

## Welcome to Best in Class!

Dear Families,

Your child's 4-year-old classroom has been selected to participate in Best in Class, a program funded through ND Health & Human Services that promotes quality early learning experiences for children in the year before kindergarten. Best in Class builds on program characteristics that drive results by offering affordable, accessible, and quality experiences.

### **Best in Class benefits:**

- Enrolls children of all abilities
- Bases tuition on a sliding-fee scale so it is affordable
- Provides individualized support for each child through high-quality teacher-child interactions
- Promotes free-play and hands-on learning experiences
- Offers a safe, high-quality environment for children
- Supports child health and well-being by offering health screenings
- Observes and documents children's learning and development (social-emotional, language, physical, cognitive, literacy, and math)
- Fosters family engagement opportunities to support child development

### **Family Engagement:**

Best In Class recognizes the importance of family engagement and fostering a sense of connection and belonging for both the child and the family. Research shows that strong family engagement is a key factor in children's learning outcomes, their consistent attendance in their program and their success as lifelong learners. Your child's classroom will offer regular communication strategies, provide family-friendly opportunities, and offer resources to support children's learning at home.

### **Enclosed in this family informational packet you will find:**

- Child Information Form (*Please complete and return to program.*)
- Health Screening Permission Form (*please complete and return to program.*)

This information will be used to ensure Best in Class program requirements are being met. All information you share is confidential.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,  
The Best in Class Team