

Dear ECE Senior:

I hope you're enjoying your summer break! Can you believe that soon you'll be an official senior in high school? This year will go by so fast, and before you know it you'll be walking across the stage ready to receive your career passport from the Coshocton County Career Center. Be prepared for a busy year, in addition to earning experience hours in the field, I have a lot of curricula to cover to ensure you leave the program well prepared to teach in the early childhood profession. Senior courses include observation and assessment practices (option to take as a COTC college course), infant/toddler education, and development of your CDA professional resource portfolio. You should already have a lot of the supplies you need for next year, but just in case you need to replace any, the following are recommended:

- You can continue to wear your ECE polo shirts or T-shirts to community events and your work-based learning sites. You can order more at the beginning of the year if you wish through the Claxon Communications company. They will have an online store set up and I will give you the link at the beginning of the school year.
- You may need to replace some of the supplies you purchased last year. Frequently used items such as adult sized scissors, lamination film, and black sharpies always seem to be in demand when making lesson plans and projects. You may want to purchase your own personal supplies.
- For the COTC college course, you will need a 1-to-2-inch binder and 1 package of tabs.
- You will need items to create your CDA professional resource portfolio. You will need a large 3-inch binder and about 100 plastic page protectors.
- As part of your student fees this year, you will need to pay FCCLA club dues. You will also need to purchase a CDA competencies book from the Career Center.
- If you were not placed at Head Start last year for any part of your work-based learning, you will need an updated physical. It must be filled out on the form included.

I've enjoyed being your teacher last year and look forward to seeing you continue to grow and develop as an early childhood professional. I am confident that when you graduate from the Career Center, you will have all the tools and resources you will need to be successful. What you do with them is up to you ... The choice is yours!

Best Wishes for Your Senior Year!

Mrs. Grimm

