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RE: KWJ child care center's ESI-R Developmental Screening

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We all know that children develop at their own pace with faster development in some areas and slower development in other areas. With that in mind, assessment of child progress is important to ensure that school staff and parents know how children are progressing and what challenges children may be encountering in order to determine which next steps will benefit children the most.

In addition to regular student assessments, KWJ also administers the Early Screening Inventory-Revised (ESI-R) screening tool to aid in learning more about various aspects of your child's development in areas such as: language, cognition, perception, and motor development. This tool is recommended by the New Jersey Department of Education – Office of Early Childhood and consists of a brief assessment procedure which takes about 15 to 20 minutes per child to administer. To get a more comprehensive picture of your child's growth and development, ***we ask that you complete and return the attached Parent Questionnaire by Wednesday, September 24, 2014.***

We want to emphasize that this screening is not used for determining placement in Preschool/Pre-K/Kindergarten, student IQ, school readiness, or identifying students considered to be gifted and talented. The ESI-R screening assessment is used to help identify students who might be at risk for a possible learning problem or delay.

KWJ first administered the ESI-R screening assessment in 2013 and in keeping with best practice; we will begin conducting this assessment on an annual basis. This year's ESI-R screening assessments will be administered during October and November to those students who are ages 3.0 – 5.11 years old by October 1st. Children who turn 3.0 years old after October 1, 2014, will complete their initial ESI-R screening Fall 2015 unless there are specific developmental concerns and it is determined that developmental screening is needed. Your child's teacher will share the results of the screening with you no later than December 15, 2014. If you do not want your child to be screened, you will need to discuss this matter with the Principal and make a written request to waive the screening.

For your reference a Frequently Asked Questions document has been attached. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher or the administrative office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Avonia Richardson-Miller
Principal/Director