

# FRANDELJA ENRICHMENT CENTER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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# FALL IS A TIME OF CHANGE. A NEW PROGRAM YEAR IS A TIME OF CHANGE

By Tracy List, FEC Executive Director

Welcome to the new program year! New children and families have visited and completed their transitions. It is hard to be in a new place, so there are some tears, but new children are doing well. The continuing children transitioned to their new rooms very nicely. Teachers have been showing children how to play in their new rooms and use the new toys.

We have also changed the staffing to provide more consistent support for the classrooms. If you were here during Covid, teachers and children were not allowed to go into other classrooms to prevent the spread of germs. We added extra staff members to each team for solid care and coverage. This year we have changed the staffing so that each classroom is at the required ratios and we have created a Diamond Team. Teachers that are not part of



Please try to drop off your child by 9:30am so they can participate in breakfast at the center. If you are going to be late, please contact the school at (415) 822-1699 and make sure that they have been fed breakfast prior to being dropped off at the center.



the regular full-time teaching teams are in a group that rotates and supports classrooms and children as needed. Bibi and Vernee are very proud of the teams, they are working together, teachers are pushing into classrooms as needed and all the children are doing well!

You may have noticed that our receptionists Jeff V, is no longer up front to greet and support you at the center. He is no longer with FranDelJA. During his time at the center, he was kind to children and supportive to adults. We wish him the very best in his next endeavors.

Something remains the same! WE are excited to welcome Tree Frog Treks. This science-based, hands-on learning experience is returning this fall. Each classroom gets time with the educator and has the chance to meet and learn about reptiles.

Thank you for joining and remaining a part of FranDelJA Enrichment Center. We are happy to have you and appreciate that you trust us with your children.

## HELPING YOUR CHILD TRANSITION

By Teacher Vernee, FEC Master Teacher

As the new school year approaches, change can be difficult for families. Some families will have concerns about their child going into a new classroom, while others will have concerns about their child starting a whole new school and being in a new environment. There will be days when drop off is smooth and there will be days when drop off is bumpy. Just remember that this takes time and that consistency is key! Here are some tips to help you along your new journey:

#### **New Students:**

- Have your child come with you on the day of the tour so your child can see the school, the classroom, and meet the friends.
- Before your child's first day of school, start talking to him/her about their new weekly schedule. Explain their new morning routines and show them the route they will be taking to school.

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## SEVEN BENEFITS OF READING TO YOUR CHILD

By Teacher Bibi, FEC Master Teacher

- Bonding Reading is a nice way to spend time together and wonderful opportunity to connect with your child.
- Listening Skills –
   Comprehension is
   dependent on paying
   attention. Reading aloud
   builds listening skills for
   children. You can add voices,
   puppets and movement.
   Books on tape are a great
   addition to your reading
   time.
- Attention Span Helps develop concentration and self-discipline. Regular reading gets children listening and sitting still longer periods of time. Listening to a book builds memory retention skill.
- 4. Expanded Vocabulary –
  Helps expand the number
  and variety of words used.
  Descriptive words and...

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