Thompson School District
Early Childhood Program Newsletter

April 2020
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Important Dates

No In-Person Learning
Monday, March 30th - Thursday, April 30th

Remote Learning Will Occur During these Times
Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are doing well during this time.

As we embark on this new journey of distance learning in preschool, we wanted to let you know that your teachers have been working hard to create a platform that will work for their students and families. That being said, we as a district have continued to allow them to choose and customize learning that best meets the needs of everyone. Some of our teachers have chosen to create a website or use Google Classroom and others will be sharing lesson plans and activities in other ways. Rest assured that teachers will be meeting district and state requirements for instruction for preschool students, but it will look different from teacher to teacher. We look forward to partnering with you in this important work!

Here is a summary of what you can expect over the next few weeks. Please note that this may change, but we will make every effort to keep you updated.

**Weeks of April 6 - April 17**

- Teachers provide lessons and activities that reinforce content previously taught.
  - Early Childhood students will receive at least three lessons/activities each week in literacy and mathematics. In addition, there will also be social-emotional learning.

**Weeks: April 20 – end of school year**

- April 20 - no school for students; Teachers collaborate and plan for delivery of new content for students.
- April 21 and beyond - Teachers and students will continue to engage in content in each course to provide students with what they need to be ready for the next grade.

New instructional packets available for Early Childhood through 8th grade will be available each Monday at district food distribution sites.

**Stansberry Early Childhood Center.** Phase 2 at the Early Childhood Center at Stansberry has started and will continue through the summer with completion in August of 2020. The construction team has made good progress and anticipate the center being completed on time.

Take care and be well,
Social Emotional

It’s hard to believe that it’s already April. Did you know that April is the Month of the Young Child? We know how important it is to prepare our young children for the world. One skill that children need as they make their way is the ability to solve problems; especially when it comes to their interactions with others. Here are some skills you can teach your child to use with friends and siblings at home.

Pictures can also be found on the Head Start website under “Problem Solving”

http://headstartinclusion.org/teacher-tools#problem

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Health/Wellness

Healthy Habits

Here are some health practices that we can all follow to keep ourselves safe, our families safe and our community safe!

Take a proactive approach to curbing the spread of such illnesses by practicing and encouraging our children to practice frequent hand washing. Good hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent illness. Wash your hands often with both soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Children (and adults too) should be encouraged to cough or sneeze into their elbow area/sleeve, not their hands. Germs on fabric/clothing quickly die, while germs on hand that are not immediately washed, are easily spread to others. If you use a tissue, make sure that you promptly throw away the used tissue and wash your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently used objects and surfaces. This helps to eliminate germs on things that you may touch. Stay home when you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are coughing and/or have a fever. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

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In 2010, kids under age 5 were undercounted in the census at a higher rate than any other age group. For every child who is not counted, thousands of dollars will not be distributed to Larimer County. These dollars are critical for programs such as school funding, Head Start, special education grants, child care, foster care, Medicaid and more.

The Census is 10 simple questions in 10 minutes. There will be NO questions about citizenship status on the 2020 Census.

You can complete the census:
- Online
- By Phone
- By Paper Form via Mail
- In Person via a 2020 Census Enumerator

For more information on the 2020 census, visit www.togetherwecount.org

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