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Strong Roots Begin
In Early Childhood Education

Parents --

Happy 2018 although we are well into January!

We feel it is important that you know about one of the mandates that the New York State Department of Special Education has issued related to positive behavioral supports. We are mandated to provide:

A program-wide system of positive evidence-based practices to support social-emotional competence and teach social-emotional skills

One of our department targets for this year is to utilize positive behavior interventions and supports. We are in the planning stages of implementing the Early Childhood Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (EC-PBIS) at the ECC. We have been receiving outside assistance from a preschool behavior specialist through BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services). We have an EC-Leadership Team that meets regularly to plan and develop this system. This whole process requires a lot of time, planning and training.

EC-PBIS is designed to improve the social emotional competence of young children and to reduce behavioral challenges. We must be reminded that we need to give positive feedback when students are following the behavioral expectations. Everyone responds better when there are 5 positive comments for every negative one. PBIS also gives us a common language and helps to create a positive school climate!

Pretty soon you will see some posters in our building with the Learning Matrices that will show our expectations (school-wide behavioral expectations) and rules (behaviors expected for specific settings such as the playroom, classroom and bathroom).

We would appreciate all of your support with this endeavor.

Susan

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ASL RHYMES AND RHYTHMS 101 FOR FAMILIES

WITH KAREN WINDHORN & SUSAN C. SEARLS

Wednesday,
February 28, 2018

Important

ASL Rhymes and Rhythms are an important part of our curriculum as they have many purposes and benefits for our students. These support our bilingual philosophy and practices.



Note:

5:00 - 5:30 PM
Dinner will be
provided

Note:

5:30 - 7:00 PM
Interactive
Workshop

Note:

Please RSVP by
Friday, February 16th
to Brenda Jamalkowski
using the attached form.

Childcare will be provided
for ECC students only.



Please RSVP to Brenda Jamalkowski by Friday, February 16th.

_____ Yes, we will attend the ASL Rhymes and Rhythms 101 on Wednesday, February 28th.

_____ # Attending

ECC children for childcare _____

_____ No, we will be **unable** to attend

Name