



Congratulations to all of our graduates! We had such a fun amazing time at the drive-through graduation ceremony. The ear-to-ear smiles from the kids as the horns blared in their honor was priceless. We laughed, we cried, and we wooohoooed as loud as we could. It was great! We wish all of our graduates the best as they move on to their next adventures. Please always remember that you are a part of the OUR School family, and we love when our family comes back to visit (when covid allows).

Here are a few great snaps from the ceremony:







OUR School is proud to announce the unveiling of our annual fundraiser alternative. For \$5.00 (our normal ticket price for the play) you can have both an emailed copy and a keepsake DVD. The presentation has photos and videos of our favorite little people. Songs, circle time, story time, and interviews are among the treasures to be found in this play alternative. Please put your order in today!

OUR School's toddler room just completed the LENA pilot program. LENA is a national nonprofit on a mission to help communities accelerate language development in children birth to three, in order to improve their cognitive, social and emotional health and to focus on opportunity gaps. We provide early language programs powered by our core "talk pedometer" technology. Unique data insights are coupled with strengths-based coaching. LENA Grow is an innovative, research-based professional development program for infant, toddler, and pre-k teachers. Measuring the most predictive elements of child outcomes, LENA Grow supports stakeholders at every level, helping teachers gain the skills to measurably improve classroom quality by boosting interactions and helping leadership make more informed planning and policy decisions.

The program couples LENA's "talk pedometer" technology with weekly coaching sessions. Teachers gain data insights that go far beyond typical feedback, leading to quality improvement without additional burden on their schedules. Our toddler room had tremendous success from the get-go and all through out the program! Congrats and great job to our teachers for providing such positive connections that enhance both the child and teacher's communication and development. Way to go team! For more information about the program please visit. www.lena.org

We would also like to remind you that all tuition assistance applications are due on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We are thrilled this amazing grant will be able to help with tuition.

The Friday before Father's Day we will have treats, coffee and tea available for a morning treat. "It takes a real man to be a dad." Thanks for being a rad dad. Come on and treat yo' self!

The weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child has appropriate hot weather gear. We can begin bringing in swimsuits, hats and a towel for sunny water and sprinkler play. Please make sure your child has shoes they can be active in and no open toe shoes please. Thank you for applying sunscreen to your child in the morning that has really helped us in our morning routine.

"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn." – Maria Montessori