

BASA: Mainland

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Dear Parents,

Winter is here and we are excited to begin a new month of Afterschool filled with exciting educational activities, games, and outdoor free play! The theme for this month is "Super Sleuth". Your children will be learning about all things mysterious: Stone Age cave paintings, the ancient ruins of the world, mysterious underwater worlds, and much, much more! Just a few examples of our projects include mystery detective work, scavenger hunts, and determining facts vs. assumptions. We plan on spending a good deal of time outside, so make sure your students have proper warm clothing – the onshore winds can get quite strong, and we may often need to be bundled up. As always, we are looking forward to another wonderful month with your kiddos! Please never hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns! --Mr. Jason



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.

We are all like a snowflake in our own different way.
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Upcoming Events

Christmas Break

Final day for Aftercare: Friday, December 18th
Students return to Aftercare: Monday, January 4th

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

