

July 2020 Newsletter

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

In the previous years, each classroom has had an End of the Year celebration event to highlight the accomplishments/activities of each group during the program year.

Due to the uncertainties this year due to Covid-19, we will not be able to gather this year to have these celebrations. Each classroom teacher will be contacting children moving on to Kindergarten to deliver their backpack and quilt if they have not already done so. We wish your child the best as they move into Kindergarten and hope that in the future you will be able to stop in and say hi to us all. We enjoy seeing children after they have left us to see how they have grown and hear about their new school experiences.

Graduates to Kindergarten

Children entering kindergarten this fall will receive a backpack and a farewell quilt. The backpacks are donated by LCCDC and the quilts are donated to each kindergartener by members of East Iowa Heirloom Quilters.



THANK YOU

I would like to extend a big thank you to our Childcare Staff who have remained available during these uncertain times.

I believe they have been a valued asset to our families and Essential workers who are not able to work from home or find alternate care for their children.

I would also like to thank our families for understanding the new check in and out procedures and guidelines we are following to keep all children healthy and safe. We do miss having you in the center and being able to talk about issues you may be having.

Please do remember that if there is anything we can help you with to give us a call.

July Events

Friday July 3-Center closed in observance of Independence Day

Field trips have been put on hold until further notice due to Covid19 but staff will continue to take children outdoors, for neighborhood walks and are also discussing some splash pad play that we will be able to walk to.

We will be talking with parents before we take children to a splash pad to obtain permission as we know some parents may not be in favor of this idea and we do want to honor your wishes.

We are working on enrollment for fall which may look completely different from previous years.

With the group size still recommended to be no more than 10 in a classroom, we will need to proceed by enrolling as many Head Start qualifying children until we hit our max of 10 per classroom.

Once we are notified that we may work with larger groups of children within the Classroom, we will begin to call more parent to enroll their children.

We apologize for not being able to give parents more information but do want to keep you informed with what information we have as we move forward towards September.

COVID 19 Exclusion Guidance for Parents

If your child has any of the following symptoms they will need to be excluded from the center:

- 1) For 10 days from the onset of symptoms,
- 2) Symptoms must be improving over the last 72 hours and
- 3) Fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications.

The symptoms include any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Cough
- Trouble breathing
- Sore Throat
- Body Aches
- Headache
- New loss of smell or taste
- Reddened, blotchy rash
- Stomach pain
- Vomiting/diarrhea

If your child has been exposed to COVID 19 or someone who has had any of the symptoms listed above, they must be out of the center for 14 days from the time of exposure and they cannot have any of the above mentioned symptoms during that 14-day time period.

If anyone has travelled internationally or been on a cruise ship within the last 14 days, they would need to self-isolate for 14 days upon return.

If your child becomes ill while at the center they will be isolated as best we can and you will be called. It is the expectation that you will pick up your child immediately. You will need to contact your child's physician so that he/she can determine if the child should be seen in the office or via a telehealth visit. If the child is diagnosed with something other than COVID 19, you will provide a doctor's note explaining the diagnosis and when the child may return to the center. Testing for COVID is recommended by CDC for any illness with children.

Linn County Child Development Center reserves the right to have the final determination as to when a child has met the COVID 19 criteria to return to the program.