

# Welcome to Jefferson Early Childhood Center!



Hello friends and families! It's hard to believe another school year is already here! I will be your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year! I look forward to meeting our new friends as well as welcoming our returning friends to our program! It is such an honor to educate your child as they begin their educational experience at Jefferson!

Jefferson Early Childhood Center uses the Creative Curriculum as the framework for the Preschool program. We also develop "Units of Study" that thematically compliment the children, culture and community of District 200.

Our philosophy embraces family involvement through the school, PTA and family enrichment activities. We conclude through our experience, that the greatest benefits are derived when parents and teachers work as partners to guide the children in their growth, development and education. The mutual involvement of those people most important to the child is the parent and teacher. They are the key to a meaningful experience for the development of the total child.

Parent-teacher communication is very important and can be done through email, notebooks, or phone calls. Weekly newsletters will be sent home every Friday and highlight what we did along with upcoming events. This is a great way to talk to your child about what is happening in the classroom.

## Open House:

We will be having an open house on August 21<sup>st</sup>. For the AM class the time to come and visit will be from 9:30-10:00 a.m. and the PM session will be from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Please bring your child to meet teachers, specialists, and assistants, see the classroom, and drop off your child's supplies. Siblings are welcome to attend.

## First Day of School:

The first day of school will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each day will be divided among structured and non-structured activities. Please be sure to send in a labeled set of clothes to keep at school in case of accidents. Our day will consist of arrival/welcome, story, worktime (centers), gross motor time, circle, and music and movement time. Early learning and development are multidimensional. Each child is unique and individual needs will be met on a personal basis.

## Snack:

In order to assist in passing out snacks, please mark your child's snack and juice with his or her name each day. Many of our parents choose to put their child's snack in a special lunch sack or bag that the child can easily identify. We are happy to send these special snack bags back each day for continued use. Please remember: **Jefferson is a Nut-Free School!**

***\*\*\*I hope the last few weeks of summer vacation are enjoyable. The team and I can't wait to see all of our friends at Jefferson!***

Sincerely,

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