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This Month's Highlights

March 1-4

Reminder: Monthly fees are due

March 8 – 11

During this week, Circle Center will be open for parents and preschool aged children to come and visit. We will be accepting registration for the fall.

We have invitations available for you to give to friends and family who may be considering Circle Center for their child next year.

March 7

Casmir Pulaski Day We will be in session

March 14, 15

Library Days

March 21 - 25

Spring Break **NO SCHOOL** -School resumes Monday, March 28

Dear Parents,

Winter is almost over, even though we haven't really seen much snow!! We are so glad March is here and we are looking forward to the arrival of springtime and the new life appearing all around us. Spring is also the time when we have our Open House and begin registration for the new school year. Here are just a few things that you should know:

- The registration fee for currently enrolled children or siblings is \$40 until June 1. (Please note that classes could be full before June 1.) After June 1 the fee will be \$50.
- The registration fee for new students is \$50 and they will receive a T-shirt.
- The monthly payment for 2016 – 2017 will remain \$115/two days, \$145/three days and \$240/five days.
- **The first month's fees will be due by July 15, 2016.** If the fee is not paid by this date, the child may be placed on the waiting list.
- There are 5, **3 day** spaces in room 2's - 5 day class for children who are currently enrolled at Circle Center this year and will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2017. First come first taken.

Your Director,

Mary King



Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, we will be having Grandparent's day on April 8 & 9 when your child may invite one grandparent or an older friend or relative to come and visit. We are also planning a MDA Hop-A-Thon for those days – more info in folders. In May, we will have a Parent's Tea on May 13. This is a time when parents are invited to come and spend a special morning with their child. **Please note that all students will be coming to school this day, even if it is not your scheduled day.**

Snack Time

Thank each of you for sending snacks so faithfully, we appreciate your generosity. We also thank you for your patience as we have had to adjust the snack calendars to allow each child their chance on the day that they come to school. I would like to encourage you to be adventurous when allowing your child to pick out snack. We are really trying to stretch the children's palates and encourage healthy choices. If your child likes cheese & crackers, veggies and ranch or cereal, these are great choices. Fresh fruit is always a hit. We have all the dishes and utensils to prepare pretty much anything. Thanks again for your contributions.

Campbell's Soup

We have been informed that the Labels for Education Program will be ending in August. If you are saving labels please bring them in as soon as possible so we can get them mailed off. Thank you for all of the support in this program!



Clothes:

Please be sure to label all of your child's clothing. As we switch from winter to spring, many do not recognize what belongs to them. Thanks!

Mini Maestros

Music is a great tool for learning and we have an opportunity designed for preschoolers. Mrs. Huber will begin her Mini Maestros program on the 10th. The class immediately follows Circle Center. Mrs. Huber will sign out your child, they will have a time to have a quick snack that each child brings from home for them self. Then your child will spend the next 45 minutes exploring the basics of music and instruments. It is a great time for important skill learning. Parents may pick their child up at the end of class, 12:15. Please ask Mrs. Lisa for a brochure, with registration information.



Come & Visit

We would love to have visitors come for the morning to play concept games with the children. If you would like to join us for a morning or part of a morning, please let your child's teacher know.

Attached sheet:

➤ Math

ILLINOIS EARLY LEARNING PROJECT

Things To Do While You're Waiting:
Math

You can use waiting time to show your child that Math = Part of Life.

Math is much more than just counting, adding, and subtracting! Playing with math concepts helps children become confident mathematical thinkers. Here are some quick math questions, games, and activities to engage a child who has to wait.

[Counting

Use objects to help your child learn that each item we count corresponds to a number. "Let's put one can of beans on top of each cereal box." Ask each other questions like "How many trucks do you see?" "How many people are ahead of us in line, and how many will there be once the front person leaves?" Children also like action rhymes that involve counting.

[Sequences and patterns

Order is important in math. Notice sequences with your child: "Looks like we're the second in line!" Find simple patterns together – the colors of floor tiles or the rhythms of people walking. Invite your child to make visual patterns using small objects around you.

[Classifying

This means sorting things according to different properties. Make a game of sorting objects with your child, such as coins or laundry. Or you might suggest, "Let's find all the people with hats" or "I'll spot red cars and you spot cars in your favorite color."

[Spatial relations

This has to do with shapes and locations of objects. You can "hunt" for shapes together: squares, triangles, rectangles, and circles. Use words like "on," "under", and "inside" to describe where you see the shapes. Drawing shapes in the air can also be fun.

[Estimation and predictions

Children often like to make educated guesses. "Will our laundry fit in two washers?" "Which is higher, a stack of five pennies or five dimes?" "How can you tell?" Make a guess first, and then check to see how close your guess came.

[Measurement and time

Investigate measurement together. "How many hands tall is this jar?" "Which is heavier, your coat or your boot?" "How many steps to the car?" Your child may like timing games: "How many times can you count to 10 before we are first in line?" "How long can you stand on one leg?"