"LEARNING AS WE GROW"

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 169 Belleville Road New Bedford, MA 02745 508-992-9274

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FAMILY/GUARDIAN COPY

Dear Lincoln Family/Guardians,

We are currently taking registration forms for our Fall thru Spring Afterschool Program.

Our Kindergarten/ $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ graders meet on Tuesdays. Our $3^{rd}/4^{th}/5^{th}$ graders meet on Wednesdays. We hope you might be interested in enrolling your child.

How does the program work?

When the children are dismissed from Lincoln School, our staff will be on hand to gather them and safely walk them down Glennon St. to the church. The program takes place in the Parish Hall next to the church at 169 Belleville Rd. Families will pick up their child at St. Andrew's by 5:00. The children will play outside, have snack, a meeting to learn about what activities are available that day, listen to stories, and a half hour homework time. We plan to offer your child the opportunity to be creative, to pretend, to build, to explore ideas of interest to them and to enjoy books and writing. Some weeks our story will come from the Bible, other weeks the story will come from the collection of classic children's literature.

Who are we?

Our afterschool staff is made up of people with experience teaching and caring for young children. All are CORI. We have been offering this program since January, 2011.

What are the costs and the schedule?

There is no tuition charge for this program. We do ask, if you are able, for a \$5 per month donation toward the purchase of snacks. Each child attends one day per week according to the grade they attend at Lincoln (K/1/2 on Tuesdays, and (3/4/5) on Wednesdays) with groups of no more than 20 with a teacher and two assistant teachers. We will operate on the same schedule as the public schools. We will be closed during snow days, professional development days, conference days, half-days, holidays, and school vacations.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Andrew's Enrichment program, please complete the enrollment forms provided by Lincoln's office. If you need to reach us, the church office email is <u>office@standrewsnb.org</u> and the phone is 508-992-9274.

Enrollment materials must be completed before your child could begin. You will receive a phone call once your child is fully enrolled. If registrations exceed 20 per session, a Waitlist will be formed and you will be notified by letter. Please direct any questions you may have to Jennifer Xavier at <u>ileavitt@newbedfordschools.org</u> or by calling the office (508-992-9274).

If your child decides to stop attending after a few weeks or months, please call, or email the office so that another child on our Waitlist can attend. We truly look forward to offering our neighborhood children an afterschool program that is safe, nurturing and enriching within a caring community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Xavier, Program Co-Director Lynn Eddleston, Program Co-Director

