Dear Parents,

There are a few reminders as we approach the quick coming holidays. I know we all are busy, but keep in mind 3 late pick-ups are terms for dismissal from our program.

5:47 p.m. is the pick-up time for this program! Anything before this time is also grounds for termination. Please refer to your parent contract that you signed upon entering this program.

Jacket season is here, so please label your children’s coats/jackets, as it is very frustrating for all of us when they are lost. If indeed you are looking for a lost article, there are tables by the gate you may check for missing items.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday!

Brevard After School Website

Don’t forget to go to the Brevard After School 21st CCLC website to get the latest information including newsletters, pictures of students completing challenges, workshop schedules and information, and updates from the Semi-Annual Advisory Board Meetings.

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.

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