

APS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

October 2026

Welcome to the Community Learning Center!

Dear Families/Caregivers:

We look forward to seeing all of you on October 1 between 5:00 - 6:30 for our Fall Family Event, a Transportation Fair! School staff will be on hand to connect with your families and support some fun transportation themed activities.

We hope that the communication strategies that teachers are using to communicate with you (phone, email, See Saw, Talking Points, face to face) are working well. We spent time on September 28th learning from each other about how to improve our communication with families. Please let your child's teacher know how you like receiving information from them.

If you have an urgent message that needs to reach your child's teacher during the school day, please call Ms. Dayna in the office at 507.460.1700. She will make sure the message is relayed to the teacher. Our classroom staff are fully engaged with your children during class time and may not see a message or email in a timely fashion!

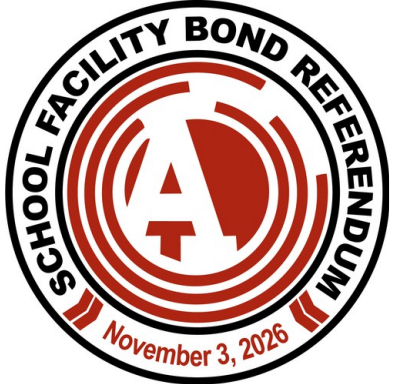
Thank you for choosing the CLC! We are so glad you are here!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawhead
Austin Public Schools
Community Education Director

Check Your Mailbox for Referendum Information

Austin Public Schools households should have received a brochure in the mail with information about the November 3 bond referendum. The brochure outlines the proposed projects and explains how the funding would be used across our schools.



These proposed improvements focus on student learning, safety, accessibility, aging infrastructure, and learning spaces that will serve students and our community for years to come.
We encourage everyone to review the information, learn about the proposed projects, and vote informed on November 3.
https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/district-resources/referendum-2026

Strategic Priorities Update

1. Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment.

A Great Preschool Day Starts on Time!

Arriving on time each day helps your child start their preschool experience feeling confident, connected, and ready to learn. Morning routines, greetings, circle time, and classroom activities are carefully planned to build important social, emotional, and academic skills. When children arrive late, they may miss valuable learning opportunities and have a harder time settling into the day's rhythm.
Thank you for helping your child arrive on time each day so they can fully participate, build relationships with classmates, and enjoy every moment of discovery, growth, and fun that preschool has to offer. Together, we can help every child have the best possible start to their day!



2. Packer Profile for all learners

Please see below for opportunities for children in the community.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FIELD TRIP



Join us for a fun filled day at the Minnesota Children's Museum in St. Paul!
Charter Bus transportation to and from the museum is included in the cost!

Depart Woodson at 8:00 AM (please arrive by 7:50)
Arrive back at Woodson at approximately 3:30 PM

Time at the Museum will be 10-1:30. Please pack a lunch or plan to purchase something there.
Date: Wednesday, October 14th
Ages: Birth-6
Cost: $20 per family
To register - Call our office at 507-460-1700



FRIENDS OF THE NATURE CENTER

4TH ANNUAL 8K RACE



CTOBER

10, 2026

8K RACE &
1 MILE FUN RUN

Don't forget your costume!

PRE-REGISTER OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 7TH

Day of Registration/Check In: 8:00am
8K Race begins at 9:00am
1 Mile Fun Run begins at 9:15am
8K Race : $30/Runner, includes Beanie & Chip Timing
1 Mile Fun Run : $5/Runner, Beanie Available for Purchase
Costume Contest and Race Winners Receive a Prize!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FRIENDS OF THE HORMEL NATURE CENTER THAT SUPPORT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF GREATEST NEED.

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3. District-wide multi-tiered systems of support.

MTSS is a framework schools use to make sure every student gets the right level of help to succeed—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Curriculum Information

We have a theme for each month (or so) in preschool. Our songs, stories, activities, and learning all center around this theme. Each month the upcoming theme will be shared with you along with the essential question and vocabulary words for the unit. We will also provide a link to a Spotify playlist with the songs we are singing in class.

The theme for the month of October is Community Helpers/Transportation. The essential question for theses units are "Who helps us in our community? How do vehicles help community helpers do their jobs?"

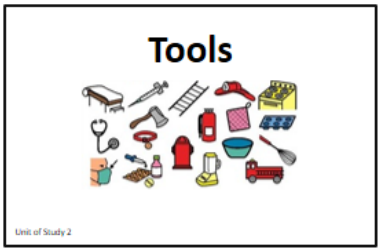
Our vocabulary words for this month are:

- Community
- Helper
- Tools
- Uniform
- Transportation
- Travel
- Technology
- Motor

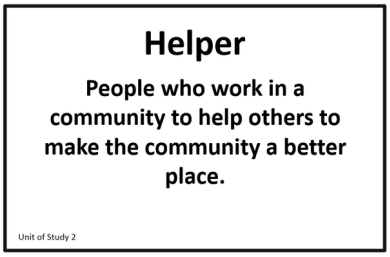
- Paddles
- Map
- Fast/Slow





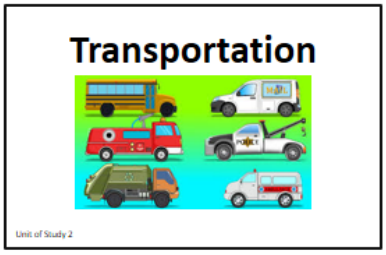




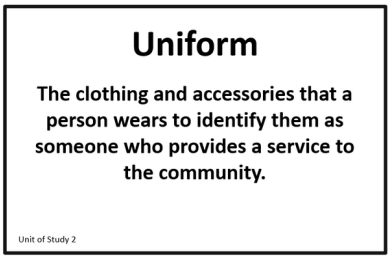


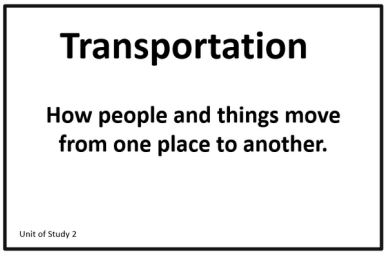


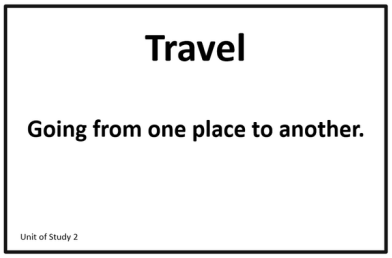




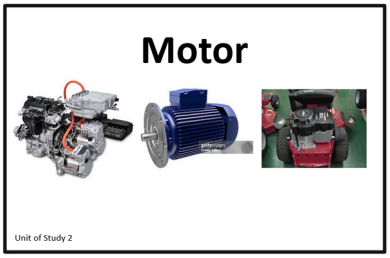




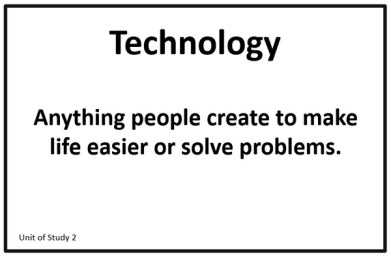


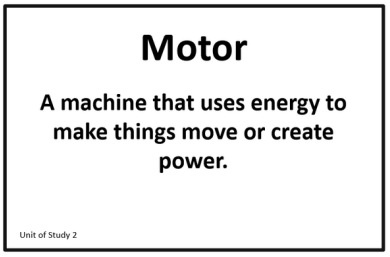


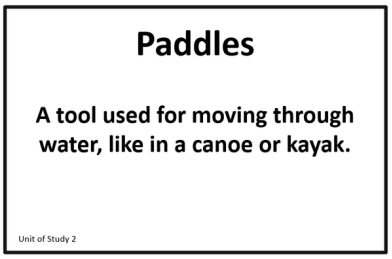


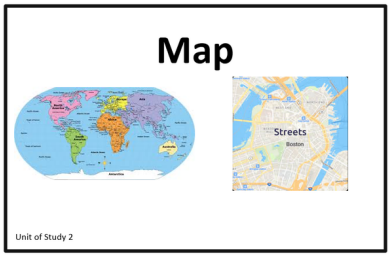


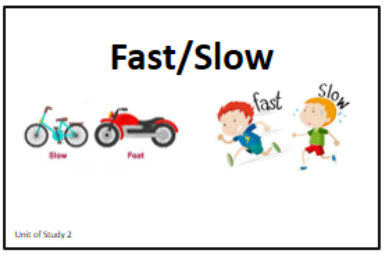


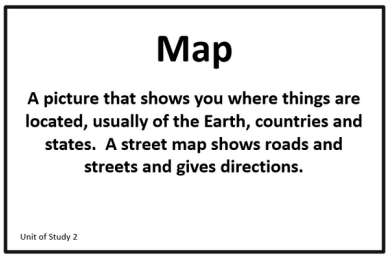


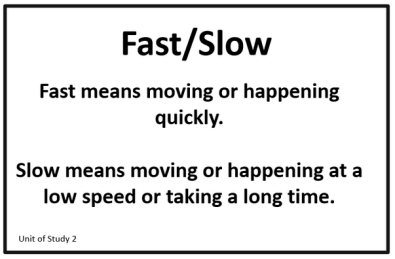














Community Helpers / Transportation

open.spotify.com

4. Excellence in resource management.

The school district will supply all necessary school supplies this year. Please provide a backpack for your children and send them to school in shoes that they can run and play in at the gym. There is also a $5 school activity fee that you can pay through the parent portal or in the school office.

Information Requested

If you are new to the Austin area (or your children were not born in Austin) please fill out the following form so that your child/ren can be added to our district census. This is especially important for siblings who are not enrolled yet in school!

Information is requested if your child is **age 6 or younger**.

The census is used to send out important information about Early Childhood Screening and Kindergarten.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Learning Center at 507-460-1700.

Census Information – Fill out form

To learn more about the Packer Profile and the district's long-term strategic plan, please visit AccelerateAustin.org.

Know



Important Dates

October 1
Transportation Fair from 5:00- 6:30

October 14-15
No School - Teacher Convention

November 3
No School - Teacher Professional Learning

November 25-26
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Attendance Information

Please click link to read more about new attendance practices in Austin.
Campus Parent - Absence Request

Do

Please let us know how we can be of service to your family. Call, email, or stop by and let us know how we can serve you better.

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