

Early Learning Academy April 2010 Newsletter



Message from Mrs. Hao

Early Learning Academy marks its 25th anniversary this month! It just seems like yesterday, when I first started working here 25 years ago. This has been home for me. Time surely flies when you love what you do!

Thanks for allowing me to make your children my business! I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for their dedication and all of you for continuing to support our school!!! We will be celebrating the "Week of the Young Child" on April 12-16.

The children in the Panda and Caterpillar Classes will be assessed again this month. Evaluation Forms will be given out at the end of the month.

Kids Are My Business

How lucky am I? At work each day, I get to help children learn and play, and keep them safe so they will grow into adults I'll be glad to know!

How proud am I? I guide today's youth to strive for knowledge, goals and truth. I know I play an important part in inspiring them to take learning to heart. How grateful am I? I value so much the smiles that I win and the lives that I touch. I love earning the trust of each girl and boy. Kids are my business, as well as my joy!

Robyn Squire (1972)
American Writer

APRIL CALENDAR

April 9 – All orders and payments for Graduation Caps and Gowns are now due

Cap, Gown, and Tassel - \$25.00

Tassel Only - \$5.00 (for those who can use their older sibling's cap and gown)

April 16 – Happy 25th Birthday ELA!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Please have your children come to school in crazy hair or hat, sports outfit, Hawaiian clothes, and pajamas.

April 12 Crazy Hair/Hat

April 13 Sports Day

April 14 Hawaiian Day

April 15 Pajama Day

April 16 Carnival 9:00-10:30



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear **Early Learning Academy**, John Paul Cosino, Donte Yasukawa, and Ms. Menchy, happy birthday to you all!!!

Upcoming events



HAPPY 24th BIRTHDAY ELA!

Early Learning Academy will celebrate its 25th birthday on **Friday, April 16th**. We will have a “birthday party!” The school will provide lunch and a special afternoon snack for everyone. The children may bring wrapped birthday gifts for the school, like Legos, puzzles, books, etc. They will be most appreciated!

Please have your child wear his/her school shirt.

RE-REGISTRATION IS DUE ON MAY 3

In your (parents) mailbox, you will find the 2010 – 2011 Re-registration forms. If you plan to have your child return to Early Learning Academy during the next school year, you need to complete this form and submit it with a **non-refundable \$100 re-application fee** by **May 3, 2010**. If your child is **NOT** returning next school year, please return the form anyway, marked “not returning” on the top of the form.

REMINDERS

- When we are busy taking care of your children, we cannot remember all the things they wear and bring to school. It will really help if they are **labeled**.
- Show & Tell is every Tuesday. Please **hand** your child’s show & tell to a Teacher and please **label** it. No toys or anything from home are allowed on any other days. **We will NOT be responsible for lost things or toys.**
- Please notify us if you have a change in phone numbers or address.
- Please LIMIT the number of “heat-ups” you send for lunch.
- Please **NO** uncooked food such as: Cup o’ Noodles, Frozen Foods (TV dinners), etc. **WE ONLY WARM UP; WE DO NOT COOK FOOD!**

Learning Corner

Theme: Make A Difference...RECYCLE!

Events: Week of the Young Child

Carnival

School's Birthday

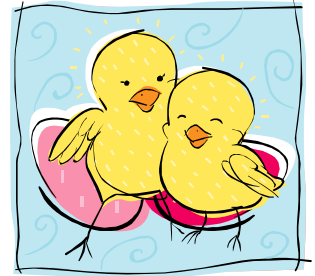
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Chicks (Toddlers):

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Pandas (Preschool):

Letters – U, V, W

Number - 9

Caterpillars (Pre-K):

Letters – Uu, Vv, Ww

Numbers – 17, 18



SUCCESSFUL SCISSORING

Have you ever wondered why young children have difficulty working with scissors? Managing scissors requires that a child combine fine motor skills – control and coordination of small muscles, especially the hands, wrists, and eyes – with an intellectual task. Closely related to motor development is physical growth and brain development. As the body grows physically and the brain develops, children are able to perform more intricate motor skills.

Most children are eager to cut with scissors. If a child is reluctant, it is probably because he/she is not ready. A prerequisite to cutting with scissors is tearing, so we should allow young children many opportunities to practice tearing paper and materials such as lettuce and clay prior to teaching them how to use scissors.

In introducing kids to scissors, we should first discuss safety rules and provide each child with appropriately designed scissors (initially with rounded points). So that we at school and you at home can work together on this skill, here is our approach to showing children how to use scissors:

- Show them how to hold the scissors.
- Have them practice opening and closing the scissors several times before they try to cut paper.
- Show children how to hold the paper in one hand and the scissors in the other, then slip the paper between the blades, close the blades, and open them.
- Let the children practice snipping small pieces of paper, old wrapping paper and greeting cards, and those catalogs and pieces of junk mail that you are **recycling** anyway.
- As your child develops proficiency, let him/her practice by cutting pictures from magazines, cutting along a straight line, and cutting along a curved line.

By the time a child goes to Kindergarten, cutting skills should be fairly solid.



PARENT'S CORNER

KID'S HEALTH: BE CAREFUL WITH EGGS!

Hard-boiled eggs are stars in both Easter and Passover celebrations, but since they are also perishable – and vulnerable to bacteria – you need to take steps to avoid food-borne illness. Here are some quick tips from the USDA.

Always wash your hands before dyeing eggs.

Use food-grade dyes.

Consider making two sets of eggs: one for decorating and hiding, and one for eating.

If you plan to eat the eggs after a hunt, keep them refrigerated until just before hiding them, and avoid placing eggs in spots exposed to dirt or pets. Refrigerate “found” eggs right away.

Never eat eggs that have been unrefrigerated for more than two hours or that have cracked shells, through which bacteria can enter.

Eat all hard-cooked eggs within a week. If you make dishes like egg salad or deviled eggs with leftovers, toss them after three days.

WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR LOVEABLE GARBAGE:

Baby Size Blankets,
Children's (Ages 2-6) Pants,
Balls & Costumes.

FOR SALE:

ELA TShirt - \$14.00

ELA Sweatshirt - \$22.00

Children's Corner

What does RECYCLE mean?

- **Alexander Catalan** – Trash
- **John Paul Cosino** – Bottle
- **Kira Federoff** – Cans
- **Dylan Francis** – Reduce and reuse
- **Jordan Hill** – Milk Container
- **William Langley** – Trash Can
- **Sofia Martinez** – Garbage
- **Daniel Ouidiani** – Garbage
- **Alexander Pelkofer** – Boxes
- **Michael Shibata** – Old Toys
- **Gaia Splendore** – Garbage
- **Julius Villanueva** – Things in the garbage
- **Vinnesa Whitaker** – Take out garbage
- **Donte Yasukawa** – Cans

