

## West Orange Early Childhood Learning Center

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Dear Families of West Orange,

Welcome to The West Orange Early Childhood Learning Center. We are excited to begin this journey with you in developing the foundation of education for your young child. Throughout the school year, we will work with you to ensure student development both academically and socially/emotionally. We know you are entrusting your child into our care to guide him/her in the initial stages of his/her academic and social/emotional success.

The goal of the program is to provide families of the West Orange community an opportunity to participate in a high-quality preschool program free of charge that recognizes and respects the religious and cultural diversity of all families, as well as reinforces the importance of family engagement. We encourage all parents to be an active part of their child's education and look forward to working side by side with all of you to ensure your child's success.

"If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, learn to trust, share their feelings, and grow." ~ Alfie Kohn Through implementation of the curriculum by a highly qualified staff, in a nurturing and safe environment, we will help each child reach his/ her highest potential.

I welcome opportunities to meet and speak with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. It is truly an honor for me to partner with you at the beginning of your child's journey. I can be reached via phone or email at <u>kdorlean@westorangeschools.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Kalisha Dorlean Director of Early Childhood