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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND JR. KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce that the week of April 7th through April 11th, we will be celebrating "NAEYC's Week of The Young Child". The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. All Aboard...Learning Express, Inc., will be incorporating the daily themes into an already exciting schedule.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is the premier accrediting body for early childhood programs in the United States and is the most recognized professional organization for early childhood educators. In 1985, NAEYC established a rigorous accreditation process to recognize programs providing the highest quality education and care for young children. Only a small percentage of the licensed early childhood programs in Illinois have achieved NAEYC Accreditation. The process includes more than 400 individual criteria to prove a program meets the highest standards; less than 20% of early childhood programs receive this astounding status. NAEYC Accreditation continues to represent the "gold standard" for excellence in early childhood education. **All Aboard...Learning Express, Inc applied for accreditation for the first time in 2003 and has been awarded the accreditation status every year since. We continue to incorporate these high standards into our curriculum every day.**

The theme for each day goes as follows:

Music Monday, April 7th: We will incorporate music into the entire day, including the use of musical instruments. We will also be making noise makers in class.

Tasty Tuesday, April 8th: **Tasty Tuesday and Family Friday will be celebrated together today!** We are asking parents to account for a little extra time at drop off on Tuesday morning. We will have Tasty Tuesday and Family Friday together with mini donuts, milk, and orange juice for breakfast on Tuesday. Please join your child in the classroom for a quick bite at drop off.

Work Together Wednesday, April 9th: Each class will create a project where they work together. NAEYC is asking teachers and educators to wear purple to promote the week, as purple is the color that signifies Week of the Young Child.

Artsy Thursday, April 10th: The children will use a variety of art materials to make a fun project in class. The children will have a plethora of art supplies and be encouraged to express their creativity.

Family Friday, April 11th: We are incorporating Family Friday into Tasty Tuesday, and asking parents to account for a little extra time at drop off on **Tuesday morning**. We will serve mini donuts, milk, and orange juice for breakfast; please join your child in the classroom for a quick bite on **Tuesday**.

We are very excited about this special week and all the amazing projects and activities that come with it. More importantly, we are happy to celebrate the amazing students we have here at AALE!

Thank you!
All Aboard...Learning Express, Inc.

