



The EBPS Shining Stars

A New Year—It's 2016!



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Dates to Remember

- Jan 4 Welcome Back!
- Jan 18 Holiday
- Jan 19 Teacher Workday
- Jan 21 Parent Mtg on
Child Abuse & Neglect
Carver & Larson class performances
- Jan 22 Daddy & Me Lunch
- Jan 26 Policy Council

With each new year, there are new things to look forward to. For some of you, you will have children going to Kindergarten! Wow! What an exciting time!

Kindergarten registration packs will be sent home soon. This pack includes a parent questionnaire, language survey, student information sheet, and a physical form. Packs need to be completed as soon as possible and returned to school. Earl Bradsher Preschool will take care of sending the packs on to the elementary school district. If your child has had a physical before August 2014, he or she will need a new physical before entering Kindergarten. All immunizations must also be completed.

Please be sure to keep us updated with your current address and phone number(s). As it is the time of year for sicknesses and inclement weather, we need to be sure to have your current numbers in order to best reach you in times of need. Also be sure to listen to local news for weather reports and closings.

Don't Forget!

*Check out our Facebook page! Like us to get exclusive information about the "happenings" at our school!





*We collect Labels for Education. Please save your Campbell's labels for our school!



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January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**** Listen to the news for weather reports and closings.					1 Happy New Year!	2
3	4 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!	5	6	7	8	9
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Parental Input

Please find listed on the back of the newsletter the proposed studies that your child's teacher is covering during the month of **January**. We would like you to share ideas for activities and field trips with us that relate to those studies. We know that a parent is a child's first teacher. Together we can ensure that children are given opportunities to develop to their maximum potential.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Title of Study: _____

Activities/Field Trip Suggestions:

Other Suggestions:

Parent's Signature Date

At-Home Activity

Activity: Friends & Music

Children love to sing about themselves and their friends. Musical activities that provide your child opportunities to see and interact with his name in print promote name recognition and an understanding of print concepts.

You may observe development as this child:

22. Observes objects and events with curiosity

26. Applies knowledge or experience to a new context

28. Compares/measure

38. Hears and discriminates the sound of language

45. Demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet

47. Uses emerging reading skills

Materials: Your child's name and family names printed on small index cards or pieces of paper and placed in a coffee can or basket, markers, sheet of paper, tape

Getting Started: Write the song "Friends" (BINGO tune) on the paper

I have a friend

Whose name is _____

We have fun together.

We laugh and play at home.

Laugh and play at home.

Laugh and play at home.

In any kind of weather.

Sing "Friends" with your child several times so that it is familiar to him. Invite your child to suggest the name of family and friends to sing about.

Guided Learning:

1. Show your child the "Friends" song on the sheet of paper. Take your child's name card out of the container. Talk with him about the letters and features of his name.
2. Explain to your child that there are several of his family members' name cards in the container.
3. Ask your child to choose a card from the container and read the name. Provide assistance as needed. Talk about the letters and features of the name chosen.
4. Insert the chosen name in the blank with tape. Sing the song together, sweeping your hand beneath the words as you sing.
5. Continue as long as your child enjoys this activity.

Closing:

Comment on how well your child is learning to recognize the names of his family members. Invite him to insert a friend's name into the song. Make an appropriate card to go with the name.

Parent At-Home Evaluation Sheet

For: _____

Child's Name

Teacher's Name

Name of Activity:

1. Did you enjoy doing this activity with your child?

Yes _____ No _____

(Comments)

2. Did your child enjoy this activity?

Yes _____ No _____

(Comments)

3. Do you feel your child understood the activity?

Yes _____ No _____

(Comments)

4. Do you feel your child needs more help in this skill area?

Yes _____ No _____

(Comments)

5. How much time did this activity take?

Note

Please write any other ideas or comments you may have about this activity that you would like to suggest for other parents.

Parent's Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
Family Service Workers are available to assist families.

Volunteers of the Month



Each month, our teachers choose a Volunteer of the Month. This volunteer is recognized on our bulletin boards by the front office and near the back door.

December

Volunteers of the Month

Mrs. Bradsher's Class— Rayna Roberson
Mrs. Carver's Class— Brandon Jones
Mrs. Clark's Class— Rayna Roberson
Mrs. Crabtree's Class—
Mrs. Kidd's Class— Tiera Chicas-Portillo
Mrs. Larson's Class—
Mrs. Long's Class— Don Terrell
Mrs. Martin's Class— Corlis Green
Mrs. Solomon's Class— Courtney Street
Miss Stewart's Class— Sheldonna Burton



A little help goes
a long way.
Thank you for the
extra steps you
have taken to
make a difference
in our school!



January Birthdays

Other News:

Atziry Arroyo-Vega
Jackson Barts
Kyndall Barts
Zacchaeus Brack
Brooklyn Bumphus
Sarina Ellis
John Gerges
Ashton Kirwan
Jessica Lacks
JaRome Mason
Tierney McDaniel
Candra Palmer
Ximena Perez-
Gonzalez
Alberto Ramirez-
Martinez

January Monthly Studies

Please find listed the proposed studies that your child's teacher is covering during the month of **January**. We would like you to share ideas for activities and field trips with us that relate to those studies on page 3 of this newsletter. Thank you!

Bradsher— Trains

Carver— New Year, Winter, MLK, Jr.

Clark— Winter/Snow

Crabtree— Winter

Kidd— Winter, Penguins, Polar Bears, Bears

Larson— Winter

Long— Welcome Winter, Arctic Animals

Martin— Clothing/Winter

Solomon— Weather

Stewart— Baby it's cold outside! We will be talking about the new year, winter, and what happens during this season.

PCC's Family Literacy Class (ACE)

The spring semester of PCC's Family Literacy—Adults and Children in Education (ACE) class will resume on January 11th at Earl Bradsher Preschool in the Training Room. Class begins at 8:30 and concludes at 2:00, Monday through Thursday, until mid May. Lunch is provided. Special speakers and presentations from Motherread and other community groups are scheduled each week. There is no enrollment fee for this class and registration and placement tests are offered on site. If one of your personal goals is to obtain your GED, this class is for you. Stop by the training room to enroll on January 11th or call April in Learning Connections with any questions.

Happy Holidays!!