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



Letter from Leadership

- **Thank you** to everyone who helped plan and execute the prospective student open house, and to those who helped spread the word! We had a total of 10 families who applied for both pre-k and Early Head Start!
- **Ask the Scientist:** We are encouraging parents to engage with their kids and teachers to learn how the Early Science Initiative is being integrated into their child's classroom. The initiative aims to cultivate a culture of inquiry and encourages children to explore and understand the world around them.
- **Parent Council Meeting:** Thank you to all 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, February 11th at 9:30am - please join us!
- **Power Tots and Washington Tennis & Education Foundation:** Through our partnership with Power Tots and WTF, we are able to provide our infants, toddlers, and pre-k students with physical activities that combine development for motor skills and social and emotional skills. Ask your child to show off their new skills!
- **Monthly Raffles:** Every month, six children will win \$50 into their Educare Future Scholars college savings account. Congratulations to our first- round winners Zaria Lewis, Zaniya Lewis, Harley Bragg, Roman Maye, Raheem Cooper, Mikel Johnson! 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 February 11th to see if your child wins!



Important Dates in February

- 6th Father's Dinner from 4-6:30 pm. RSVP with someone from Family Engagement Services
- 11th Policy Council Meeting at 9:30 am
- 14th "Falling in Love with Literacy" fair from 2-5 pm. Join us, dressed as your favorite storybook character, for arts & crafts, dancing, snacks, free books and more!
- 17th Presidents' Day (School Closed)
- 18th Professional Development Day (School Closed)
- 20th Parent Cafe at 3:30 pm
- 24th - 28th Scheduled Parent - Teacher Conferences (School Open)



Classroom Spotlight: Class 124!

This past month, classroom 124 used a favorite breakfast meal, pancakes and waffles, to create a learning opportunities for their students. The students were able to follow along with the recipe and help measure, whisk, pour, and mix the ingredients. Once their tasty treats were ready, the students were able to eat and discuss how the ingredients changed after cooking.

Afterwards, the class reconstructed their lesson at their parents meeting to help showcase and share their new skills and knowledge that they learned with their family.



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Learning Tip of the Month

Encourage your child to think like a **scientist!**

Parents and caregivers don't need special training in science to help their children develop inquiry skills. Children naturally love to explore, experiment, and figure out how things work - and that is the true heart of a scientist. Below are some ways to help encourage your little scientist to experiment and grow:

- **Observe:** Take the time to look around your surroundings and use your five sense to describe what you are seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, or feeling.
- **Ask Questions:** Model questions by wondering out loud. This invites children to share your inquiry and discuss why and how things happen.
- **Explore Cause and Effect:** You don't need science equipment to study cause and effect. You can simply ask your child "what will happen if.." when playing or doing an activity, such as "what will happen if we add a paper clip to the nose of the a paper airplane?" Then come up with a prediction together before testing.



SHOUT-OUT!

"I have a couple: First, I would like to send a special shout out THANK YOU! to all the staff and parents who participated in making our Winter Open House event a success. It came together beautifully through amazing collaboration, you are all appreciated. Second, shout out to the Family Engagement team for being the heart of our organization and dedicating themselves to making a difference in the lives of our families every day. Third, shout out to Megan and Hannah for your last minute support in getting our marketing materials to perfection for Edfest. I enjoyed collaborating with you and I look forward to picking your brains in the future! And finally, shout out to leadership, teachers and parents who came out to represent Educare DC at Edfest. We were present, engaged and impactful. We have already enrolled 1 Pre-K family from the event and we have tons more for the waitlist! Kudos and appreciation for all you do" - JaiFawn

"Shout-out & Fireworks!!



Ms. Jacquie Makinde – on earning her Certification as a CACFP Nutrition Professional.

Ms. Arie Johnson – on earning her Food Service Handler's certification.

Way to Go! Keep it going 😊" -
Dianna Washington

"This sincere shout out goes to Tai! I truly appreciate your awesomeness! Since you've been here, you've been a huge help and great assistant to me! A bonus: The children here love you as well! You always come and check in on me and kiddies every evening. You even help bring the toys in even if you did not close with me. You are phenomenal!" - Sharnetta

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.