



Earn a \$20.00 Walmart Gift Card!

It is important for your child to attend the program daily. He/she must attend the program **Monday thru Friday** for a **minimum of 6 hours** a day to benefit from the learning opportunities that prepare him/her for pre-school and to retain enrollment in the program. The Office of Head Start expects children to be present at least **85%** of the time. During **March**, we have an incentive for attendance. We will award a **\$20.00 gift card** from Walmart to families that have children with **Perfect Attendance**.



**Job Fair events are located at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie
1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75050**

Confirmed Dates*

Saturday, March 11 - 12p-4p
Tuesday, March 14 - 4p-8p
Thursday, March 16 - 10a-2p
Tuesday, March 21 - 4p-8p
Thursday, March 23 - 10a-2p

Saturday, March 25 - 12p-4p
Tuesday, March 28 - 4p-8p
Thursday, March 30 - 10a-2p
Tuesday, April 4 - 4p-8p
Thursday, April 6 - 10a-2p

A word from Araceli Paniagua, EHS Director

You will start receiving a daily **Parent Communication Folder**. The folder will have two sections. On the left side, are forms/documents that you will return to the center and the right side will contain documents that you may keep for your records. Samples of items that you can expect to receive are:

- ☐ Parent Engagement Activity Log
- ☐ 2016-2017 EHS-CCP Calendar
- ☐ Financial Literacy Presentations Calendar
- ☐ Menus
- ☐ SER-EHS Monthly Newsletter



Your time is very valuable. Please help us by documenting your in-kind contributions on the **Parent Engagement Activity Log**. Your child's teacher will send this form on Mondays for you to record learning activities (**Monday-Thursday**) that you complete daily with your child. Please record time spent each day, sign and return the form on **Friday**.

Little Coyote Learning Center Parent

Meeting

March 30, 2017

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.



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Little Coyote Learning Center

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Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Hours of Operation: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



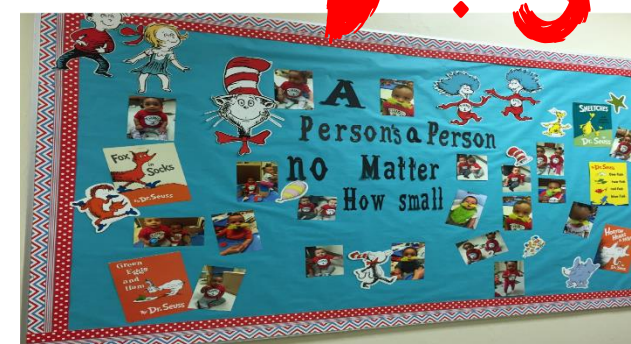
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CELEBRATING

DR. SEUSS WEEK!

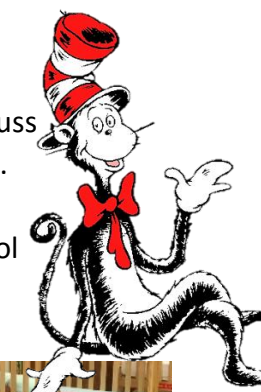


It is common to think that caring for infants primarily involves feeding, changing diapers, and rocking babies to sleep. At Little Coyote Learning Center, Ma'Kai is busy playing one of his favorite activities... filling and dumping. When Infants "Fill and Dump" objects, they do more than just play to have a good time. They are busy wiring the brain so that when they go to school they have the skills to understand measurements (Source: COR Advantage Assessment Tool). By filling and dumping different objects into containers of different sizes, they learn how many fit into each container, how heavy the container gets, how much strength they need to dump the objects from the container to the floor, etc. Children do not need expensive toys to learn. You can get a plastic container with a variety of items that children can use to fill and dump.



During Dr. Seuss Week, Doris used recycled materials to construct a Dr. Seuss hat/ game to carry out a creative dumping and filling activity.

Doris observes Ma'Kai fill and dump the chips into the Dr. Seuss hat and follows his lead in play. This interaction encourages Ma'Kai to take initiative, control his play, and to feel confident about what he is discovering.



Ma'Kai is learning about measurements while he plays!
Playing is serious business!

HEALTH & NUTRITION

What is “Family Style Service”, and why is it important?

“Family style meal service” is when foods are placed in the middle of the table in serving dishes and children are encouraged to serve themselves with help from staff.

Family style service allows children and teachers or staff, the chance to eat together, create a relaxed eating environment and encourages healthy eating habits and attitudes towards foods.

Some of the benefits to Family Style Meal Service are:

- This provides an opportunity for social skills, such as sharing.
- Motor skills such as, learning to pour milk from a pitcher into a cup and scooping foods onto their plates.
- Children encourage one another to try new foods by watching each other eat.
- Teachers become good role models by eating the same meals the children have on their plates.



A snapshot of “Family Style Service”

What is an Involved Father?

Involved fathers develop positive, nurturing relationships with their children. An involved father is one who is sensitive, warm, close, friendly, supportive, nurturing, affectionate, encouraging, comforting, and accepting. Playing with their children is central to fathering, just as nurturing behavior is seen as essential to mothering.

Infants as young as 5 months old score higher on measures of cognitive development if they have highly involved fathers.

Fathers help children by asking them questions when they talk to their children - using the words who, what, when, where, and why. They allow children to develop a sense of industry by challenging their children to try new things.

When fathers give their kids greater responsibilities—such as carrying scissors, crossing the street, or bathing themselves—it improves the kids’ thinking skills.

When fathers are engaged in fun activities, which includes reading to their children, it strengthens their bond and helps their children succeed academically.



Father and child engaging in physical play, while encouraging the development of his fine motor skills

Home Visits & Parent Workshops

Dr. Yolanda Wilder



Dr. Wilder presents workshop on Goal Setting!

Dr. Wilder presents workshop on The Power of the Brain!

Priscilla Concepción shares ideas with teen moms about setting up play area for their child.

Communicating with Your Toddlers - Parenting Tips

- Children need to hear words of encouragement daily.
- Praise your child when he/she does something right. The more you encourage a behavior, the more likely it is that your child will behave the same way again.
- Pay attention to your child when he/she is talking to you or trying to communicate with you.
- By giving your full attention to your child, you will understand what he/she is telling you and it will make him/her feel like you care about what he/she has to say.
- Set aside quality time each day to talk and play with your child.

