



WELCOME FAMILIES!

Parent Information Night

2018-2019 School Year

BACK TO SCHOOL

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fH1hsCFjJk>



HANDBOOK UPDATES

- **Attendance-** please call your child off school each day that they are not in attendance.
- **Extended Care** if you are participating in this program please review this section carefully.
- **Snack/Lunch-** all food is parent provided please review this section for healthy snack/lunch suggestions. No peanut products.





TRANSPORTATION

- We use printed car tags
- You will be given two car tags initially for your cars at Open House. If you need additional tags let your child's teacher know.
- If you lose these tags a \$10.00 fee will be assessed for new tags.
- Tags will be returned at the end of the school year.
- Please review the transportation procedures prior to the first day.
- Adhere to all staff directions during drop off and pick up, particularly the staff member that is directing traffic.
- Avoid being on your cell phones during drop-off and pick up times.
- Be patient the first few days of school we are doing our best 😊



HEALTH INFORMATION



- In your Open House Folder there is Health Information/Resources packet
- Updates from Jillian Spriestersbach our school nurse.



PTO AND VOLUNTEERING



- In your Blue Folder there is a volunteer sign-up for opportunities to assist in your child's classroom as well as a PTO sign-up.
- PTO sign-up contact information is key!
- Some of the PTO events parents assist with are, stuffing treat bags for Halloween parade, donating food for teacher conference dinners, volunteer to run a station during Earth week, volunteer to oversee a game during field day.
- **Fundraising**- We have two main sales during the school year Mama Jo's pies in November and Malley's Chocolates in March prior to Spring Break.
- The money raised through these sales is used to enhance the program. In previous years the money was used for a Bounce House, Enrichment programming such as the Bubble Lady, Jungle Terry, and Pony rides. This year our focus will be continuing to develop our Nature Classroom.
- There are many ways to assist the program your participation is key!!



CURRICULUM



- Foundations, Literacy curriculum
- Touch Math, Numeracy curriculum
- Houghton Mifflin, The overarching curriculum
- The speech pathologists and occupational therapist will collaborate with the teachers to provide instruction to all students once a week.
- The Early Learning Assessment is aligned with the standards based report card we have developed. All students will be assessed using the ELA three times during the school year.
- All teachers use a differentiated instructional model. They evaluate each child's skills and then scaffold the curriculum in order to assist the child to move to the next developmental step. If the student is showing the capability to move through curriculum at a faster rate the instructional pace will be adjusted. If a student is in need of additional repetition or interventions in a particular areas those will be provided as well.





SCHOOL INITIATIVES

- The Related Service team members (Speech pathologists and Occupational therapist) will be planning with the teachers to provide instruction in the classroom weekly to all students.
- We have been selected as one of two preschool programs in northeast Ohio that will implement a Positive Behavior Intervention and support Program school-wide (PBIS) with the support of the State Support Team Region Two we are in our first year of implementation.





WHAT IS PBIS AT OUR SCHOOL

- We will be following Ohio's Early Learning Standards for Social & Emotional Growth and teaching specific, developmentally appropriate emotional and social skills to our students. We have also adopted a unified set of classroom expectations and rules. These rules define our expectations for behavior in our school. You will see these rules posted throughout the school and your child will be learning them during his or her first days at school. Our unified classroom rules, found in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school, are as follows:



OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- Be Safe
- Be a Learner
- Be a Friend



TRANSITION INTO SCHOOL



- In your Blue Folder there are tips to assist you in transitioning your child into school.
- The Open House night is a great opportunity to meet the teacher, assistant teacher and other families that will be in your child's classroom.
- You are welcome to walk your child into school on the first day.
- Please share any concerns you have about the transition with your child's teacher.



WAYS TO ACCESS INFORMATION

- Our website is <http://elcofloraincounty.org/>
- There is wealth of information on the website such as the school calendar, calendar of events supply list, and classroom information and program updates.
- We have a Facebook page Early Learning Center of Lorain County



REMIND SYSTEM

- The **Remind System**, information to sign-up is located in your Blue folder
- Remind is used to notify parents if the school is closed for dangerous weather and event updates.
- If the Keystone School District is closed for snow the Lorain County Early Learning Center will close. The principal sends out message through the Remind system then calls all the TV stations. The closing will be listed under the Lorain County Early Learning Center
- To sign up for Remind download the app and enter @elcpar or visit the link
- www.REMIND.COM/JOIN/ELCPAR



COMMUNICATION



- All students have a folder that has weekly notes home in calendar format. Weekly updates, events and classroom specific information are included on this calendar.
- Teachers will write in the folder a minimum of twice a week with information specific to your child.
- Related service members (Speech path, OT) will include information in this folder as well.
- All teachers send home a monthly newsletter that indicates what the students are studying about and specific activities that they will participate in.
- Remember that the teachers main priority is the safety and instruction of the students, certain days it may be difficult for the teachers to write in the notes folder.
- Teachers are available through phone calls and emails. Both phone calls and emails will be returned during the lunch hour or before and after school in order protect the instructional time for all students.
- If you are in need of immediate assistance please call the office.
- If you are in need of additional communication or need a different form of communication please let the teacher know as soon as possible.
- If something happens during the course of the school year that you have questions about please let the teacher or principal know as soon as possible. We as a staff want to support you throughout the school year. If we do not know of the difficulty you are having we can not work to resolve it.



NATURE CLASSROOM

We are excited to open our nature classroom this school year!

Students will be able to have all of their classroom activities within this space outside.

You are welcome to go check out the space.

You can get to the classroom this way, at the end of the first hallway there are set of double doors follow the stepping stones to the classroom.



QUESTIONS

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=oEC1zKAWDA

