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"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." -Scott Adams



Letter from Leadership

- **Happy Valentines Day from all of us at Educare DC!**
- **Black History Month:** This month, we take extra time to acknowledge and celebrate the impact of Black thinkers and history makers! We will be highlighting some of those change-makers throughout the month on our social channels, so keep an eye out!
- **Virtual Open House - Prenatal Program and Enrollment:** Join our team for a virtual open house on February 7th from 12-2pm via Zoom! Learn more about how expectant moms can get support, resources, and peer support. Reach out to your family engagement specialist or comprehensive services to register. Unable to make it? Visit our webpage at www.educaredc.org/prenatal/ or email enroll@educaredc.org to learn more!
- **Parent Policy Committee Meeting:** Join us for this month's parent council meeting on Tuesday, February 15th at 5:30pm! 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!
- **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.

Important Dates in February



- **7th: Virtual Open House - Prenatal Program and Enrollment**
- **15th at 5:30pm: Parent Policy Committee Meeting**
- **16th at 5:30pm: Parent Café**
- **21st-23rd: President's Day/Mid-Winter Break (School Closed)**



Parent Café: February 16th, at 5:30pm

Join the family engagement team for this month's virtual parent café on February 16th! Keep an eye out for more information from your family engagement specialist. Hope to see you there!

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: 134!

This past month, Ms. Rhia and Ms. Dana's students have been hard at work learning about being a vet and creating a pet hospital!

The students put on their scrubs and stethoscopes and got to work with their patients. They gave many stuffed animals their check-ups to make sure they were happy and healthy and patched up any that weren't feeling well.

Pretend play helps children understand the power of language- when your child engages in pretend (or dramatic) play, they experiment with the social and emotional roles of life. Through cooperative play, they also learn how to take turns, share responsibility, and creatively problem-solve.

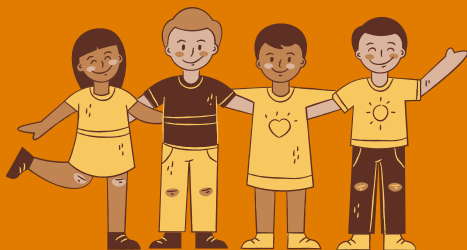


Learning Tip of the Month

February is a time of the year when we often think about love and our relationship with others.

Developing relationships with trusted adults and other children is very important even for our youngest children. Friendship helps children develop essential life skills, such as getting along with others and sorting out conflict and problems. This month, take the time to talk about friendship with your child. Children often learn social skills from trusted adults in their lives - show them how a friend acts and behaves.

We can often model friendship skills when we play with our children, such as how to play gently, how to resolve conflicts, and so on.



SHOUT-OUT!

"Shout-out to the teachers. We appreciate your understanding that we don't always have the answers but we try our best and we appreciate your dedication. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" - Mr. Berry

"Shout - out to Ms. Burgess - she can always make you smile and laugh, even on hard days. Thank you for helping make Educare DC such a fun and wonderful place to work! - Ms. Megan

"I would like to give a shout-out to Ms. Veronica P. - the service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth. Thank you!" Mrs. Hall

"Shout-out to Jasmine Anderson (IDEA Family Engagement Specialist): In the absence of a second Family Engagement Specialist here at IDEA, Jasmine has gone above and beyond to support all of our 56 enrolled children and families. She is present at drop off and pick up daily to support any family needs and follow ups. She has also been attentive to all of the classrooms and other departmental staff to ensure their needs are addressed. As needed, she will frequently step into the classrooms to support as an extra pair of hands. Thank you Jasmine for your commitment, dedication, and positive attitude during this transition to ensure that our high quality services are continuing to flourish!" Ms. Ashley Betlock

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.