

BASA: WEST

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Upcoming Events

Winter Break

**Last day for aftercare Friday
Dec. 22**

**Students return to Aftercare:
Monday , January 8th.**

Dear Parents,

Winter is here and we are excited to begin a new month of Afterschool filled with exciting educational activities, games, and outdoor structured games! We will be doing some SEL videos on emotions and how to deal with them. We have some outdoor games lined up for Fun, Fun, Fun. Please make sure your child dresses accordingly.

Remember in order for your child(ren) to continue in our 21st CCLC program attendance is a requirement. Failure to attend and too many early pickups could mean that your child may be removed from the program.

Please never hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!
Katie James

What you can do to promote early learning

1. Play with your child and provide opportunities for them to play. Play is essential for healthy brain development.
2. Turn off the TV. A young child's brain is largely shaped by his/her development. Children need activities that stimulate the frontal lobe by involving all the senses, not just passive viewing.
3. Read and talk to your child. Phonemic awareness of sound comes from listening to the human voice.
4. Model the joy of learning and discovery. Go to parks, the beach, zoos and take children on walks. These types of activities stimulate early learning.
5. Connect with your child. Connections boost children's brain potential, encourages cooperation, promotes learning and literacy, increases attention, decreases power struggles and builds loving bonds.

Becky Bailey



Have a save winter break and we will see you on January 8th!

The Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Dec. 6th at UF IFAS /4H University of Florida 3695 Lake Dr. 32926 Please reach out to your Afterschool Coordinator if you would like to attend. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on our programs.

Parent Workshop is January 17. This is mandatory for each family to participate.

We are all like a snowflake in our own different way.
-Unknown

