



Delphos City Preschool Post

DEAR FAMILIES

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to starting off the new year.

Second quarter ends on Wednesday, January 11th. Progress reports will be sent home the week of January 17th.

Important upcoming dates are listed below

Mon., Jan. 16th - No School

Tues., Feb. 7th - 2 hour delay for district wide teacher inservice - latchkey will start at 9:30 am and doors will open at 10:40 am

Fri., Feb. 17th - No School (this is Tues/Thurs group day) for district wide teacher inservice - this is a change to the district calendar

Mon., Feb. 20th - No School

ACADEMICS

The teachers have been sharing activities in each child's folder weekly. *These activities are not mandatory*, but are being given so you can see what the students are learning each week in class. If your child would like to complete the worksheets or part of the worksheets, please return them in your child's folder the following week. Again, these activities are not mandatory!

Step Up to Quality Rating

We are extremely excited as a program to have received a 5-Star Step Up to Quality Rating from the Ohio Department of Education. Additional information about the 5-Star Rating and what it means for your child is attached to the newsletter.

Attached Information

Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet from the National Association of Elementary School Principals on how to "Combat Cold & Flu."

Upcoming Dates

Fri., Jan. 6th - Tues/Thurs day

Wed., Jan. 11th - second quarter ends

Fri., Jan. 13th - Mon/Wed day

Mon., Jan. 16th - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Fri., Jan. 20th - Tues/Thurs day

Fri., Jan. 27th - Mon/Wed day

Fri., Feb. 3rd - Tues/Thurs day

Tues., Feb. 7th - 2 hour delay - district teacher inservice - latchkey will start at 9:30 am and doors will open at 10:40 am

Fri., Feb. 10th - Mon/Wed day

Fri., Feb. 17th - No School (this would have been a Tues/Thurs group day) - district wide teacher inservice - this is a change to the district and preschool calendar

Mon., Feb. 20th - No School - President's Day

Fri., Feb. 24th - Mon/Wed Day

Latchkey

A reminder latchkey morning hours are from 7:30 am to 8:40 am and afternoon hours are from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If a child is not picked up by 2:10 a latchkey fee of \$3.75 will be charged.

Reminder to pull up so preschoolers and staff members do not have to walk through the grass to unload and load cars. Thanks!

Morning Doors

Reminder doors open in the morning at 8:40 am. If a preschooler arrives before 8:40 am a latchkey fee of \$3.75 for the morning will be charged.

Delphos City Schools Preschool Positive Behavior Expectations



Below is a great example of the students learning how to Be Kind and taking turns.



Below are great examples of Be Safe and using gentle hands.



Preschool Activities

Miss Collin's class enjoyed making ornaments.



Miss Losh's class enjoyed Polar Express activities.





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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Your child is enrolled, or you may be considering enrolling your child, in a learning and development program with a level of quality that exceeds Ohio's child care licensing standards.

High-quality learning and development programs are important because early experiences last a lifetime. Your child has approximately 1,892 days from the time he or she is born until kindergarten. What happens on this journey lays the foundation for success in school and life.

A Step Up To Quality **Five-Star** rating means your child is in a program that has demonstrated the highest level of quality. Below are some of the ways a program can provide increased quality at the five star level.

- **There are more staff members per child** - Teachers have more time to support your child's individual development and learning. This is important because 90 percent of brain development occurs by the time your child is 6 years old.
- **The administrator and teachers have higher educational qualifications** - The administrator and most teachers have a bachelor's or master's degree and many years' experience working with young children. These qualifications benefit your child's development and learning.
- **The administrator and teachers complete more than 20 hours of specialized training every two years** - The administrator and teaching staff are committed to expanding their education and skills to better support your child's development and learning.
- **Teachers develop lesson plans that support each child's growth** - Teachers plan intentional and purposeful activities and experiences that meet the needs, interests and abilities of children. These activities and experiences support them and their development.
- **Program staff completes assessments to evaluate and improve the learning experience** - Assessments with your child help keep track of his or her growth over time. This lets teachers adjust how they offer experiences to your child daily.
- **Families and the community are valued** - Programs work with families and neighborhood organizations to provide more opportunities for children
- **The program provides at least three of the following to staff:** health insurance, paid leave, tuition reimbursement, discount on child care, paid professional development, retirement, flexible spending account, one hour of paid planning time weekly, paid holidays or life insurance.

The program supports and values employees and retains good teachers.

To stay current with information regarding early learning and development programs in your area and statewide, visit www.earlychildhoodohio.org

Report to **PARENTS**

Combat Cold & Flu

Get Your Flu Vaccination

One of the best ways to help slow the spread of seasonal, germ-causing illnesses is to receive immunizations, like the flu shot. The CDC recommends anyone above the age of six months receive a flu vaccine every year.¹

Wash Your Hands

Wherever the winter months may bring you, always be sure to wash your hands thoroughly and often. Taking the recommended twenty seconds to wash your hands with soap and water is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others!²



Support the Kinsa FLUency Program

Encourage your child's school to apply for the Kinsa FLUency program, an early detection program for illness in schools across the country. While

cold and flu begin to peak during this time of year, participating schools will receive free Lysol Disinfecting Wipes and Kinsa smart thermometers that help notify school nurses and officials, as well as parents, of illness levels and trends within the community.

Content courtesy of NAESP Partner Lysol.

Stay Home if Sick

If your child is exhibiting any cold or flu symptoms, it is recommended to stay home from school. The same goes for staying home from work or running errands if you are sick yourself! This will help prevent you from spreading your illness to others.²

¹ CDC.org, "[Who Needs a Flu Vaccine](#)"

² CDC.org, "[Healthy Habits to Help Protect Against Flu](#)"