

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Early Learning Academy January 2010 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Hao

It is wonderful to have everyone back after the holidays. I am sure you all loved the family time you spent together and are gradually getting back into the routine. Because of all of you, 2009 was a terrific year at Early Learning Academy. Thank you for giving our children, staff, and school so much support. As we step into the New Year (2010, would you believe?!), I would like to let you know that all you do is so very much appreciated!

CALENDAR

January 1 New Year
School Closed
January 18 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
School Closed



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Dylan, Francis, and Hannah Sustal, happy birthday to you!!!

YOU ARE THE BEST SANTA

Thank you to Jeff, Kyra Federoff's Dad. You truly did a great job again!

THANK YOU

- *to everyone who attended our Holiday Program and Party.
- *to everyone who brought sumptuous dishes for the Holiday Party.
- *to everyone who brought gifts for the staff.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

SHOW & TELL IS EVERY TUESDAY ONLY. We prefer that your child leave all toys and possessions at home. It is the parents' responsibility to retrieve any toys or things that the child brings to school. We will make an effort to put your child's possessions into his/her cubby, **but we cannot be responsible for anything brought from home by your child.**

PARENT'S CORNER

DO BIRDS HAVE EARS?

Young children are naturally curious and enjoy exploring the world around them; they find countless things to observe, investigate, and wonder about. *Why does spider spin a web? Do birds have ears? How do fish breathe?*

We can foster children's natural curiosity in many ways. When a child expresses an interest in a subject or poses a question about a natural phenomenon, a trip to the library can reveal answers and open up other doors to learning.

Family outings – even simple, short, inexpensive excursions – pique children's interest in the natural world. Parents and children encounter many wonders on walks through the park, along a pond, even in a neighbor's vegetable garden. Other visits can be planned to nature centers, science museums, zoos, fossil-laden hills, beaver dams – the choices are endless.

From time to time, pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it. Be sure to take along a container or two with air holes, so that you and your child can collect specimens. An inexpensive magnifying glass is also a valuable field accessory. And don't forget paper and pencils.

Talk about what you see. Your child might like to draw some observations. Encourage her to ask questions by writing them down in a notebook for further investigation – - Most of us find that we don't know the answers to all of a child's questions, and it's fun to research them together. A child's curiosity and spirit of investigation thrive when you are a fellow scientist, wondering about things and checking them out together.

WINTER SKIN CARE

When it's nippy outdoors, your child's skin needs protection. Amy Paller, M.D., chair of dermatology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, told us how to prevent cold-weather problems:

Sunburn and windburn

Apply a zinc oxide- or titanium dioxide base sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher to shield exposed skin.

Dryness

Once your child is back inside, don't let him linger in a hot bath. Limit the time to ten minutes, and keep the water temperature lukewarm. To lock in moisture, slather on a thick cream within three minutes.

Chapped skin

The cold causes lips to feel dry, and kids respond by licking them, which can make the problem worse. Apply an SPF lip balm before your child heads out and petroleum jelly after he gets back. To prevent trapped moisture and chafing, make sure his scarf isn't wrapped too tightly around his chin.

PARENT'S CORNER



Let's Go Outside!



Kids love to play outside, and teachers love outdoor time, too. It's a relaxing, stress-reducing, tension-relieving part of the day, and a time when much development and learning take place.

Physical development is evident outdoors as children learn about their bodies in space, practice important physical skills, and exercise and strengthen muscles. Children also learn social skills - cooperation, turn taking, being on a team. They learn about the world around them: they observe changes in the seasons; they watch living things such as bugs and birds; and they learn about the earth by collecting rocks and leaves.

The outdoor environment is an extension of the classroom. We plan for this part of the day just as we do for the other parts of the daily routine.

The environment includes equipment that helps encourage learning. For example, climbing equipment helps children develop their motor skills and judgment about what they can safely do; trikes and other riding toys develop balance and coordination.

We often bring classroom equipment outside to enrich the outdoor environment. One day, you might see children painting at the easels, and another day you might notice children playing with or spraying water. The time spent outside is a valuable part of our daily schedule.

Opportunities to climb, run, jump, skip, throw, catch, and use their "outside" voices provide children with a healthy release and break from the quieter activities of the classroom. Being outside allows them to stretch their muscles, breathe in fresh air, take in sunshine, and enjoy the freedom of space.

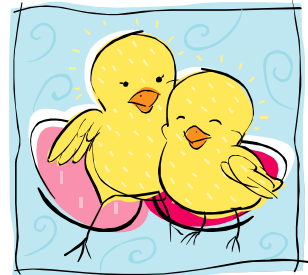
Hot or cold, outdoor play is always fun for children and important for their growth and development. Please dress your child in layers to plan for all kinds of weather, and please make sure your child has a warm coat every day.



Learning Corner

THEME: Animals
SHAPE: Rectangle
COLOR: Brown

Chicks (Toddlers):
Letters M, N, O
Number – 3



Pandas (Preschool):
Letters –M, N, O
Number 6

Caterpillars (Pre-K):
Letters – Review Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn
Numbers – 11, 12



The children will learn that there are many kinds of animals, and they will learn the names of the mother and baby animals.

The children will get to know about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Children's Corner

What is your favorite animal?

- **Zyrous Cantoria** – Lion
- **Luis Carvajal** - Rhino
- **John Paul Cosino** – Cow
- **Kira Federoff** – Zebra
- **Dylan Francis** – Zebra
- **Jordan Hill** – Penguin
- **Kiana House** - Giraffe
- **Jacino Hudgson** – Cat
- **William Langley** – Dinosaur
- **Jewel Lucas** – Dinosaur
- **Sofia Martinez** – Zebra
- **Luis Ocampo** - Cow
- **Daniel Ouidiani** – Elephant
- **Matthew Ouidiani** – Cow
- **Alexander Pelkofer** - Rhino
- **Michael Shibata** – Giraffe
- **Emily Ramirez** – Cow
- **Gaia Splendore** – Dog
- **Julius Villanueva** – Zebra
- **Vinnesa Whitaker** – Bunny
- **Scott Wong** - Tiger
- **Donte Yasukawa** – Dog



To learn more about Early Learning Academy, check out our website: ELA.Pinnacleschools.net (School Calendar, Events, Tuition Rates, etc...)

SHARE THE JOY!

Parents are encouraged to help out by spreading the news to prospective parents about what a great program Early Learning Academy has. Please know that we really appreciate your support and recruitment efforts.

Parents, you are our best advertisers!

Please pass flyers on to a friend or neighbor with preschool children. You will be assisting them with their search and keeping enrollment strong at Early Learning Academy.

We are currently offering \$100 off the first month's tuition for **new students**.