

ECC Family Newsletter

December 6, 2020

Dear ECC Families,

Thank you for your support while in remote eLearning for 7 days. It was good to have practice with this, as we may have to pivot back to remote again in the future. My children have had to switch a couple of times in 9 weeks of school. It's harder on little kids, so I admit, that having a middle and high schooler is easier...but it is still an adjustment. I keep telling myself, we're doing what we have to. This year isn't supposed to look or feel like any in the past, as we are in a pandemic. So I have to let that go, keep breathing, give myself grace, and live one day at a time. I hope we are doing that as well.



We will begin new units this week as we start our second trimester and December fun! I know that most families like mine, will not travel or take part in gatherings this holiday season. So it makes me happy that we are able to provide some fun holiday lessons at school during this time. Teachers have done a great job of adding holiday cheer to our halls and classrooms. It'll be exciting for students to walk in and see the difference from two weeks ago.

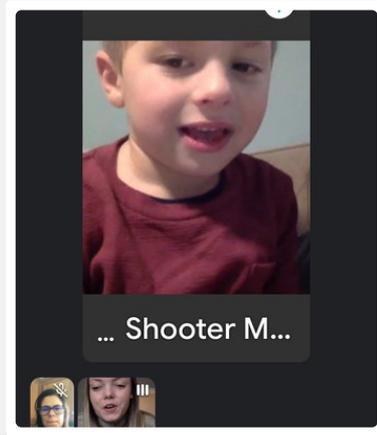
Remember, our in-person hybrid schedule is the same as our remote schedule. We will see your child at the same time we have all year. Arrival and pick-up will run the exact same, except we will have lots of cold weather gear on. On days when the weather/wind chill is below 30 degrees, we will bring car riders out 10 at a time to prevent students from standing in the cold too long. Please dress them in hats, gloves, and of course...their face mask.

Thank you for your patience and support!

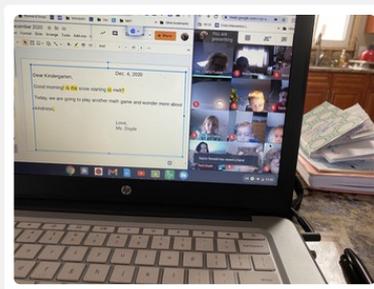
With Gratitude,
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Remote e-Learning Fun!

Preschool



Kindergarten



ECC Giving Tree

Parents,

You can send your child in with hats, mittens, and scarves to add to our tree in the lobby, or you can stop in at Roasted Coffee Shop, 27093 Bagley Rd, Olmsted Township and leave your donations there. They will bring any donations dropped at their shop, over to our school.

The Giving Tree at the ECC

Happy Holidays Bulldog families! With the winter months upon us, the PTA is asking for your help! We are collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for children in need. Please feel free to send your donations in with your children and they can add them to our giving tree in the front lobby area.

What a wonderful way to show our students what the holiday season is really about! Thank you so much for your help and we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!



Coats For Kids

We will have a box for coat donations next to our Giving Tree

Howard Brown is proud to partner with Coats for Kids again this year for the 25th year! Coats for Kids - Cleveland, was started in 1981 by local radio station employees who they realized that a large number of children were missing school in the winter because they did not have warm coats.

What a perfect opportunity for our children to give to a child in need!

Please help by donating, even to gently worn winter coats.

Each year there are quite a few children in our district in need of coats, hats, scarves & gloves. Again this year, C & J Property Maintenance, LLC of Olmsted Twp will partner with us to help collect coats & sponsor local children in need.

We will personally pick up the coats donated from each school on Friday through December 5. The Coats will then be taken to Howard Brown in Coats for Kids, washed by Coats & distributed to kids in need.

Please attach the completed tag to the coats. Receipts will be given for your donation.

Caprina Gates
KIDCOUNCIL
440.465.0074

If your family has a need for a coat, please contact Coats For Kids directly at coatsforkids@howardbrown.org or the school office and you will be helped promptly.



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Kinder Council Feedback from End of Trimester Meeting



At the end of each trimester, Kinder Council provides feedback to staff to guide us in our planning. We value hearing student input and including their interests in our curriculum and instruction.

We will provide a Mid-year Survey to parents on December 13th. We will review the results from our parent survey over winter break as we plan for the second half of the school year.

**End of 1st Trimester
2020**

~This year, Kinder Council met via Google Meets and/or using Padlet to share feedback for teachers/Admin

While some feedback is similar to last year's, in the area of "Things I'd change, a few suggestions are activities that were removed due to COVID protocols.

As always, it's important to hear from our students.

What's the best part of your day?

- Reading with friends
- I love the question of the day
- Reading with my teacher at her table
- Writing stories
- My teacher is my favorite part of my day
- Learning about past, present and future
- When my teacher does read alouds
- I love listening to my teacher when she reads and teaches us
- When we get the Lego Bricks
- Activity stations
- Getting spots (Kindness spots)
- I love learning
- Choice time is my favorite
- I love to learn new stuff
- When my teacher takes us outside
- Working with my friends in groups
- Small group time
- Readers and Writer's Workshop

- Concentration is hard for me
- Counting to 100 on the computer, I want to count with the teacher the computer goes too slow
- Keeping track of everything in my backpack is hard
- When we made Pete the Cat, that was hard for me
- Reading is hard for me
- Spelling words is hard
- Not having PE is hard for me
- Math and numbers are hard for me
- Nothing is hard for me so far
- Not eating in class
- Wearing a mask is hard for me
- Sometimes learning how to read is hard for me, but my teacher is trying to help me
- Math is hard for me
- Reading Workshop is a little hard
- My homework is hard
- Foundations when we have to write lowercase letters

If you could change one thing about school or in your class what would it be?

- I would change not having recess or playing on the playground
- I would take away the face masks
- I would bring back gym class
- I would stop having kids count to 100
- I would change the letter wall in my classroom
- I would let kids eat in the classroom
- I would have more outside time
- I would change the walls in my classroom, they're too black and white
- I would have more play time, it's fun to learn this way
- I would change the sound of my voice when I speak
- I would have gym time
- I would have more fun stuff on the computers to do
- I don't think I would change anything. I like everything.

- I like learning with my friend
- Reading books
- Reading with my teacher
- Doing research
- Working with my friends
- In small groups
- I like learning stations or activities
- By playing
- On my Chromebook
- When we get to work with other people
- By listening to my teacher
- On the computer
- I like doing stuff
- I learn when we go outside
- With arts and crafts

If you were a teacher and the kids in your class wouldn't listen, what would you do?

- I would tell them to listen to me
- I would tell them to breathe
- Help them calm their bodies
- I would say, "Hands on top!"
- I would teach them how to be good listeners
- I would say, "Be quiet!"
- I would say, "You need to listen because I'm doing something important."
- I would take them outside for a walk and then come back

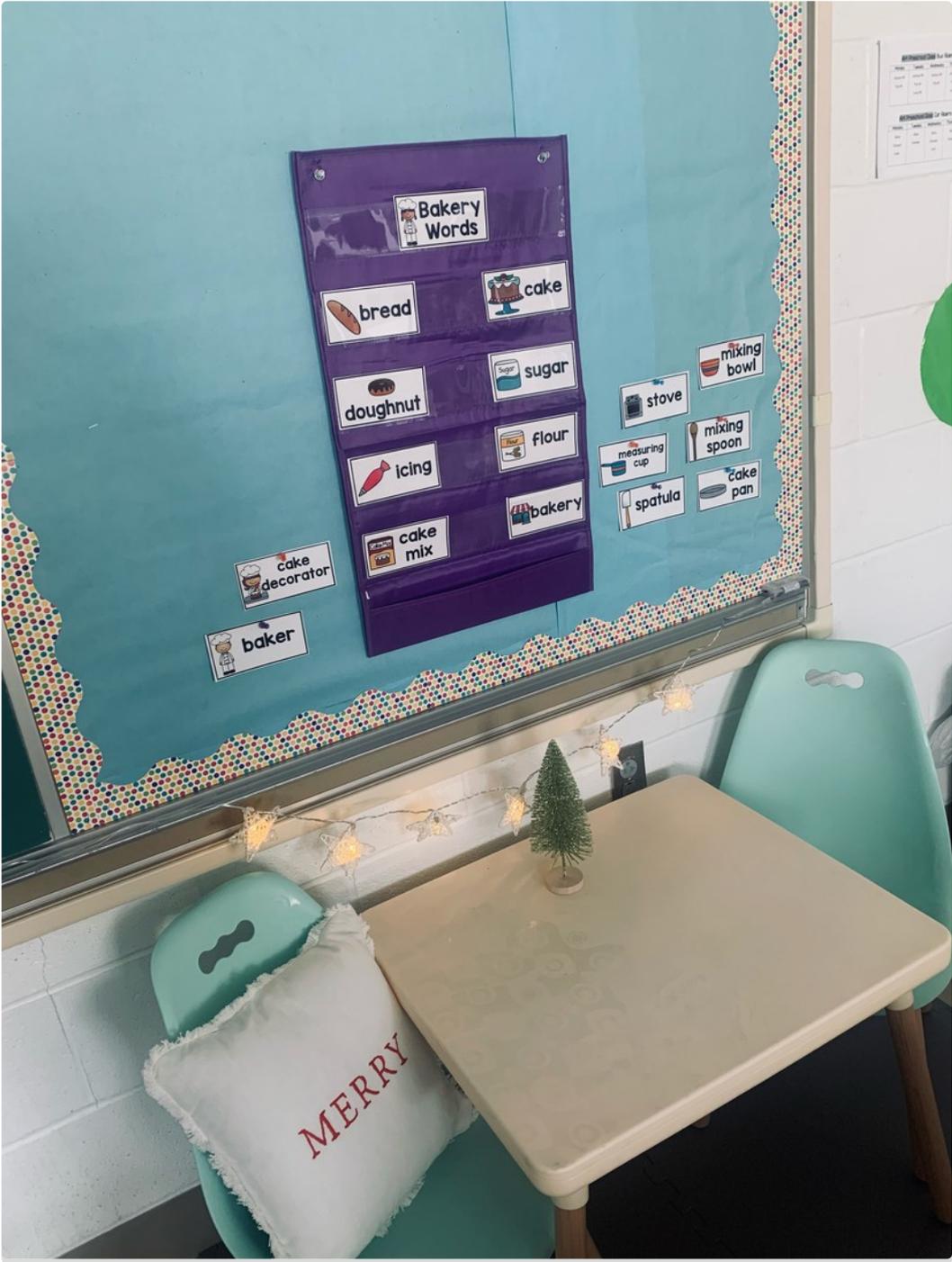
December's new learning units!

Preschool is learning all about Gingerbread and Holiday Traditions Around the World!













Christmas



Christmas is a holiday celebrated on December 25th. Every family has different Christmas traditions. Many families put up a tree that they decorate with ornaments and lights. They may hang up stockings that are filled with small gifts and put bigger gifts under the tree to be opened on Christmas Day.

Some families have big celebrations on Christmas Eve. Other families may cook or bake cookies together. Families may listen to Christmas music or watch Christmas movies together.

Hanukkah



Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. It is celebrated for 8 nights in late November or December.

Each night, they light a candle and sing hymns. The candles in the middle is called shamash and used to light each candle. They may also receive a small gift each night.

Some foods eaten during Hanukkah are potato pancakes called latkes, brisket, doughnuts stuffed with jam or an egg noodle casserole called Kugel.

Kwanzaa



Kwanzaa was started by Dr. Maulana Karenga to bring African Americans together to celebrate their culture. It is celebrated for 7 days and they light a candle on the kinara for each day.

Each day, they celebrate a different principle such as self-determination, collective work, and responsibility, cooperative economics, creativity and faith.

Families may wear traditional clothing, volunteer, attend church and spend time with friends and family. Some other traditions include making a big feast called Kwanza, drinking from a utazi cup and dancing.

Diwali



Diwali is the Hindu light festival. It is celebrated every fall. It is a five-day festival. They put up lights, light fireworks and light diyas.

Some families make rangoli for decoration. Rangoli is art made with colored sand or flower petals.

The festival has hearts and myths, which are sweets. Diwali symbolizes "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance."

Saint Lucia



Saint Lucia's Day is celebrated on December 13th. The day is named after Saint Lucia.

Saint Lucia typically brings food to people who do not have food at home. To bring as many supplies with her as possible, she wore a wreath with candles on her head.

Today, Saint Lucia's Day is celebrated by a gift of dressing. It is a white dress with a red sash, a red hat and a crown of candles on her head.

Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year is also called the Lunar New Year. The new year is celebrated for 15 days and is often celebrated with lanterns, firecrackers, and other traditions.

The celebration ends with a lantern festival on the 15th day. Red is considered good luck. People bring red lanterns and children can give their parents money.

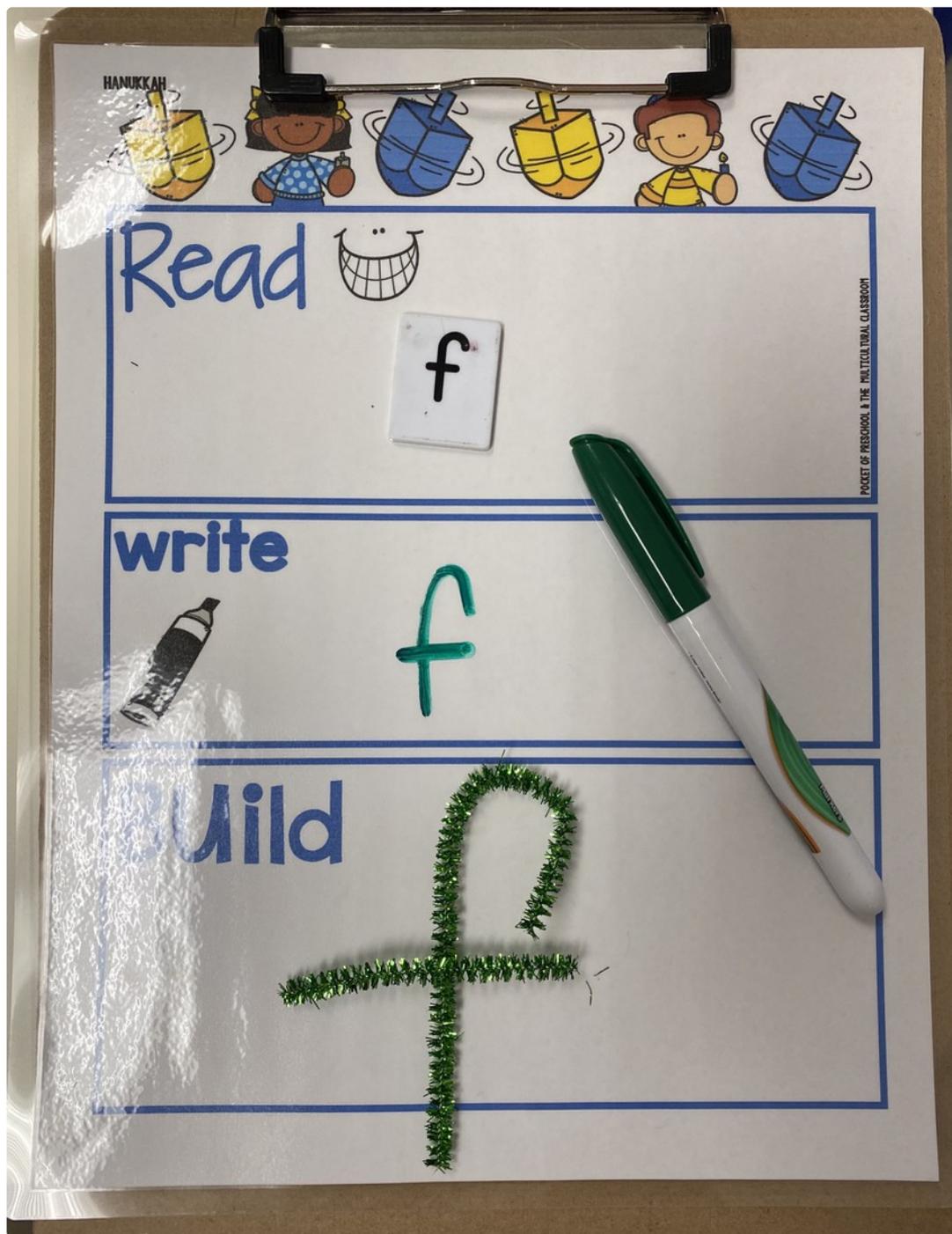
Tangerines and oranges are given as gifts for good luck and health.

Las Posadas



In Mexico, from December 16th to Christmas Eve, children and adults perform the "Posadas" to a group. Las Posadas means "Inn" and "stop" looking for a place to stay.

During Las Posadas, they wear certain clothes. At each house, they will read and sing songs. Between the Posadas are 12 parades. People go to church to get gifts. They are known as "Tachitos" on Christmas Eve.



Kindergarten will learn about story elements, personal narrative books, combinations of 5, and they will also learn about Holidays Around the World

Highlights for 12/7 to 12/11:

Literacy:

I can learn about story elements: characters, setting, beginning, middle, and end.

I can describe the story elements of the books I read. For example, who are the characters? When/where is the setting? What happened first, next, last?

I can identify letters/sounds and also begin to recognize sight words (i.e. run, not, go).

I can draw/write a personal narrative book that includes the following story elements: characters, setting, beginning, middle, and end.

Math:

I know combinations to 5 fluently:
0 and 5 3 and 2
1 and 4 4 and 1
2 and 3 5 and 0

I can use different strategies to solve math problems (cubes, fingers, drawings, etc.)

I can put numerals in order from 0 to 10.

I can match amounts and numerals from 0 to 10.

Science/Social Studies:

I can show that I am kind by using friendly words, listening to others, showing empathy, and helping others.

I can learn about holidays around the world: Hanukkah, Diwali, Asian New Year, Eid, and Ramadan.

I can compare and contrast the cultures and traditions of different people and different communities.

PBIS Word of the month for December: Be Kind



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Please click on Mrs. Hays Newsletter below to see her December Guidance Lessons

[Mrs. Hays' Counselin...](#)

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Please take part in our ECC Helping Hands, "Friendship Club"

Open the link below and click on the "heart" to hear a special message from Mrs. Fudale about our activity for December. Mrs. Fudale and Mrs. DeMuth are the coordinators of this club for the ECC. Please reach out to either if you have any questions. We would love to see pictures of your child participating in each month's activities.

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Franca DeMuth: fdemuth@ofcs.net

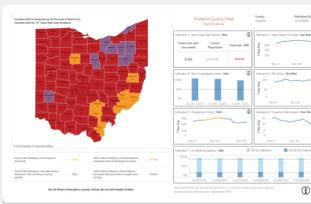
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COVID-19 Positive Cases in Olmsted Falls and Surrounding Cities

- North Olmsted
- North Ridgeville
- Olmsted Falls
- Berea

Cuyahoga County Dashboard



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OFCS Positive COVID-19 Dashboard

FCIS Confirmed COVID-19 Cases - Current Week

Reported within 24 hours of becoming aware of positive result

Students	Monday 8/17/2020	Tuesday 8/18/2020	Wednesday 8/19/2020	Thursday 8/20/2020	Friday 8/21/2020	Saturday/Sunday 8/22/2020
ECC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falls-Lenexa	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFCS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFMS	0	0	0	0	0	0

 **OFCS Positive COVI...**

Preschool Related Services Fall Newsletter



 **Related Services Fall...**

ECC Important Dates 2020-2021

Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center
2020-2021
Important Dates

Date	Event	Description
September 23rd	Picture Day	Share With Care
October 6th	NO SCHOOL	Family Day
October 23rd	Preschool Curriculum Night	Family Engagement
October 29th	Halloween Fall Celebrations	School Wide Event
November 2nd	FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE	Preschool Teachers Professional Day
November 2nd	NO SCHOOL	Enrichment Day
November 23rd and 24th	Family Teacher Conferences 3-5pm	Family Engagement

 **Olmsted Falls Early ...**

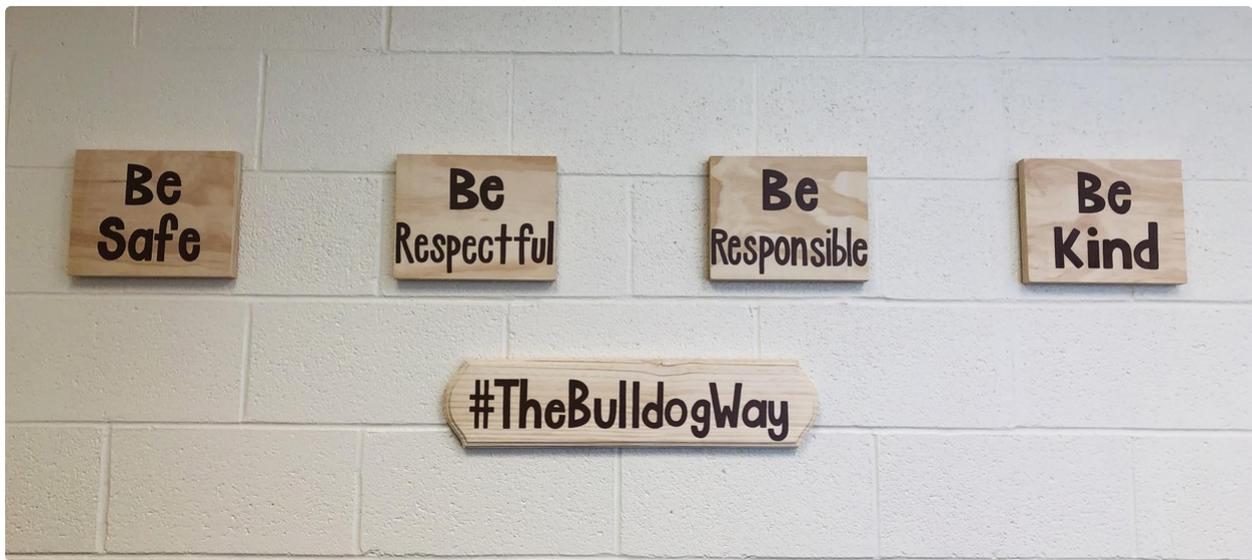
ECC Responsible Reopening Plan (Addendum to Student Handbook for 2020-2021)



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The Early Childhood Center

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Early Childhood Center Mission:

Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center strives to create a nurturing learning environment. We believe in the power of strong relationships within our school community to help students feel safe and comfortable in sharing who they are, while developing the skills necessary to think critically, problem solve, and work collaboratively with others.

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