



Hello Educare Flint families!

All of us at Educare are missing seeing you in the halls! This may not be the most ideal situation but we want to applaud you for being strong, resilient and courageous during this time. We miss our conversations, the jokes and the laughter, and we miss being graced with the best hugs and smiles we could ever get from your children!

You! Yes, YOU are the reason we are in the position we are in as educators. Without you, as your child’s first teacher, we wouldn’t have the passion that we do to partner alongside you to help your children learn and grow! Thank you for giving us such an incredible honor in being in your family’s life! We are missing being in the classroom with your child and because of this we are asking for your continued active participation in communicating what’s new in your child’s life.

Ways that **you can assist** us in this:

1. Your child’s teachers are using the **Remind app** to send out communication to you. It would be incredibly helpful if you could join their classroom via Remind. (There is an option to turn notifications off on Remind so you can access these resources on your own time).
2. **Texting** your teaching team anything new your child has accomplished
3. **Videos!** We love to see what your child can do...but most of all we just want to see them smiling, talking, laughing or just playing!
4. **Virtual play dates!** We are exploring different ways to see their bright shining faces! Many rooms are using **Zoom** as a way to visit with each other. This is free right now for families.
5. Tell your teachers or FEA **how often and the type of communication** you would like to receive. We can adjust what you get and how often to meet your needs.

What **you can expect from the staff** at Educare Flint:

1. You will receive the following **information** from us **via Remind**. We want to provide quality educational opportunities the best way we can. These are **optional resources** you can use.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Activity Packet*	Classroom Activity	Parent Support Activity
Weekly Resources (food distribution, etc.)		Classroom Activity

*The Activity Packet is required to be sent out by the Department of Education. It can be sent via e-mail upon request, accessed on the GISD website, or picked up at any GISD food distribution site. You can always change the method you receive this packet by letting your FEA or teacher know.



2. If we **have not heard from you** in a couple weeks, **we will reach out** to make sure you and your family are okay.

Additional reasons to reach out (ways we can assist you)

1. To **change the frequency of communication** your receive
2. You **need resources** (food, wipes, etc.). We will help the best we can
3. You need **someone to talk to** (There is also the 591-HELP line for this).
4. Whenever you feel **you need ANYTHING!** Please don't hesitate to reach out.
5. Connect to the GISD Early Childhood & Parent Involvement Facebook page:
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/GISDEarlyChildhood/>

We know this is a challenging time for everyone and we appreciate your support, engagement, and suggestions.

Sincerely,

The Educare Flint Team