• Our program continues to serve a culturally and linguistically diverse population of children and staff that also welcomes children with special needs in an inclusive environment. We continue to have @ 350 children on our wait lists.

• Our NAEYC accreditation was renewed in January 2016 until 2021. The report was VERY positive – we scored 100% or better on 8/10 standards, including program administration & leadership, teacher/child interactions, assessment, health/safety, teachers & teaching, community, and families.

• We continue as the only program in South Carolina with a **NatureExplore** certified outdoor space.

• We were selected as a highlight program for the School of Education’s SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation report.

• By May 2016, we will complete conversion of our internal program assessment process to a university-wide template designed to meet SACS requirements.

• We continued our involvement in several important local community, regional, and national advocacy activities working on behalf of young children and families.

• We hosted more than 500 students, professors, and other visitors for internships, practicum activities, and research projects.

• We had a parent volunteer visit one day a week for Spanish immersion with all the children.

• We distributed $9000 in scholarship funds to ECDC families.

• We developed and implemented a new USDA compliant nutrition plan and revised the snack procedures.

• The Director and teachers attended and/or presented at several national conferences.

• We had a new garden designed/installed, courtesy of the Boeing Corporation prior to the beginning of the school year.