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Director's Message

Hello Families,

What a great first week we had back! It was so wonderful to see all the smiles, hear the rooms filled with laughter and joy, and get back into the swing of a routine. We are so exciting for some exciting curriculum initiatives we are implementing and feel confident 2023 will be a remarkable year of learning and growth!

Mrs. Sanders

Important Dates

Monday, January 16th - MLK Jr. Day (Macfeat closed)

Thursday, January 19th - Parent Advisory Board Meeting at 6pm

Saturday, January 21st - Macfeat Open House from 9-11am

Friday, January 27th - Macfeat Open House from 4-6pm

Friday, March 17th - No School (Macfeat & WU Closed)

April 3-7 - Spring Break (Macfeat Closed)

Friday, May 19th - Last Day of School

Parent Advisory Board Meeting

The Macfeat Parent Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, January 19th at 6pm on zoom. Meeting notes from the session will be shared with all families after the meeting. If you have specific topics or areas for school improvement to discuss please do not hesitate to reach out to the board president Mrs. Lisa Brett at lbrett12@gmail.com or you are welcome to contact me at sandersm@Winthrop.edu.

Season Changes

Please be sure to change out your child's extra clothing outfit in the classroom to reflect the changing weather conditions. Also, we will go outside as much as we are able so please dress your child accordingly and be sure to include hats and gloves. Thank you!

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Enrollment and Open House

Enrollment is in full swing for the 2023-2024 school year and we need your help to share all about our amazing school! Please help spread this news by sharing the Open House post on social media post and telling others about our remarkable program!



In addition, we will be having two Open House sessions on Saturday, January 21st from 9am-11am or Friday, January, 27th from 4pm-6pm. See the link for more information and again, we encourage you to share, share, share!



OPEN HOUSE



Preschool & Multi-Age Kindergarten Classes!

Macfeat Laboratory School provides an environment where children are taught by master teachers who create curriculum that honors the students' experiences in an authentic and meaningful way while meeting the SC state standards. Located in the College of Education at Winthrop University, Macfeat is able to access the variety of resources that are uniquely available to us on our university campus. Apply soon because spaces fill up quickly!

REGISTER HERE

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Be a no drama llama.



Hello Families,

As we come back into the Spring 2023 semester, Macfeat as a school community is working heavily to promote students' social and emotional development. The next several pages in the newsletter will provide additional information on these actions. Some of the recent, current, and future actions to support this curriculum and instructional focus include:

- SEL Professional Development for all Staff- Teachers participated in training sessions with the GA's assigned to the classroom which resulted in some remarkable conversations about ways we can work collaboratively to support the students growth and development within the framework of each unique classroom. Student interests and specific needs were discussed and used as the drive to develop curriculum initiatives as we embark upon the next couple of months.
- Intentional SEL Curriculum and Instruction- Within these conversations we discussed the student interests prevalent in each classroom and determined some curriculum disciplines to explore that align well to Social and Emotional Development including:



- *Science Center Development*- Science investigation provides ample opportunity for inquiry and sensory output which can help a child with their emotional regulation. We will be expanding our science centers.



- *Art, Music, and Movement Integration*- Art, music, and movement provide children with opportunities for expression and output. We will continue to integrate the arts into our teaching.



- *Dramatic Play*- We will expand our dramatic play centers by designing unique experiences led by student interest. Funds will be provided to support purchases for this area of interest. Additionally, dramatic play (ie. Puppets, theater) will be used to provide opportunities for children to explore emotions and act out social scenarios and explore different approaches to solve conflicts.

If you have any suggestions or connections for these curriculum initiatives please share with me and your child's teacher!

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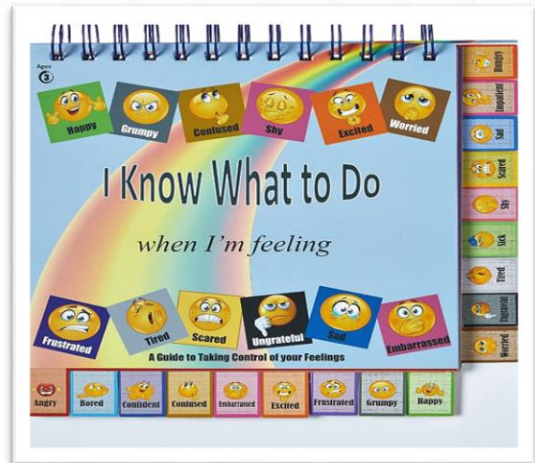
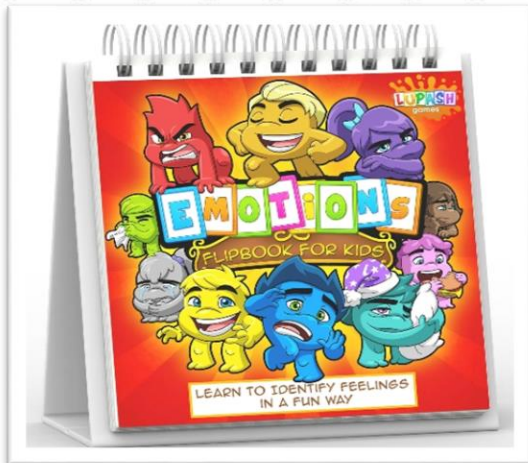
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SEL Materials Purchased for Each Classroom

To support our teaching of emotional regulation we purchased many SEL resources that you will begin to see in each classroom. These are outstanding resources that you may consider purchasing at home to maximize the resource's impact as this provides a direct home to school connection.

I have provided images with Amazon links to just a few the SEL items we purchased for each classroom. I encourage you to investigate these resources!



Click on the Image to View Resource on Amazon
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Trust the **MAGIC** of new beginnings.



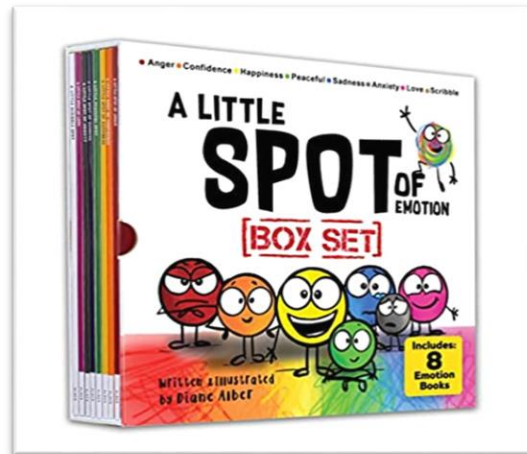
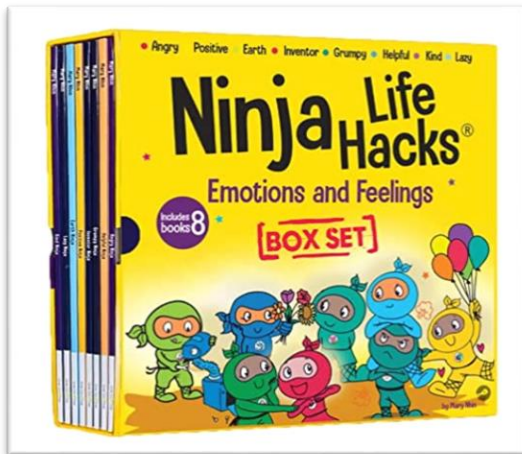
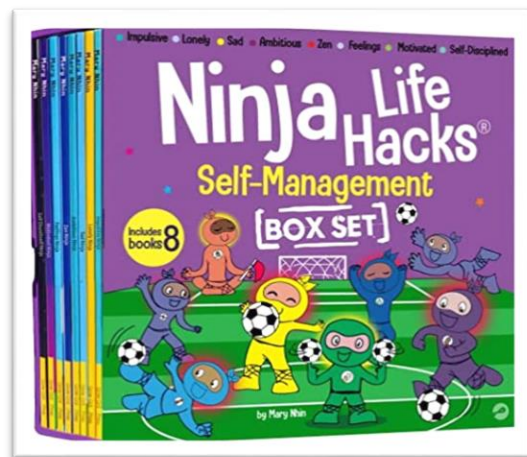
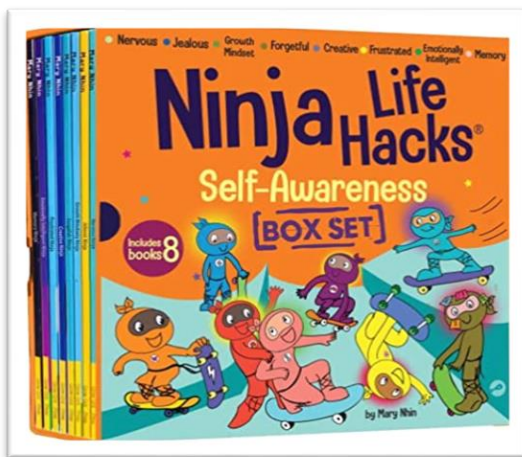
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Community Connections



Check out this great cooking studio for kids that is directly connected to our Macfeat community as Mx. Siegfried works there as well! Kids summer camps are designed for children ages 5 and up and the classes on Saturday mornings are available for children ages 2-4 for Preschool Age and 5-8 for Little Chefs.

ParentSMART is an early learning education program that partners with parents to inspire lifelong learners. Recognizing the significant role parents have as serving as the child's first teacher, ParentSMART is dedicated to providing leadership, educational support, resource information, and collaborative opportunities to parents. The calendar for spring training opportunities is provided.



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Come Draw with Me

**January 21
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

at Museum of York County

Support provided in part by

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JOY DANCE ACADEMY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE?

BRAND NEW dance studio in Rock Hill, SC! Striving to provide a nurturing dance environment while helping our students find their joy in dance is our mission. Joy Dance Academy offers quality training and a safe space for students to feel supported and encouraged along their dance journey. We focus on technique and foundation and believe anyone can dance regardless of size, age, or experience. JDA's teachers combined have over 40 years of dance experience.

WHAT IS OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM?

Our preschool program is for young dancers looking to get started in their dance journey! For preschool settings, we offer a beginner ballet & creative movement program. In this program, we focus on beginner ballet steps, stretching, and different variations of jumps, crawls, and rolls. We like to include a lot of different educational games to make it fun but informative.

PRICES:

2 & 3 year old 45 minute class onsite: \$30 per dancer per month
4 year old class 45 minute onsite: \$30 per dancer per month

Joy Dance Academy 3 & 4 year old class: \$50 per dancer per month on Mondays from 4:00-4:45

RECITAL:

Every dancer that signs up will learn a ballet routine and be eligible to perform it at our end of year recital that is on May 27th at the Castle Heights auditorium. The only extra expenses would be a recital costume that is usually about \$60 per dancer.

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