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Message from the Manager

Something special is happening at Kidstop this year. We are intentionally planning activities to help the children develop and build attributes of efficacious learners. These five attributes are our focus for this year:

Efficacious learners are...

- **skilled communicators.** They are effective listeners. They can clearly articulate ideas. They are culturally responsive.
 - **responsible.** They are honest, reflective and able to resist negative influences. They are accountable to themselves and others. They lead and give back to others.
 - **self-directed learners.** They are flexible and goal-directed. They are optimistic and persistent.
 - **problem solvers.** They are able to identify problems and evaluate multiple solutions. They decide and act. They reflect and revise.
- resourceful learners.** They have learning networks. They are inquisitive and innovative. They are collaborative. They are critical thinkers.

Kid Picks

Kid Picks will start again this month. Children in grades 3-6 in the afternoon will have the option of taking a Kid Pick class entitled Grossology. Get grossed out with dirty diapers, ear wax on a swab, wormy apples, booger balls, sewer soda, giant warts and so much more. Come join this class, if you DARE! Class dates are, October 19, 21, 26 & Nov. 2, from 3:20-4:35. Look for the flyer coming out soon!

Non School Days

Our first non school day for children in grades K-6 is Friday, October 9, 2009. Our theme for the day is An Amazing Trip Through the Neighborhood. Children in grades K-3 will be walking to the Brooklyn Park Library and they will have the opportunity to obtain a new library card and check out books. When they return back to the site they will have Wheels Day. Children in grades 4-6 will be walking to the Brooklyn Park Skate Park to try their skills on the ramps with their rollerblades and skateboards. All the children will enjoy a tasty pizza lunch as well. More information regarding this non school day will be out soon in your parent folder.

On our second non school is on Thursday, October 15, for children in grades K-6. Our theme for the day is An Amazing Trip to Sever's Corn Maze. Yes, I said Sever's Corn Maze! We had so much fun and an awesome experience on the field trip last year that we decided to go again. Look for more information regarding this field trip in your parent folders soon.

Kindergarten Non School Days

The kindergarten children have two non school days this month as well as the additional days mentioned above. We have an exciting two days of fun planned? On October 29, our theme is Pumpkins on Parade. There will be lots of games, crafts and cooking related to pumpkins. On October 30, we will be going on a field trip to the Children's Museum. New this year is the Out on a Limb exhibit and other exhibits such as Habitot, Earth World, World Works and Rooftop Art Park. Please look for more information coming out soon regarding these non school days.



Kindergarten News

We are off to a great start learning new routines and learning each others names I will continue to recognize our weekly citizen who shows respect to others and follows rules. Self help skills such as tying shoes, zipping jackets, snapping and learning your address and phone number and so much more will be our focus this year as well.

Something new, family book sharing at home, to enhance reading and sharing the class books we make weekly. Look for the books coming home soon.

Kool Krew News

The Kool Krew are the p.m. children in grades 4-6 that have their own programming developed by the children in this group. The Kool Krew were enthusiastic about planning a Food Network Challenge, wacky field day, chess tournament, human Monopoly game, human tic-tac-toe and much, much more fun!

Attendance Reminder

Please remember to call the Kidstop room (763-315-6415) if there is any change in your child's schedule. Our procedures include checking on any child whose absence has not been reported by a parent or guardian to make sure the child is safe. If your norm is that your child is here before school, for Kidstop Kindergarten and/or after school, we look for a note or phone message from you when your child is absent for any reason. Here are a few of the activities and events that are part of autumn and winter that may mean we need to hear about a change of schedule from you...

- *your child is ill
- *your child is in a Parks and Recreation class after school
- *your child is in a Youth Enrichment class after school
- *your child is riding the bus instead of coming to Kidstop
- *you are bringing your child to school and/or picking up your child right after school.

Any time your routine changes we count on you letting us know so we can work with you to ensure that your child is safe and where you expect him or her to be.

Thank You!

Illness

The program follows the same policies and procedures as that of ISD 279. For the safety and protection of all, the program will call parents of children exhibiting acute symptoms during the day in order for the parent or guardian to take their student home. Children should not be sent to school or the Kidstop program if exhibiting one or more of the following symptoms:

- *fever greater than 100 degree F within the past 24 hours
- *diarrhea or stomach flu within the past 24 hours
- *untreated head lice



Kidstop is Closed



Kidstop will be closed on Friday, October 16, for a staff development day.



