

Dear Families,

We hope that you and your child have a fun and educational year ahead in your early childhood program!

When you read aloud with your child, you are creating a special bond and memories that last a lifetime. You're also helping to build your child's imagination, helping them learn about the world around them, and introducing new words.

In addition to reading together, there are simple things you can do to help your child continue learning outside of school. Visiting your local library is a great way to encourage reading and learning all year long. The library is able to provide **free** books, community resources, playful programs, and storytimes. By planning a family trip to the library, you're building a life-long love of reading together! You can visit our websites to find the closest library branch near you, or ask a staff member at your early childhood program.

We wish your family a year of joy, play and learning!

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