FAIR PARK
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

I ❤️ Fair Park
Early Childhood Center

2018-2019
PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Family
Involvement
Plan

School Hours
Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Where is the Family Center?
The family center is located in Fair Park Early Childhood Center’s Media Center.

How can I contact the Family Center?

- Visit us at 616 North Harrison
- Office - (501) 447-4400
- Principal – Judy Milam
  judith.milam@lrsd.org

Family Involvement Committee

- Judy Milam, Principal
- Parents (PTA board)
  Rachel Knox, President
  Angie Beasley, 1st Vice President
  Jessica Doose, Secretary
  Nathan Poston, Treasurer
  Raydadd Hester, Treasurer
- Kristen Brizzolara and Kelly Hudson, Teacher Representatives
- Edna Walton, Secretary

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Fair Park Early Childhood Center to help each Pre-Kindergarten child achieve his or her maximum potential through a variety of learning experiences which are designed to create independent thinkers, self confidence, and eager learners. The faculty, staff, family, and communities will nurture children as they develop socially, emotionally, academically, and physically for future success in school.

Our school/principal will:

- Establish a nurturing atmosphere so that families will always feel welcome.
- Designate a certified staff member to serve as Family Facilitator to provide opportunities to foster family involvement in the school.
- Provide family communication system that consists of the following:
  - School and Classroom Newsletters
  - School Website
  - Emails / Text Messages
  - Parent Link
  - Telephone Calls
  - Student Check In/Out and Informal Conferences
  - Monthly Calendars
  - Provide and Discuss Progress Reports/Assessments for each of the four nine-week periods.
• Conduct parent/teacher conferences
• Utilize PTA and family involvement bulletin boards in the front of the building and Family Center
• Provide a family center that contains books, magazines, a computer, and literature which families can read to promote positive parenting.
• Provide resources for families such as learning backpacks, developmentally appropriate games, manipulatives, books, and videos for their student(s) which may be checked out from the Family Center located in the Media Center.
• Provide copies of the school handbook that includes the process for resolving family concerns.
• Enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.
• Fair Park ECC is a one year school for four-year-olds; therefore, a PTA Board with Fair Park staff and families must be organized each year.
• All parents/guardians will be encouraged to join and participate in Fair Park Early Childhood Center PTA and other activities.
• Prepare Family Informational Packets that will be sent home with students to include:
  - Fair Park Early Childhood Center Family Involvement Plan online
  - Pre-Kindergarten Student Handbook
  - “TIPS" for effective parenting
  - Family survey of family interests and needs
  - Volunteer opportunities for families to support the school community and the education of their children. Volunteers will be trained by the building principal and VIPS chairperson.
  - Calendar of family events online
• Organize family nights.
  • Encourage communication between families and teachers through two designated conferences, daily classroom visits, and informal conferences. Plan various activities throughout the school year to strengthen our school, community and family communication, such as:
    - August Orientation - to provide families the opportunity to meet teachers and be informed of Contact person will be Judy Milam, principal. (501) 447-4400
• Provide many Family Involvement Activities throughout the school year (at flexible times) that will involve families and the community such as:

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Parents/guardians will contact Fair Park Early Childhood Center Principal, Judy Milam, if there are questions regarding any activity.

- Staff members will participate in a **minimum** of two hours of family involvement staff development each year.
- Fair Park Early Childhood Center is an Arkansas Better Chance School (ABC) and is not a Title 1 School. To ensure students are prepared for kindergarten, each parent/guardian is provided with a copy of the Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist. This instrument is available as a reference for parents/guardians to help them prepare their children for kindergarten.
- With family input and participation, we will strive to maximize the roles of student, family, teacher, and principal involvement at Fair Park Early Childhood Center.
- Send out family surveys once a year to obtain information about the needs of families. Results from the surveys will be used to help enhance the family involvement program and other needs relating to the school environment.
- Engage families in the evaluation of the program’s family involvement plan and make changes if warranted.

### The teachers will:

- Foster a classroom environment that encourages learning.
- Ensure students are engaged in developmental and meaningful instruction on a daily basis.
- Encourage families to become active participants in the classroom community through open communication.
- Provide quarterly progress reports.
- Provide information to parents/guardians of students who demonstrate a need for additional support and provide appropriate UAMS Parent TIPS Cards as needed.
The families will:
- Become an involved family at Fair Park Early Childhood Center in one or more of the following ways:
  - Join and become active members of the Fair Park Early Childhood Center PTA
  - Volunteer and mentor at Fair Park Early Childhood Center
  - Review the monthly calendar provided by the school
  - Review informational pages from their child’s daily or weekly folder
  - Attend parent conferences
  - Attend family workshops
  - Attend school activities
  - Provide a quiet place at home to read with your child
  - Monitor your child’s learning and provide assistance when needed.
  - Monitor your child’s progress as follows:
    - Review progress reports
    - Review notes sent home
    - Contact teachers on a regular basis
    - Scheduled conferences

The Student will:
- Follow Fair Park’s rules and regulations.
- Actively participate in all school activities.
- Come to school eager to learn.
- Be a Fabulous Four