
Tamassee DAR School Newsletter February 2025

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Children's Therapeutic Groups will resume in February! The Starlight Parenting team and Recovery Counselor will facilitate weekly children's groups divided into two age groups (ages 4-6 and 7 & up). Groups will focus on managing emotions,

developing coping and social skills, improving communication, enhancing self-esteem, and addressing specific challenges like anxiety, grief, or trauma. Our youngest Starlight children will attend the G.L.O.W. group (Growing, Learning, Overcoming, Winning) and our older Starlight children will attend the F.L.A.M.E.S. group (Following, Leading, Achieving, Motivating, Encouraging, Succeeding). Join with us in prayer for the growth and blessing of our Starlight children!



Based on parent feedback from the 2023-2024 school year survey, we increased our homework time to 50 minutes daily this academic year. The students now complete 25 minutes of math application and 25 minutes of reading if they do not have other homework from school. Their assignments are specialized and based off the students' August STAR testing results. This December, we retested the students in Math and Reading to see how they are progressing. Overall 83% of all students improved in Reading and 96% of all students improved in Math. For our students who were at-risk in August, 97% of them improved in Reading and Math! Thank you to the students for all their hard work. We also want to give a shout out to our teachers and tutors.



Tamassee Early Learning Center participates in a voluntary, state-wide childcare rating and improvement system named ABC Quality. Over the past few years, we have been preparing for our ABC Quality site visit during which an assessor critiques all aspects of the classrooms.

Teachers' interactions with children are at the center of this evaluation. The assessor monitors the quality and quantity of positive, affirming, educational activities and conversations.

On January 7th our assessor arrived and spent several hours in all our classrooms. She not only appraised interactions, but the variety, quality, and availability of materials. After finishing her classroom assessments, one of her first statements to the director was "You have an excellent program." She complimented the interactions of the staff with the children, stating "you can tell the teachers genuinely care about the kids." She also commented positively on the selection of materials available in the classroom. Although we have not yet received the final report, the assessor affirmed what we strive for daily at TELC: to be a program of excellence.

The logo for Starlight Shoppe is a pink heart with a white outline. The word "Starlight" is written in a black cursive font across the top of the heart, and the word "SHOPPE" is written in a white, all-caps, sans-serif font across the bottom of the heart.

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