

Academy of Early Learning

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to a brand new year! We can't wait to open our doors and begin this learning journey with your family. Your children's days will be filled with play, song, stories, building, creating art, making friends, and solving

problems together.

This year, AEL begins the implementation of a new curriculum, Boston Focus. The Boston Focus curriculum, selected through a PRISM Grant last school year, is aligned with state standards and provides every AEL classroom with high quality instructional materials designed to develop strong foundational literacy skills. The curriculum also places a strong emphasis on problem-solving and community building through play based learning.

Through the grant we were able to purchase an updated collection of picture books for our read alouds and many new materials for our classrooms. Our teachers will participate in professional development around strong instructional strategies and supporting all learners.

This curriculum ensures equity in our classrooms and access to all learners. Each month, you will receive updates on what your child is learning in their classrooms and links to activities and resources to use at home.

Our partnership with families and care givers is key to our success. We invite you to call, ask questions, attend school events, and join our PTO. We know you are your child's first and most important teacher and value your input.

Welcome to AEL! We look forward to meeting you soon.

Warmly,
Jill Taglia, Principal



Important Dates

- **Friday, September 4** - PreK begins, Half Day
Schedule - 8:30 - 11:15. Dismissal begins at 11:05.
No PM session.
 - **Monday, September 7** - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 - **Tuesday, September 8** - ALL PreK sessions begin.
 - **Tuesday, September 8** - First PTO meeting at AEL
in the library (virtual option available) 5:00 p.m.
 - **Thursday, September 24** - Open House at AEL
4:00-5:00 p.m.
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Safety at Arrival and Dismissal

During Arrival/Dismissal safety is our number one priority!

Please follow these guidelines each day for the safety of all. Thank you!

***IMPORTANT* IF A BUS HAS ITS RED LIGHTS**

FLASHING, YOU MUST STOP. IT IS ILLEGAL TO PASS A BUS WHILE LIGHTS ARE FLASHING.

DROP OFF LINE ONLY

- **Enter onto Place Terrace from Wells St.**
- **Please form a single line along the driveway curb, if you are first in line please pull forward all the way to the traffic cone at the end of the sidewalk.**
- **Please remain in your car. A staff member will come to assist your child out of the car and into the building.**
- **All children must be buckled into their carseats when arriving and departing the school. A staff member will unbuckle students to exit the car. If you must speak with a staff member, please park in a spot/parking lot and walk up to the building.**

DROP OFF Park and Walk

- **You may park in our parking lot and walk your child up to the portico entry where a staff member will assist you.**
- **If spaces are limited, park on the side of the road with the direction of traffic (right side of the road).**

PICK UP LINE ONLY

- **Enter onto Place Terrace from Wells St.**
- **Please form a single line along the driveway curb, if you are first in line please pull forward all the way to the end of the sidewalk in front of the building.**
- **Please remain in your car. A staff member will come to assist your child into the car.**
- **All children must be buckled into their carseats when departing the school. A staff member will assist your child to the car. Parent/Guardian must buckle their child into their carseat.**

If you must speak with a staff member, please park in a spot/parking lot and walk up to the building.

PICK UP Park and Walk

- **You may park in our parking lot and walk to the portico entry to receive your child.**
 - **If spaces are limited, park on the side of the road with the direction of traffic (right side of the road) .**
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Information about Our Curriculum: Boston Focus

You will find information here each month for our "Big Ideas", Read Alouds, and activities you can do at home.

Please follow the links below for more information:

- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1](#)**
- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1 \(Portuguese\)](#)**
- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1 \(Spanish\)](#)**
- **[Boston Focus Family Connections Unit 1 \(Haitian Creole\)](#)**

Contact Us

We can't wait to see you!

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