

Monthly Family Newsletter

January 2021



Importance of Outdoor Play

Children need to keep active, even in the winter months! Dress warm and encourage outdoor play as there are many benefits! By encouraging outdoor play in winter, children gain much needed exposure to fresh air and Vitamin D, while avoiding bacteria. Experiencing different environments is important! This provides children with new experiences and opportunities, such as learning about the seasons, letting them see their environment through a different lens, and progress from being unconscious to conscious observers of their environment. Social outdoor play also provides children the opportunity to exercise and stretch their imaginations. In winter, the physical changes to the outdoor environment provide children with new opportunities for socio-dramatic play, and winter-themed games. Children who are encouraged to explore through play are also more likely to learn new skills and overcome challenges, which promotes self-confidence, resilience, and self-advocacy.



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Meet The Educare Family!

Christina Nellis is a Lead Teacher working with infants and toddlers age 0-3. Christina has been working at Educare for about 3 years. She loves the colors pink and turquoise, dogs and Italian food. She loves to walk outside with her dog and read the Bible. If she had a super power, she would love to be able to fly wherever she needed to go rather than having to drive.

"I love singing with the children, I love large group time and meal time with infants."

From Our Executive Director

JANIEL JAMERSON

We are excited and proud of the year that it has turned out to be given all that has happened. We really came together as an Educare community to make sure we had the right resources to succeed. Parents, please don't hesitate to reach out to your FEA if you need anything at all. Here's to an even better, safer, stronger and happier new year, another change for us to enjoy each day as it comes. We are so excited for what lies ahead of us in 2021!





Mark Your Calendars:



Important Dates

- Parent Ambassador informational sessions:
- January 4, 6 & 8 2021 | 11:00am - 11:30am
- January 4 School resumes remote learning for all students
- January 11 Face to Face students return back to the building.
- January 28 Parent Café at 9:30 on Zoom

From Our School Director

JODI RAMOS

As we enter the colder months of winter, please keep in mind that we will still take children outside to play as long as the wind chill is above 10 degrees to make sure we are in compliance with state licensing regulations. If you are in need of any winter clothing (coat, hat, gloves, boots, etc.) please contact your FEA or classroom teacher. This is also a great time to be able to explore the differences in the seasons and help those muscles to grow in different ways, too. If you'd like some ideas of outdoor activities to try in the winter, let us know! Also, if your child will be absent be sure to check out the activities in your Google Classroom. These are short activities you can do at home. If you do one, be sure to comment or send in a picture, too!

From our Family Engagement Coordinator

JENNY HALL

Have you heard that Educare has opened their own market on December 10th? We are very excited that we have the opportunity to be able to help your family with the services that the Edushare Market provides. If you are in need of household products, personal products or shelf stable foods, please contact your family engagement advocate and they will complete a referral to assist you in getting those items for you and your family.

Thank you to everyone that joined us last month for our first program wide parent meeting!!!

We hope that you enjoy your break with your children and families and have a wonderful holiday season. Be safe and stay healthy!!!



Scan this QR code to complete the health check survey each morning.



THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY!