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Help Your Child Succeed In School

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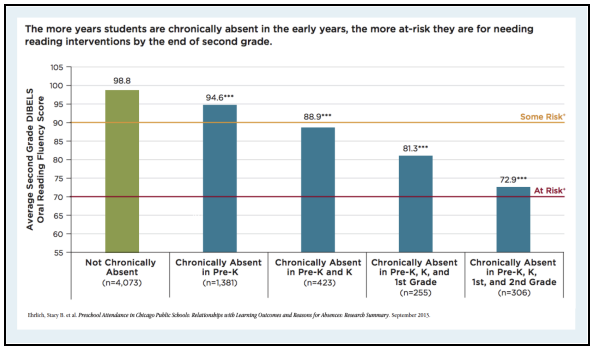

The best way to help your child succeed in school is to ensure your child attends school regularly. Daily school attendance in preschool contributes to a child's ability to read fluently by third grade. When children are in school, they can engage, participate and take an active role in the learning process. When children are absent from school, they miss out on social relationships and key learning experiences that take place. Research has shown that when children are absent more than 9 days per year, it has a negative impact on their ability to learn and be at grade level compared to their peers who attend school regularly.

There are eleven more days of school before the last day of school on Friday, June 21st. In order for your child to attend school regularly, make sure that your child is healthy and eating a well balanced diet including fruits, vegetables, milk, and water. Furthermore, young children need to sleep between twelve to fourteen hours per day. It is important to start the sleep routine early enough in the evening so that your child wakes up rested and ready to start the day.

The Attendance Challenge in the month of June continues. Do everything in your power to make sure your child is healthy and attends school daily.

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Experience and Training of Program Staff

By Nellie Ríos-Parra, Director of State Preschool & Dolores Torres, State Preschool Teacher



We invite you to get to know our staff. Each week we feature a staff member in this section titled, *Experience and Training of Program Staff*. This week we are highlighting one of our State Preschool Teachers, Ms. Dolores Torres. She began teaching in the Lennox School District, State

Preschool Program as a State Preschool Associate Teacher in October 2007.

Dolores Torres' passion for teaching and serving the Lennox community originated in her childhood when she would pretend to be a teacher and instruct her friends. Her career in education started as an Instructional Aide in the Hawthorne Unified School District and simultaneously as an Assistant in the School Readiness Center in the Lennox School District. Shortly after, she was hired as a full-time School Readiness Teacher. In 2007, she was hired as an Associate State Preschool Teacher for the Lennox State Preschool Program and now serves as a State Preschool Teacher at Buford State Preschool.

Ms. Torres has served the Lennox community for over 20 years. She has participated in several local and regional teacher education conferences as a presenter in which she shared her knowledge about how children learn and early childhood education. Her work with children's mathematics has been featured in two research books focused on helping teachers instruct mathematics. Ms. Torres is part of the Cognitive Guided Instruction (CGI) work done with researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles. Her work can be seen in a video, Math In Informal Spaces available through the Teaching Channel, here is the link; https://learn.teachingchannel.com Other videos of her work with children in the classroom are available on the Development and Research in Early Math Education (D.R.E.M.E) website, https://dreme.stanford.edu/ .

UPCOMING EVENTS

The last distribution of Read With Me Backpacks and books is on Thursday, June 6th.
RETURN ALL READ WITH ME materials to the classroom on Tuesday, June 11th.
We are looking for Parent Volunteers to help us process the materials.
See the Site Supervisor if you are available to assist. Thank you.



Thursday, June 6, 8:30-9:30 AM - Parent Workshop at the District Office Professional Development Center: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call 310-680-3500 to reserve your space.

Thursday, June 6 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at WSP

Thursday, June 6 - Last day of read with me backpack distribution

Tuesday, June 11 - RETURN ALL Read With Me backpacks and books.



Tuesday, June 11 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Secretary Betsy McLaurin!

Wednesday, June 12, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting in person, please RSVP.

Sunday, June 16 - Happy Father's Day!



Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21 - End of the year Spirit Week

Monday, June 17 - Wear future career profession clothes.

Tuesday, June 18 - Wear Juneteenth attire.

Tuesday, June 18 - Board Meeting at 6 PM

Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth, No class, Preschool Office will be closed.

Thursday, June 20 - Wear your favorite university gear.

Thursday, June 20 - Presentation of Certificates at BSP, FSP, JSP, and WSP at 10:00 AM for the morning session, and at 2:00 PM for the afternoon session. Tickets (2 per student) will be given out for this ADULT ONLY event that must be presented to enter the site/classroom and these will be distributed the week of the event.

Friday, June 21 - Wear Hawaiian clothes.

Friday, June 21 - Presentation of Certificates at MSP at 10:00 AM for the morning session, and at 2:00 PM for the afternoon session. Tickets (2 per student) will be given out for this ADULT ONLY event that must be presented to enter the site/classroom and these will be distributed the week of the event.

Friday, June 21 - Last day of school, have a great summer break! TAKE home all of your child's personal belongings. Anything left behind will be promptly disposed of.

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