

From the desk of

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It's hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of another school year. We have seen students reach milestones and conquer goals. It is magnificent to witness our mission in action and celebrate successes with our children.

Some items to note:

- Please help us celebrate our Early Childhood Educators during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10.
- ECDC graduation will be held Friday, May 17, 2024 at 10:00 am on the playground (weather permitting). Invitations will be sent out soon.
- Please remember that we will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day, and also on 6/13 & 6/14 for teacher training days.
- July 4 & 5, 2024 we will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Be blessed, Teresa



The Nursery and Transition 1 children will be learning all about: *Bugs*.

Infants and toddlers will use senses to investigate the environment to discover what objects do. They will develop spatial understandings, including an awareness of how objects can fit together.

Physical development: Students will use imitation in pretend play to express creativity and imagination.

Did you know? Children who are blind are as curious and stimulated about learning letters and words as children who are sighted. Simple alphabet books and braille blocks are as interesting, entertaining and educational to a blind child as their print counterparts are to a sighted child.



TRANSITION 2 & PRESCHOOL

Transition 2/Preschool students will discover and discuss: *Agriculture*.

Children will explore different types of seeds and plants, how to care for a garden, what farmers do (farm to table) and will end the month cooking with materials from a farm.

Did you know? Inclusive classrooms provide opportunities for children who are blind or visually impaired, as well as typically sighted, to form essential friendships. Through these connections, engagement is maximized: the friends look out for each other and are encouraged and helpful with exploring and learning.

Mark your calendar for these important events:



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- May 17: ECDC Graduation 10:00 am
- May 27: Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- June 13 & 14: Closed for teacher training days



To provide the quality of life and provide inspiration and opportunity for people who are blind or visually impaired through employment, outreach, rehabilitation, education and research.