

Central Early Learning Center

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September Poem:

"The Voice"

There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long,
"I feel that this is right for me,
I know that *this* is wrong."
No teacher, preacher, parent,
friend
Or wise man can decide
What's right for you - just listen
to
The voice that speaks inside.

September Song:

"I'll Find a Friend at School"

(tune: *Farmer in the Dell*)

I'll find a friend at school,
I'll find a friend at school.
I'm so glad I came today,
I'll find a friend at school.

We'll hop around the room,
We'll hop around the room.
I'm so glad I came today,
I'll find a friend at school.

We'll jump up and down,
We'll jump up and down.
I'm so glad I came today,
I'll find a friend at school.

School's Back in Session!



And we're off...to a new school year full of new lessons, new friends, and new adventures! Our Open House was a great success and our teachers and staff are excited to lead your child into a whole, new, world of learning.

Registration Fees: The annual registration fee has been assessed to all accounts. Fees have been pro-rated according to enrollment date. If you have not paid yet, please see the office to make arrangements to do so. The fee will be debited using Tuition Express Tuesday, September 22, unless we hear from you. Also, curriculum (book) fees for the Three and Four Year old classes have been assessed. Again, if not paid, please see the office to make payment arrangements.

Forms, Forms, Forms! With a new school year comes new paperwork. We have tried to make this less of a headache and as easy as possible. One very important form is the **2015-2016 CACFP form**. As a childcare center, we are required to renew this application every September. Forms are available at the front office. A new form must be filled out on every child in our center.

Also, please make sure that any changes to your child's student information file are updated with current information. The Health Dept requires a report with updated immunization records in October.

***** We will be closed on Friday, October 30, for in-service training. *****



Say Cheese!!

Selser's Photography will be at CELC taking Fall portraits on September 24. The theme will be "Fall" and the background will be in Fall colors with leaves, pumpkins, etc. The photographer will start at 8 AM and will be taking pictures of the Nursery children first. More info with packet prices, will soon follow.

Trevor's Wish

It's September and September means that it's time for our annual Trevor's Wish Food Drive. In our front office/lobby area, you will find a blue-covered barrel to be filled with canned food items. Items donated to our center will go to the Central Food Bank and distributed to local families. All donations will be much appreciated. The drive lasts through the entire month.



Louisiana Believes

Research shows that children who participate in a high quality early childhood program are more likely to enter school kindergarten-ready, which has a lasting impact on their academic success.

In Louisiana, a little more than half of students entering kindergarten – 54% – are academically and developmentally ready to succeed. While Louisiana spends millions on multiple early childhood programs, including pre-kindergarten in public schools (LA4, 8(g), Title I, IDEA), the Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program, Child Care Assistance Program, Head Start, Early Head Start and EarlySteps, a fragmented system is allowing our youngest learners to slip through the cracks.

That is why Louisiana is developing a unified Early Childhood System of Local Networks, as directed by [Act 3](#) of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session. When fully implemented in 2015-2016, the networks will expand access to high quality, publicly-funded early childhood programs to families across Louisiana to ensure more children enter school kindergarten ready.

Go to Sleep!

Here are some interesting factoids from a **Time** article (March 26, 2012) on the **Need For Sleep**, "[Please, Please, Go to Sleep](#)":

- Studies show that 60% of a child's growth hormone is secreted during sleep.
- Getting too little sleep appears to have a role in obesity. One Israeli study found the effect in babies as young as 6 months.
- Australian children sleep almost a full hour per day more than American kids, who sleep less than kids in nearly all other countries.

The National Sleep Foundation recommends 14 to 15 hours of sleep for babies, 12 to 14 for toddlers, 11 to 13 for preschoolers, and 10 to 11 for elementary schoolers, per day.



You and your child are important to us.

Should you wish to share something good a teacher has done

or if you ever have a concern, please:

Call: Bob Lansing Telephone: 225-261-1743



Season's Celebrations:

- September 24 – Fall Pictures
- September 25 – CCSS schools will be closed. We **will be open** as Holiday Care for our school age children
- October 30 – CELC **will be closed** for in-service training.

Important Info:

2015-16 CELC Calendars are available in the front office.

Meet our Staff:

- Terri Reynolds – Ms Terri serves as CELC's Assistant Director. One can find Ms Terri in more of a 'Jack of all Trades' position. When Ms Terri isn't working hard at our center, she can be found in either the woods, hunting, or fishing wherever she can wet a line. Ms Terri enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons.
- Lori Smith – Well, what can I say about Ms Lori...that's me, and I write this newsletter every month. When not sitting at my desk at the entrance of CELC, I am doing my best to interfere, *I mean, be a part of*, my two sons' lives. (They love me for it) Also, I enjoy writing, DIY projects, and decorating my home. I've even been known to wear a tiara, don a cape, and fight crime with a bedazzled sword. *Sigh* the life of a Super Hero!

