Dear Parents,

Our program has taken off and we are beginning to form families in each of our groups. The leaders are learning each unique personality! I have finally learned all of their names as well. We have reviewed our policies, and everyone is on board!

Our tutors are busy gathering data about each student they are working with to develop their skills. All students are currently in a diagnostic software program that teaches. We are waiting for each student to place in the program, so we know exactly what skills they need to work on.

Our curriculum has changed a bit this year. We are still working on activities that will reward them with a badge, but we are focusing on Wellness and Art. We have also added center-based activities to our curriculum. The students are enjoying the diversity in activities.

We will have our next Parent Workshop on September 10th. The workshop will focus on Family STEM activities. We will meet in the cafeteria at 5:15 and will dismiss at 6:00. Mark your calendars so you don’t forget this important workshop!!

**Attendance in BASA: Endeavour**

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program.

If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.

**Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:**

1. **Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child’s verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.

2. **Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.

3. **Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.