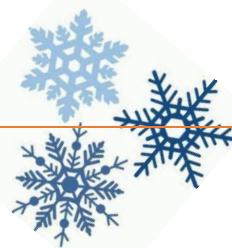
Letter from Leadership

- **Thank you** to all who attended last month's Parent Café. We hope to see you at the next Parent Café. Please see more details under "Family & Staff Corner".
- **Parent Council Meeting:** Thank everyone who attended our last 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. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30am**, and will focus on the upcoming transition from Pre-K 4 into Kindergarten. We hope to see you there!
- **Early Science Initiative Framework:** This framework, introduced by Educare Miami, aims to use science as a foundation to cultivate a culture of inquiry that raises the quality of teaching and learning in classrooms and to encourage children to explore and understand their world.
- **DC EdFEST:** Educare will have a table at this year's DC EdFEST on **Saturday, December 14th from 11- 3 PM**. DC EdFEST is an annual public school fair, where parents can come and meet with representatives with schools from across the city prior to the public school lottery application. This is a great opportunity for parents of rising kindergarteners to get to know their options. Hope to see you there!
- **Monthly Raffles:** Raffles will continue monthly; six children will win \$50 in our savings raffles. Congratulations to our first- round winners *Zhian, Bailey, Kwamir Nawledge, Beautiful, and Rohan!* To be eligible, a family member must do **one of these four things:** participate in a learning activity in their child's classroom; attend a classroom meeting; attend the monthly Parent Committee meeting or make a deposit of any amount in the Family Savings Account. Come to the Parent Council Meeting, on Tuesday, December 10th to see if your child wins next month's raffle!



Important Dates in December

- ◆ 10th: Parent Council Meeting at 9:30 AM
- ◆ 23rd-31st: Winter Break (School Closed)



Preparing our Kids for Success

NOVEMBER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!

Fall Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who attended this year's Fall Festival! We hope everyone had fun playing games, painting pumpkins and eating delicious food. A special thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible!



Shout-Out!



"I would like to give Torrian Brent a shout-out this month. She always goes the extra mile to support teachers, children, and families. She is also an awesome office mate" - Angela Williams

"Super special shout out to Ms. Claudia's class. This is my children's first year here at Educare. My son had a very special birthday party where his teachers, as well as other staff, came to support. We have been blessed with total support of my children. Also Ms. Mosby's class has been teaching my daughter a lot of new things. Not articulating sentences prior, she now better communicates her words into sentences. Also special shout out to our Family Specialist, Ms. Ebony Clover, Victoria and Ms. Brooks. Thank you guys. My family truly appreciates you." - Love Promise, Freddie and Yolanda

"I want to thank the entire comprehensive services team for their support and hard work. I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the New Year!" -Torrian

"Ms. Michelle Dunn for her "I Can" do attitude. She is always willing to extend a helping hand to everyone." - Veronica Pollard

"To Ms. JaiFawn Hood for being instrumental in the enrolment of all the Pre-K families and being in compliance with our OSSE DC residency verification audit." - Ms. Shaunda White

FAMILY & STAFF CORNER

Parent Café

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There will be no Parent Café in December, but we look forward to ringing in the New Year with two Parent Cafés in January! Keep any eye out for next month's issues of the Gazette for details.

We are growing and giving thanks for each other! Mark your calendars and let's grow together!



Learning Tip of the Month



Challenge your child to **solve** simple problems.

Give your child a chance to work out solutions to simple problems on their own, such as assembling a toy or getting a book from a shelf that they can reach. Watch how they approach the problem, and if needed, talk through it to try and come up with a solution together

By allowing your child the time to think of a solution, you allow them to see things from a different perspective and evoke lateral thinking. Problem solving can help build character, resilience, and perseverance. Your child will draw upon these experiences when faced with similar problems later on. They will not be daunted by a new problem, but instead have the confidence and 'can-do' attitude to give it a go.

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 Network, Head Start and the University of Maryland.