

Greetings Early Childhood Families,

First, we want to thank you again for your partnership with us as we navigate this school year and the unforeseen challenges that we must face due to covid-19. In light of the governor's recent "pause" and the continued rising cases in Rice County, the early childhood administration team has decided to enact a period of distance learning for preschool classes. Please know we feel strongly that our students learn best in person and will plan to resume in person learning at the beginning of January. Please carefully read through the details of our plan below.

- **Monday, November 30th is a pivot day** for all early childhood classes, with the exception of Nicole Farley, Kate Steinberg, and Erica Triebenbach's special education classes. These three classes will remain in person, as scheduled. All other preschool classes at Roosevelt, Jefferson, and McKinley will not meet or engage in learning activities this day, as it is designed for teachers and staff to prepare for the rest of the distance learning period.
- **Tuesday, December 1st is our first distance learning day.** Teachers and staff will share a weekly learning grid for all families. Materials that correspond with learning activities will be sent home ahead of time, with the possibility of a future distribution day.
- **We are here to help make learning meaningful and engaging.** It is our priority to make sure all of our families are connected with the classroom teacher(s) and/or cultural liaisons that work within early childhood to keep your child's overall health and development in the center of our work. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and liaisons will work with you to help guide your student one on one, as a group in a synchronous or

asynchronous format, and other ways that meet your needs as a family. If you need access to a device, please contact your child's teacher.

- **Tier One Care for preschool students will be held at McKinley Early Childhood Center.** Tiffany Reuvers, Kids World Coordinator, will be arranging childcare for qualifying families. Sign-up information will be shared with families within the next week.
- **Early Childhood Screening** sign-ups are available through December 21, 2020 and will resume January 4, 2021. Sign-ups remain open and we will monitor any changes needed as a team. For now, screening will continue to operate in the safe manner it has been since resuming.
- Likewise, **ECFE** will finish out the Fall session in person, and will plan to resume ECFE Winter session in January.
- **Our distance learning period will end on December 22, 2020.** These sixteen days of distance learning will hopefully help our community support the "pause" and drop the rapid spread of COVID-19.

In partnership,

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