

ECDC Update

December 2020
Kelty Kelley, Principal

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a pink hooded sweatshirt, is hugging a brown teddy bear. She is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is a weathered, light-colored wall with some dark spots. The image is framed by a green border on the left and a blue border on the right.

**In teaching...“You can’t do the
Bloom stuff until you take care
of the Maslow stuff.”**

Alan E. Beck

Social Emotional Well-Being



Taking time to build relationships



Explicit teaching skills, such as the Zones of Regulation



Placemats of our friends and teachers faces at snack time



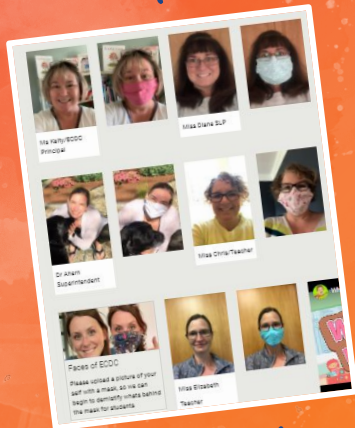
"Real time" feelings talk with Miss Jen ("I'm not Scared Book" at Halloween)



Turn taking games



Sharing videos at school and home to support transitions



Showing our little ones (and families) what we look like without our masks

Teaching and Learning



Real life connections to literacy: Class read *Fresh Fall Leaves* and went on a Leaf Hunt.



Teamwork without sharing-this is a letter hunt!



Creativity and self expression at our music wall!



Gingerbread play-dough!
<https://youtu.be/1wSwpTUHW7M>



Gingerbread math! This little one is working on simple addition, others are working on 1 to 1 correspondence.



Set students up for success with strong routines and clear expectations.



Sensory play, in a new way!

ECDC ~ Miss Becky's ... Th/F Cohort

Teachers are using Google Classroom to connect with families: newsletters once per theme and lots of pictures to give families a "peek" into the classroom this year. It also allows for families to communicate directly with the teaching team.

Communication

ECDC Newsletter NOVEMBER 2020

The ECDC Newsletter goes home once a month. It is a resource for families to refer back to...lots of information in one place!

<https://www.smores.com/p4x8b>

Miss Kelty's Weekly Updates!

Short video updates that go out once a week via Reagroup..



Arrival and dismissal is a time where staff are able to connect face to face for a quick check in each day.

General Updates

- ★ Applications now being accepted for the 2021-22 school year for new and returning students; Lottery February 5th
- ★ 2020 Remote Learning Plan: Weather Emergency and COVID Shutdowns
- ★ DESE 298 grant to fund \$2964
 - “Remote Learning” bags for families in case of a shutdown
 - A review of classroom libraries to be sure they reflect the diversity of our ECDC
 - Staff SEL training

F.X. O'Regan Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)

ECDC is the prekindergarten program of the Franklin Public Schools for children 3-5 years old.

ECDC gives me wings to fly....

I am kind!

I include others!

I am a curious learner!

I never give up!

Our ECDC Mission:

- ★ At ECDC we celebrate our diversity and strive to foster ***Inclusiveness and acceptance*** so that everyone feels welcome in our community.
- ★ At ECDC we cultivate a ***joy of learning*** through play, discovery, and active exploration.
- ★ At ECDC we create a nurturing, warm environment that encourages and extends ***kindness*** to all.
- ★ At ECDC we provide a safe space that is conducive to meaningful learning where students can feed and develop their sense of wonder and ***curiosity***.
- ★ At ECDC we reinforce a growth mindset which promotes ***persistence and resilience*** where students are encouraged to see challenges as an opportunity to grow and learn.

THANK YOU!