

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

The Center: Resources for Teaching and Learning

Serving Children Ages 0-5 and their families living within School Districts 15, 23, 25, 26 & 57

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Dear Kim:

Below are a couple of pictures of ECDEC students who were lucky enough to be among those that received a summer fun bag provided by ARTS! We can't thank you enough for your generosity in providing 100 of these reusable bags, each containing a snack, as well as supplies and materials needed to engage in educational and art activities throughout the summer.

As you know, hundreds of 0-5 year olds are served by our dedicated staff in FIND/PI and ECDEC pre-kindergarten classrooms throughout the northwest suburbs from School Districts 15, 23, 25, 26 and 57. For more than 36 years we have been collaborating with our joint partners to serve the most at-risk, low income families in these communities.

Needless to say, our families have been hit especially hard by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Your kindness in providing opportunities for educational enrichment during these trying times is greatly appreciated. While you may not be able to see the huge smiles on their faces due to the masks, please be assured that the children were very happy to receive their treasures!



Sincerely,

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