



*From the desk of*

***Teresa Houston, ECDC Director***

Happy New Year!

Thank you for another exceptional year.

We are grateful for all of our wonderful families and the support we receive throughout the year.

Our new playground will be completed this month. We are thrilled to have a safe and developmentally appropriate play structure that is accessible to all of our children.

We will also be continuing our partnership with WSU by hosting practicum students this semester in the infant and toddler classrooms. Again, thank you for supporting our mission.



Be blessed, Teresa



## NURSERY & TRANSITION 1

The Nursery and Transition 1 students will learning about:

### ***Shapes and Sizes***

Lessons will help children develop confidence to explore and make sense of the world through simple problem solving and trial-and-error.

Cognitive focus: Students will begin to show interest in colors, shapes, patterns and pictures. They will develop spatial understanding, including an awareness of how two-and-three-dimensional objects can fit together.

*“Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child’s soul.”*

*~Friedrich Froebel*



## TRANSITION 2 & PRESCHOOL

Transition 2/Preschool students will be researching and investigating:

### ***Building and Creation***

Students will construct models of angles and arrange blocks to match blueprints. They will strengthen problem resolution by solving shape and color puzzles.

Literacy focus: Students will use a wide variety of words to label and describe people, places, things, and actions. Additionally, they will outline the information learned from stories to describe and retell details.

*“Children are not things to be molded; but people to be unfolded. “*

*~Jess Lair*

### ***Mark your calendar for these important events:***



- January 3: Students return to school
- January 16: Closed in observance of MLK Jr. Day
- February 14: Friendship Day
- February 20: Closed in observance of Presidents Day



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