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“ **Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.** ”
– **Theodore Roosevelt**



Letter from Leadership

Dear Educare DC Families,

We hope you all are staying safe and healthy – we miss you very much! Although we may not be able to be together right now, we are continuing to work hard to ensure everyone is supported and looked after during these uncertain times.

We are working hard to find new and innovative ways to stay connected with you through one-on-one FaceTimes, classrooms lessons via Zoom, sending weekly activity newsletters to families, and creating videos and sharing resources on our social media channels. Educare DC are also distributing diapers and grab-and-go meals to our families and the wider community as a Greater DC Diaper Bank distribution hub. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these resources if they are helpful to you. We also encourage everyone to check the Remind App for information on additional resources available in DC.

I know everyone is eager to get back to school and we are just as eager! We are being very thoughtful and intentional as it relates to the health and safety of our children in order to make a successful return – such as assembling a re-entry task force to help prepare for our reopening, whenever that may be. Parents are welcome to join the task force team so let me know if you'd like to join.

We can't wait until we are able to reunite together in the hallways and classrooms of Educare DC!

Sincerely,
Michael Truesdale

Additional Information:

Educare DC Parent Hotline: please call 202-929-0206 if you need support.

Enrollment Season: enrollment for the 2020/2021 school year is starting up soon- help spread the word to prospective families that are interested in joining the the Educare DC family!

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.



Educare Zoom Edition!

Even though the doors of Educare DC are currently closed, our teachers are hard at work finding innovative ways to connect and to teach with their students online. Through Zoom classes, one-on-one video calls, and educational YouTube channels, we have learned about animals, celebrated birthdays, and so much more!

Educare DC will open again, but until then, we will continue to find new and exciting ways to teach, connect, dance, laugh, and celebrate the connections we have with our children and families. We cannot wait until the day we can return to Educare DC and can be in our classrooms learning together again! From all the teachers at Educare DC, we hope you are staying safe and healthy and enjoying your time together as a family!



Learning Tip of the Month

Balancing our new responsibilities and continuing our children's education during quarantine can be tough!

One tip to help make it easier and fun is to incorporate their learning activities with things that you have to do around the house, such as cooking meals together.

When we think about reading, we often think of stories in books, but there are many types of texts out there, such as recipes and other how-to-texts.

By cooking together, you can give your child not only a chance to practice reading a recipe, but also an opportunity to learn how to follow directions, practice measuring ingredients, and development of teamwork skills!

Finding creative ways, such as cooking together, can make learning at home a little easier, and also give you a chance to make fun memories as a family!



SHOUT-OUT!

"I would like to give a shout out to Mr. Cole for taking the extra mile to coordinate the diaper hub twice a week that is available to the community."
Ms. Precious

"Shout out to Ms. Tamisa for checking on me even when I didn't wanna be bothered!" – **Ashly Harris**

"Please send a shout out to Lisa Gauthney for going the extra mile to the Bowie Mall / Town Center, in order to connect with us on Zoom!" – **Ms. Veronica**

"My shout-out is to the Master Teachers, Morgan Ruffin, Desiree El, and Ms. Julie. Along with Mr. Truesdale. They brought fun, games, and dance moves to uplift the teaching team spirits. I'm really thankful for them and that moment!" – **Ms. Jannice**

I want to give one to my Family Engagement team. Going the extra mile to stay connected to families, locating families by any means, identifying the resources and needs". – **Shaunda White**

"I am sending out a shout out to Classrooms 113 and 118 for having a tremendous attendance rate on their first Zoom calls with families! 113 had a 5 out of 8 families join and 118 had a 6 out of 8 families join! The Zooms were very successful and they did an awesome job of distance learning! I also want to shout out my fellow FES for doing such an amazing job of connecting with families daily!" – **Ms. Tamisa**

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.