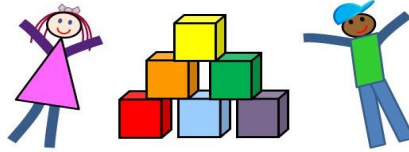


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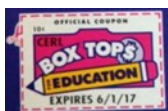
Dear Parents,

Hello!! We are all very excited to start the 2017-2018 school year! During the course of the year, the children of First Church Early Learning Center will be exposed to S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) as they learn and develop in a variety of ways while investigating the world around them. Through our creative curriculum and play based learning opportunities, the children will grow in many areas including their creative expression, cognitive, physical, and personal social development. Please feel free to communicate any information you feel would be helpful about your child to his or her teacher(s) throughout the course of the year, as we work together toward their continued success.

Your feedback is very important to us! Please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher(s) or with me if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for choosing First Church Early Learning Center as the place to set the foundation for your child's lifetime of learning and look forward to an exciting educational school year!

Sincerely,

Elith Boothe  
FCELC Director



## Box Tops for Education

We will be collecting Box Tops for Education throughout the year. Please feel free to help us in these efforts and leave any labels you have in the container on the front table next to the office. Thank you!!



## Events

**September 2** — Mrs. Drangenis' & Mrs. Sherman's FCELC Anniversary

**September 4** — CLOSED



**September 13 & 14** — Music and Movement classes begin with Ms. Kelsey and will continue to take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year



**September 16** — Mrs. Slate's FCELC Anniversary

### UPCOMING DATES:

**Foster Farm Trip—October 16th & 17th**

**Picture Day — October 23rd & 24th**

# Skittles Rainbow

The children in the Full Day Threes and Fours class did the Skittles Rainbow experiment using three items:

1. A plate or bowl (something that is slightly sloped in towards the middle)
2. Water – Medium/hot water
3. A bag of Skittles

They placed their Skittles in a circle around a plate and then poured warm water in the middle to see what happened.



During this experiment, the teachers observed the children meeting various performance standards and benchmarks from the Connecticut State Department of Education Preschool Assessment Framework. These benchmarks include: Personal/Social 3: Participates in teacher-lead group activities, Physical 2: Uses coordinated small muscle movements, Cognitive 1: Engages in scientific inquiry, and Cognitive 9: Understands and participates in conversations, just to name a few.



All children are scientists! As they learn about, explore, test, and ask questions, it is great to see the wheels in their heads start turning and them making meaningful connections based on what they see! It is fun to hear the children hypothesize what they think will happen and getting to see the look of surprise on their faces when an action takes place. We encourage all types of exploration and hope you have a great time being a scientist as you try this or any other experiments with your child too!