



DEVELOPING EARLY LANGUAGE AND LITERACY IN DANVILLE DELL-D PROJECT



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! Your child's classroom is participating in an Early Reading First Program "Developing Early Language and Literacy in Danville" (DELL-D). This program, which is supported by the University of Illinois, provides training and materials for the classroom teachers, using the most recent research on literacy. It also provides your child with new activities, materials and strategies that will help your child gain skills that lead to later success in reading and writing.

A part of this Early Reading First Program is the DELL-D Family Center, which is housed at the ECIAA Family and Community Development Center at 501 Kimball Street. The Family Center has many different kinds of resources for parents – from interactive toys and games you and your child can enjoy playing together to books and videos that include helpful parenting tips. The Family Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00–11:00 and 2:00–4:00. If you need additional time, just let me know and I would be happy to try to arrange my schedule. I will also be sending you information about events in the community that support children's interest in stories, books, reading and writing - you will find this information on a regular basis in your child's backpack.

I will also be at the Danville Public Library on Monday evenings between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Stop by with your child to read a book and have fun doing an activity together. Additionally, I will be available to help you choose books if needed.

The goal of the DELL-D Project is to help preschoolers be ready for elementary school, where they will become readers and writers. I look forward to this opportunity to serve you and your child.

Sincerely,

Sandy Hufford

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