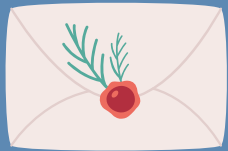


Gazette



We are all like snowflakes - unique and one of a kind!



Letter from Leadership

- **Winter Break:** We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful winter break with friends and family! As a reminder, students will have a half day on December 23rd with pick up at 12pm, and return on January 2nd. From all of us at Educare DC, we wish you happy holidays and new year!
- **Family Wellbeing Program at Educare DC:** Connect with a community of families committed to supporting the social and emotional health of our children, our selves and each other! The Family Wellbeing Program offers mindful parenting sessions and other services to support the emotional resilience of families. Sign up for this fall's virtual 8-week session for free at <https://forms.gle/E3qcsjPt5K3tdUWFA> or email FamilyWellbeingProgram21@gmail.com for more information.
- **Parent Council Meeting:** Join us for this month's parent council meeting on Tuesday, December 21st at 5pm! A Zoom link will be sent via the Remind App and through your family engagement specialist. These meetings are a great way to get involved in the school and meet other parents and staff!
- **Parent Café:** There will be no parent café this month, they will resume next month. Keep an eye out for more info in January from your family engagement specialist.
- **Prenatal Program:** This new program supports pregnant mothers and their babies ensuring that they have access to quality healthcare, support from coaches, and connection with other mothers. Email enroll@educaredc.org, call 202.727.5604, or visit our webpage at www.educaredc.org/prenatal/ to learn more and join today!



Important Dates in December



- **23rd: Half Day for Students and Staff (Family pick up at 12pm)**
- **December 24th - January 2nd: Winter Break (School Closed)**



2021 Class Thanksgiving Lunch!



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.



Classroom Spotlight! 150!

Last month, our development and communications associate, Megan, was invited to do a lesson on camera and media, and to tell the students about what she does at Educare DC.

Together, they talked about the different parts of a camera, how digital pictures are made up of tiny squares called pixels, and different types of media (TV, newspaper, and so on)!

The students got to ask questions and even try to take some photos of the garden and their fellow classmates!

Learning Tip of the Month

Let your child be **independent**!

With winter comes lots of layers to stay warm - hats, jackets, gloves, and scarves! Although it is not always easy to get your little one to dress themselves, when possible, it is a great way to let them learn independence, along with other developmental skills!



- **Independence:** this allows your child to build confidence in doing things on their own and trying new things.
- **Gross Motor:** lifting arms and legs in specific coordinated motions into shirt sleeves and pant legs, and balancing to take off shoes and pants
- **Fine Motor:** being able to use fingers to manipulate small objects (zippers, buttons, buckles, and laces)
- **Cognitive:** being able to understand the sequence of putting on clothing and to think about how seasons and temperature affect what should be worn



SHOUT-OUT!

"I want to give a shout out to Shelly Ward, LaTonya Muse, and Morgan Ruffin. This incredible team has exhibited patience, dedication, and persistence when it comes to their students, particularly a little friend who has been in the process of receiving services. I know firsthand how hard they have been working to ensure this kiddo is getting what he needs to thrive in the classroom. They have gone out of their way to provide the parents with resources and set up the classroom to accommodate the child's needs. Thank you all for your continued dedication to your students, you're the best!" - Ms. Nora Hartten

"Shout-out to Ms. Brittany for helping keep all the packages for the coat drive organized, and for Family Engagement helping take the lead in distributing the items! We couldn't do the coat drive without your help, and we are excited for all the coats and warm weather items we have gotten this year!" - Ms. Megan David



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