

## DECA Introductory Letter (option 1)

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited that our early childhood program has decided to implement the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) Preschool Program. The DECA Preschool Program promotes resilience, the ability to bounce back from difficulty, in children ages 3-5. Through the program, teachers and families learn specific ways to support young children's social and emotional development.

Teachers will use the DECA Preschool Program to help children be more successful in school. In addition, teachers will share information about activities that you can do at home to foster resilience in your child.

Teachers will complete an assessment of all children in the classroom. This assessment will help us learn about the way each child gets along with others, shares how they feel, explores, and learns. Parents will also be asked to complete the assessment on their child. Having both the parent and teacher complete the assessment will provide valuable information about how your child behaves both at home and in the classroom. We will use this information to better plan for all children in the program, building on individual children's strengths.

**If you have any questions regarding this program, or you would like your child to be exempt from the DECA Preschool Program process, please feel free to contact**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) grant permission for the DECA-P2 assessment to be completed on my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) while he/she is in the care of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date