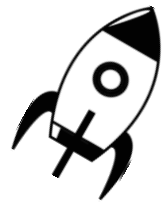




Launch into Learning



Dear Parents,

York School District One has an [Early Childhood Parent Institute](#) for our Four-Year-Old Preschool Parents and our Five-year-old Kindergarten Parents.

The Institute is part of our “Launch into Learning” initiative designed to increase engagement between the district, our students, our parents, and the community as a whole.

The Early Childhood Parent Institute is made up of 5 parent discovery sessions:

- ***September 10th—Night at the Museum 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.***

Museum of York County: 4621 Mt. Gallant Rd., Rock Hill, SC
York School District One Families Only

A visit to the Museum of York County will provide a time for you and your family to join in learning adventures through the Naturalist Center with over 2,000 specimens----you won't believe how large the bear is!!! The family can also enjoy a star-show presentation in the Settlemire Planetarium, a quick visit to Tot Town which will keep your little ones learning while playing, and viewing award winning exhibitions. A free book will be given to each child, and just by signing in, your family will be enrolled in the [Early Childhood Parent Institute](#) Graduate Program. **** All of this and **FREE ADMISSION!** (Session 1 of the Early Childhood Parent Institute)

- ***September 25th---Math in the House 6:00 – 7:00pm Dinner included at 5:30 p.m.***

Harold C. Johnson Elementary School: 400 East Jefferson St., York, SC

Special Guest from Clemson University, Dr. Sandra Linder, will be presenting tips and advice about early mathematics, and helping parents to understand the math learning expectations for our youngest students. Counting and Cardinality (the number of objects in a group) are two of the most important math concepts for your child. Dr. Linder will assist parents in making everyday math concepts more enjoyable. Be sure to come early and enjoy dinner with your [Early Childhood Parent Institute](#) Friends (Session 2 of the Early Childhood Parent Institute) **Child Care Provided**

- ***October 10th----School-time Friends-Make it Easy! 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Pizza Night at 5:30 p.m.***

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Dr. Allison Paolini from Winthrop University will help parents understand the social and emotional steps that young children experience. Dr. Paolini will highlight the 5 social “know-hows” to help young children to become confident and positively relate to those around them. A Free Parent/Child Magazine will be given to each family. Be sure to come early and enjoy pizza with your family and [Early Childhood Parent Institute Friends](#). (Session 3 of the Early Childhood Parent Institute) **Child Care Provided**

- ***November (to be determined) --- Enjoying the Great Outdoors 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.***

Chicken Strips and Chips at 5:30 p.m.

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Enjoy time with the animals! Come early for Chicken Strips and Chips at 5:30 p.m. with your [Early Childhood Parent Institute](#) Friends (Session 4 of the Early Childhood Parent Institute) [Child Care Provided](#)

- **Session 5: School-site Early Childhood Parent Institute**

Each Elementary School will have a “special” celebration as the final discovery lesson of the Early Childhood Institute. Elementary Schools will send out invitations to parents concerning the focus and date of the final session.

*********[Early Childhood Parent Institute](#) is a cluster of educators who have come together to support York School District One with providing fun and interesting discovery sessions for parents of young children.

[When parents complete 4 of the 5 discovery sessions](#), their child’s name will be entered into a drawing for 2 free passes to Adventure Air Sports in Rock Hill, SC.

[When parents complete 5 of the 5 discovery sessions](#), their child’s name will be entered into a drawing for a free pass to Carowinds. Parents will also receive a “Graduate” Bumper Sticker!!! [I’m a Graduate of the York School District One Early Childhood Parent Institute](#)