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Dear ECHL Parents,

The National Association for the Education of Young Children administers the largest and most widely recognized accreditation system for early childhood schools and child care centers. Accredited programs provide a safe environment, trained teachers, activities appropriate to children's ages, ongoing professional development, respect for cultural diversity, and ongoing systematic evaluation.

The Early Childhood Lab is proud to be an accredited program and we are currently seeking re-accreditation for the next five years. This is a lengthy and involved process, and the entire ECHL faculty and staff have been hard at work completing these requirements.

Part of the accreditation process requires a site visit from the national office. This will be an unannounced visit and will occur sometime this summer or early fall. As we journey through this process, we will continue to keep you updated. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to completing our reaccreditation process.

Sincerely,

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