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Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome everyone back and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are excited to bring you awesome new things this year. Please make sure your contact information is up to date. You can give your child's teacher the updated information.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to all parents, guardians, and friends who participated in the Christmas grab bag, as well as those who gave gifts to our staff. We really appreciate all the wonderful presents, thanks so much.

Holiday Program

Thank you to all parents who cam out and support our children at our annual Holiday program. Your participation was truly appreciated.

Pizza Party

We will have our monthly Pizza party fundraiser Friday, January 19th. As a reminder the money is due on Tuesday, January 16th. This is a no-uniform day. The cost of the pizza party is \$5.00 per child.

Tax Season

It's tax season once again! The Children's Center EIN# is 36-3726222. This number can also be found on the Children's Center receipt. Year end statements will be emailed out by January 8th. Please do not call the school requesting these numbers. You will receive a detail email on how to access your year-end-statement through the myprocare.com website.



Get Your Tickets Now!

Help us create a night to remember for your special Princess. Friday, February 16, 2018, the Children's Center, Inc. will be hosting their 3rd Daddy/Daughter dance. Filled with fun, food and prizes, this is an event that you don't want to miss. Tickets are **\$20 per family** and can be purchased in the main office. Please see the office if you have additional questions.



Due to budget cuts and low enrollment, effective September 1, 2018 the Children's Center, Academy will no longer service full day 1st—3rd grade. We will assist parents in finding a school suitable for your child to attend. We will continue to offer FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN, Before and After School and full day services during the summer months and when school is out, to children up to age 12.

Make the Connection!

ChildrensCenterChicago.org

Keep up with important school information, deadlines, school closings and more!

CHILDREN'S CENTER PLEDGE

I am a Children's Center scholar.
I pledge to do my best.
I pledge to show the world that my destiny is success.

I pledge to be responsible for every task given to me.

I pledge to be respectful and carry myself with dignity.

I pledge to take pride in everything I do and to be a reflection of the school's

motto so that I may empower others, too.

Be Respectful, Be Responsible Be Your BEST!



The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

What's Happening Next....

January 2018

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Date	Event
8	School reopens (6:00am)
15	SCHOOL CLOSED—In ob- servance of Dr. Martin L King Birthday!
16	Pizza Party Money Due! \$5.00
18	Staff development: Early Pick-up 4:00pm
19	Pizza Party
25	Parent Meeting beginning at 5pm. Refreshments will be served.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Make Your House Healthy and Safe

Young children spend up to 90% of their time indoors which is why a healthy home environment is so critical and yet many hazards are not obvious.

Guard Against Scalding

You probably know that your young child can drown in the bathtub, but your child is just as likely to get seriously burned. A baby or toddler who is exposed to 140 degrees F water can be scalded in less than five seconds, so make sure your hot-water heater is set to 120 degrees F and always test the water temperature yourself before placing your child in the bathtub.

Be Prepared for Fire

Kids ages 5 years and younger are twice more likely to die in a residential fire than older children or adults because it's harder for them to escape on their own. It's critical to have a smoke alarm on every floor including the basement as well as outside and inside every bedroom. Remember to test them monthly. You should also have one multipurpose fire extinguisher for every 600 square feet of living space.

Ban Bugs Safely

Mice, cockroaches, ants, and other pests are annoying, but they're usually not nearly as big a health threat as the toxins that get rid of them. Pesticides contaminate the air children breath and the floor they play on and increase the risk of developing neurological problems and cancer. Sealing off crevices in your floors and walls, weather-stripping doors and windows, and keeping your kitchen clean and free of

food particles. If you use pesticides, buy the smallest amount needed and choose gels or baits instead of sprays.

NUTRITION:

Is Your Child Over-Caffeinated?

Help your child limit caffeine. If your child acts jittery or anxious, or has trouble sleeping, reducing caffeine intake is a smart idea. Because coffee, tea, and soft drinks contribute more caffeine to the diet than other foods and beverages, limiting these beverages is a good place to start. If it's energy your child is seeking, getting to bed earlier or taking s short nap is more productive than consuming caffeine which offers perk for a short time but then may interfere with sleep later that evening.

EDUCATION:

Getting the Most Out of Parent-**Teacher Conferences**

Recommendation:

Have an open-mind

If your child is having problems, whether it is academic, behavioral, or social, you and your child's teacher both want the same, a positive outcome

Do ask questions, but also listen. The conference is an important time to work together for an honest assessment of your child's progress and developing a realistic action

Job/Training Opportunities

Local Driving (J.B. Hunt) \$52,000/ year Paid salary while attending CDL school Call 1.800.207.6097 Train & hire military personnel, veterans

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Offers FREE Job Training, Placement for those looking for a new career www.workforceboard.org

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Children's Center is pleased to offer MyProcare, a free online portal for you to access account information and easily pay tuition. MyProcare is safe, secu created with your convenience in Log on to MyProcare.com to get today.

Black History Facts 365

January 6, 2003

Mamie Till Mobley, mother of lynched Emmett Till dies at age 81. Her insistence that her son's casket remain open helped spur the civil rights movement.

January 13,2002

Charity Earley, first black commissioned officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and commander of the only battalion of black women who served overseas during WWII, died.

College Facts 365

Public universities are probably the best value. When you look at college prices, the public universities are the most affordable, especially if you choose one in your home state (you get an in-state discount of up to 50%). Private schools (in-state and out-of-state) cost roughly twice public schools. They advertise their small class sizes and loyal alumni network. It's up to you to decide if those features are worth the extra expense.

Happy Birthday

Serenity Austin Danaysha Dixon Aria Gladney Jocelyn Hill Amiya A Judkins

Haidyn Marshall Ahzaria McMillion Kaleb Morris Keymya Morrow Mariah Rowry

Maceo Smith Laila Summers **Braelon J White**

Staff Birthday's

Mr. Cade - 1/9 Ms. Marissa —1/10 Ms. Jazmine—1/20

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