



February 2021  
Mrs. Colbert, Principal



### Algonquin Early Learning Center's Mission:

Algonquin is committed to meeting the needs of our diverse student body by providing high quality, developmentally appropriate, and structured learning opportunities in order to lay the foundation to their success as lifelong learners.

Dear Families,

As we embark on a new month, we have the exciting opportunity to honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future as we celebrate Black History Month and Random Act of Kindness Day (February 17th).

Please continue to text/email pictures of your child demonstrating excellence during remote learning to his/her teacher. We love to showcase excellence on our social media platforms.

The Parent Educators have put together a few fun Family Engagement activities. Be sure to check them out by clicking [here](#).

Stay healthy and safe!

Mrs. Lori Colbert, Principal

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 5

- \*Early Dismissal (No PM Classes)
- \*Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 9

- \*Early Childhood Network (6:00 PM)

Friday, February 12

- \*Early Dismissal (No PM Classes)

Monday, February 15

- \*No School (Presidents' Day)

Monday, February 22

- \*School Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

Wednesday, February 24

- \*Quarter 3 Midterm

Wednesday, February 24

- \*Virtual Black History Program (7:00 PM)

Thursday, February 25

- \*Family Playgroup (9:30 AM & 2:20 PM)

Friday, February 26 - Monday, March 1

- \*No School (Mid-Winter Break)



## REPORT TO PARENTS: HELP CHILDREN LEARN AT HOME

### Create a Routine

- ➔ Set up rules for everyone at home to try to be as quiet as possible during class.
- ➔ Review assignments and expectations from the school, and help set a reasonable pace.
- ➔ Plan for flexibility in the schedule—it's okay to adapt!

### Meet Individual Needs

- ➔ For children who have trouble focusing, allow for more frequent breaks.
- ➔ For children with sensory needs, sitting at a table all day may prove difficult. Consider alternatives such as floor space, floor pillows, or a yoga ball.

### Other Ways to Learn

- ➔ Hands-on activities, like puzzles, painting, drawing, and making things reduce screen time.
- ➔ Practice handwriting and grammar by writing letters to friends and family members. This is a great way to help your child feel connected to others without face-to-face contact.

[Click Here  
for English  
Parent  
Letter](#)

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for Spanish  
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The district-wide Black History Program will be held virtually on February 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The students at Algonquin are working hard and look forward to our part in the event. Families will be provided with a link to view the event.

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between December 13, 2020 - June  
30, 2021.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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[biplab.uchicago.edu](http://biplab.uchicago.edu)

Families: The Illinois State Board of Education has partnered with the University of Chicago Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab (BIP) to provide a new parent text program to Algonquin's preschool families at no cost. Click on the link and flyer below for more information about this amazing resource.

[Chat2Learn Website](#)

[Chat2Learn Info: English](#)

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*Please stay in touch with us!*

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