

Center for Early Childhood Education

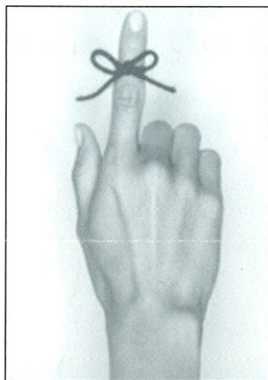
Newsletter

Our Mission: To help all children in Howard County to be successful when they enter school.

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Remember Please

The mission of the Center for Early Childhood Education is to help YOU, the parent, or childcare provider, to be the very best First TEACHER of that child. The things we do at the center are to assist YOU— but YOU must be involved WITH the child. When we share a Totes for Tots tote with YOU, we know that the child will need YOU to read the books, play the games, expand the child's knowledge, vocabulary, concepts by talking with the child as they use the materials in the tote.



When YOU bring your child to the Activity Center to use the books, materials, and games, we want YOU to be engaged with your child in the activities, helping the child use the materials, talking with the child about what materials to use, how to go about making something, the proper way to treat materials and books. PLEASE USE YOUR CELL PHONE FOR EMERGENCY calls only. Please help your child put away the materials so the tables and materials will be in nice order for the next family.

Housekeeping Tips

We like to do things here at the Center to help you with ideas to try at home. We have put some new shelves in our Activity Room and labeled bins and shelves with pictures of what is to be placed on the shelf or in the bin. If you will ask your child to put the toy back in the right place before getting another one, that will help us to keep the room in nicer condition for the next family to visit, and it will help your child develop a habit to put his/her toys and books away at home which will help you. Please check the easel before your child begins to paint to be sure it has paper on it. We will try to always have a stack of easel paper ready for you to use. After they have finished painting, please have your



child put the brush or roller in the pan of water located by the paint, or if your child is old enough to reach the sink, help him/her rinse it out in the bathroom sink. We want the room to always look nice for the next family that comes to play, and hope you can help us keep it that way.



Organization is a very important skill for your child to learn at a young age. Not only will it help you when your child keeps his/her room "picked up", but it will also help the child in kindergarten to be in the habit of putting things away properly in the room and in the child's desk.

Kindergarten Immunizations

Prior to starting kindergarten, your child will be required to get booster shots. The American Academy of Pediatrics schedule of immunizations states that children ages 4 to 6 need the following vaccines: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP); Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV); Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); Varicella (Chicken Pox); Influenza (flu) yearly; and in certain high risk groups Pneumococcal (Pneumonia), Hepatitis A, and

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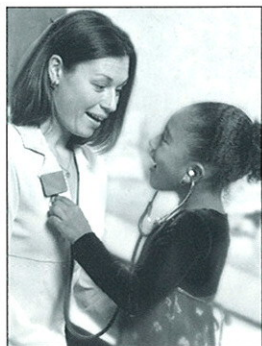
Little Learners Child Care

Did you know that the Little Learners Child Care program on the IU Kokomo campus is open to the public? The program serves toddlers (ages 1-2) and preschool children (ages 3-6). Call (765) 455-9306 or e-mail childcare@iuk.edu for more information.



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Meningococcal (MCV). These requirements will vary, so your health care provider will tell you specifically which vaccines your child will need prior to starting school.



The Howard County Health Department offers immunizations for various costs. You can learn more information about their program by calling (765) 456-2498, or by checking their Web site: <http://co.howard.in.us/health/nursing/HCHD%20Immunizations.pdf>

For more information:

Visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at http://www.aap.org/sections/infectdis/IZSchedule_Childhood.pdf
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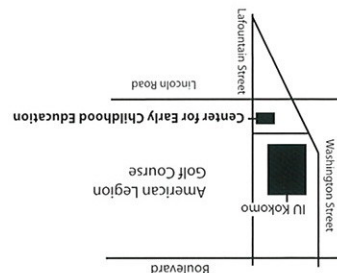
If you have a child starting kindergarten this fall, be sure you have enrolled in the school he/she will be attending. If you did not get our June and July calendar of things to do each day before entering kindergarten, please give us a call, 455-9466.



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