Hello CDL families!

Can the summer really be almost over!?! The CDL is gearing up to start a new fall semester and it is sure to be a very busy one. The CDL will be sad to say good-bye to the current group of summer students; and at the same time, we are excited for Fall to have our new students join us. It was a good amount of students this summer having 3 in each classroom; being at the CDL 8 hours a day was a good experience for the students to get the ‘feel’ for working all day with children! We have a relatively small group of students coming in the fall. There will be a total of 6; 2 in each classroom. Our new interns will have a 2-day Orientation on August 24 and 25 to help familiarize themselves with the CDL practices, the children, and daily routines. Parents are invited to come to the Parent Open House on Friday August 25 from 10:00-11:30. You will have time to have a lengthier conversation with your child’s primary compared to the drop off time in the morning. I hope you are able to use this time to share important details about your child and family to the practicum student who is your child’s primary caregiver, which only helps in building a bond and a positive parent/school relationship.

At the start of the fall semester, updated Parent Handbooks will be sent to everyone. There are always new additions that provide more clarification. Also, as I mentioned in the past newsletter, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has updated their meal patterns and some policies, and these changes will need to take effect of October 1. As needed, I will include these as well into the Parent Handbook.

During our upcoming interim please note that the CDL will be closed on Friday, August 18 for professional development. This day will be spent in training the staff on the new CACFP meal patterns and requirements; as well as, annual goal setting, and other professional presentations for the teachers.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer! The time certainly flies by quickly and before you know it we will all be busy with fall.
Greetings Families,

Thank you all for attending our Summer Family Night! We hope you enjoyed your evening and are excited about incorporating the ideas the interns provided. Our garden is flourishing on our playground. The multicolored snapdragons, marigolds, pansies, corn, carrots, broccoli, green peppers, cilantro, basil, and parsley are doing very well. This month we had two successful field trips. We went to SMALLCAKES Bakery and Huskie Stadium. We also took several walks around campus admiring the animals, fountains, and art sculptures.

We will be wishing Kendall, Sam, Addy, Maddy, and Emilia luck as they head to Kindergarten. We are so grateful for the memories we made and look forward to seeing them from time to time since most have siblings in ITT. Ronnie, Lucas, Eric, and Hannah will be transitioning from ITT starting in August. We are looking forward to getting to know our new classmates.

Our preschoolers have proven once again that teamwork makes the dreamwork! We participated in a STEM activity by creating a Marble Run. The teachers challenged the children to get the marble from the top left corner of the board to the cup on the bottom right corner. They used recyclable materials such as egg cartons, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, and LOTS of tape. They learned vocabulary terms including the words prediction, momentum, gravity, and cooperation. They displayed excellent teamwork by helping each other “try their ideas” together. Throughout the activity, the children would request to “test” their current track. We filmed each test in slow motion to see where the marble would stop or fall off. The students were ecstatic each time they spotted the error. They were bursting with new ideas. When they successfully completed the marble run, the excitement was evident!

Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Kristi, Erin, Jamie, & Kat
Hello ITT East Families!

Our semester has been off to a great start! Summer temperatures have finally arrived and with the sunny skies and warm temperatures, we have taken full advantage of playing outside and going for walks.

We’ve been engaged in water and art activities on our playground. We have also been taking fun walks to visit the Huskie hill and the bridges to explore the frogs, ducks and geese.

In addition to all of our gross motor activities, the children have been very engaged in nature. The children have been interested in learning about ants, butterflies, and caterpillars. On our playground we have found a black caterpillar, lightning bugs, and moths. The children’s engagement of bugs has extended inside the classroom as well by the teachers incorporating songs, art and literature involving nature.

We would like to say thank you to both of our lead teachers Victoria (A.M. lead teacher) and Danielle (P.M. lead teacher) for providing so many fun activities for the children. The children had so much fun exploring the Semi-truck Victoria’s dad drives. They were able to honk the horn and look at all of the cool gadgets and buttons inside of the truck. Thank you to our families that joined us for such a fun experience!

Congratulations to our summer practicum students, we wish you the best with your future endeavors! J

Eric will begin his transition for preschool! We will miss him so much! Good luck in preschool Eric! Along with that, we would like to welcome Genesis Vega to the ITT East team! She will be an assistant teacher for the fall 2017 semester, please give her a warm welcome!

Friendly Reminders: Fill-out The CDL will be closed on August 18, 2017 staff professional development day. Open house is on August 25, 2017 10:00-11:30, please join us in welcoming our new practicum students!

Best,

Clarissa, Christy, Elena & Nat
Hello ITT West Families,

Our summer semester will soon be coming to a close. Our interns have worked hard all semester and will soon be completing their practicum. The weather has been so nice that our children have been able to get outside. The children have been engaging in gross motor activities such as running, climbing, and pushing shopping carts around the playground. Our interns hosted family night for the children and their families. The importance gross motor development was the topic of discussion and how to incorporate it into a child’s daily lives at home. Then, our children and their families were invited to do a obstacle course that was set up with climbers, tunnels, a trampoline, sports balls, and a limbo stick station.

Our children have continued to show interest in different kinds of vehicles. Our class would like to give a big thank you to our East Intern Victoria for inviting us to her community involvement. The children got to inside a big semi truck and sit on the front seat to hold the steering wheel. The children also got to look around and explore the cabin behind the seats of the truck as well. Thank You Victoria!

Big thank you to Alyssa for all your hard work during your lead teaching weeks. Our next lead teacher is Paige. Paige has been doing a great job during her first week of lead teaching. She put together her community involvement activity which was classroom yoga. The children were engaging in different movements with the yoga instructor. We look forward in seeing what other fun activities you have in store!

As the summer semester is nearing it’s end, we would like to say good luck to all of our summer practicum students! Congratulations on completing the program!

Lucas, Hannah, and Ronnie will be beginning their transitions into preschool. We’ll miss you! Good luck and have fun in preschool!

Sincerely,

Magaly, Ecila, Krysten, Megan, Tena