



Early Learning Academy March 2010 Newsletter



Message from Mrs. Hao

Welcome to March!

Rain, rain, rain, I thought the sun would never break through! But at last, it has begun to shine and we are all ready for it.

This month, community workers are coming to visit us. Firefighters and police officers have always been popular with the children. We will also try to invite mail carriers and librarians. Parents who are dentists, doctors, beauticians, etc., are welcome to volunteer to come and visit us too.



MARCH CALENDAR

- March 3** Librarian 9:00 am
- March 4** Firemen 9:00 am
- March 8** Learning Wheels
9:30 am
- March 17** Dress in Green Day

LOVABLE GARBAGE

We will celebrate "Week of the Young Child" next month. We will need prizes for our Carnival. Any kind of toy, new or old, big or small, will be great, except NO OLD stuffed toys to prevent allergies, please.

ELA's Carnival

April 16th is fast approaching. Please take a minute to sign up to donate or volunteer for our Carnival. You can also contact our Parent's Club President, Dana Langley via email: ddl@arnslaw.com.

Upcoming events

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation is held at Early Learning Academy on the second or third Wednesday of August each year. This is an opportunity for your child to be recognized for his/her achievements and to celebrate the completion of the preschool years. This event is for the children in the Pre-K class (Caterpillars) only.

While we know that this event is very special, just like any other event, children are not required to attend the Graduation Program. On the other hand, **only children who are enrolled and who attend the practice all throughout June 21 to August 12 can participate in the Graduation Program on August 13.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Cap, Gown, and Tassel - \$25.00

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

May 19 – Graduation Picture Day

June 2– Graduation Pictures

June 21 – August 12 Graduation Practice

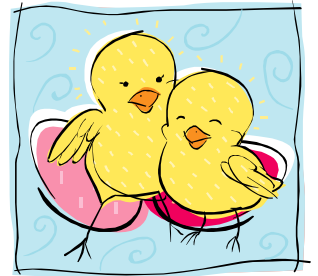
August 13 – Graduation Program 2:45 (**Limit 2 guests per child**)



Learning Corner

Theme: People in our Community
Events: Community Workers Visit
Shape: Clover
Color: **Green**

Chicks (Toddlers):
Letters – S, T
Number – 4



Pandas (Preschool):
Letters – S, T
Number - 8

Caterpillars (Pre-K):
Letters – Ss, Tt
Numbers – 15, 16



DRESS IN GREEN DAY

Wednesday, March 17 is “Dress in Green Day” at Early Learning Academy. Send your child dressed in something green.

Children's Corner

When I grow up I want to be a...

- Zyrous Cantoria - Policeman
- Luis Carvajal – Like My Daddy
- John Paul Cosino - Policeman
- Kira Federoff – Singer
- Dylan Francis - Chef
- Kiana House – Little Mermaid
- Jacino Hudgson - Doctor
- William Langlely – Firefighter
- Jewel Lucas - Doctor
- Sofia Martinez - Librarian
- Luis Ocampo - Doctor
- Daniel Ouidiani – Doctor
- Matthew Ouidiani – Doctor
- Emily Ramirez – Doctor
- Gaia Splendore – Cook
- Julius Villanueva – Race Car Driver
- Donte Yasukawa – Race Car Driver
- Vinnesa Whitaker - Veterinarian

PARENT'S CORNER

YOUR PASSPORT TO FUN

Kids love any reason to have a party, so why not celebrate some of the world's major holidays this year? You'll teach your child about different cultures and maybe pick up a few new family traditions.

Bring a little "Luck o' the Irish" into your home on **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**. Start by coloring your child's cereal milk green. Blame it on those mischievous leprechauns! Then top things off by reading the classic, *St. Patrick's Day in the Morning*, by Eve Bunting.

The Rewarding Ritual of Reading Aloud

Parents are children's first and most influential teachers. Reading together is one of the earliest shared experiences of parents and children. When you read a story to a child, you are his/her reading teacher.

Children learn to read by being read to. Research shows that early and good readers come from homes where reading is valued and experienced regularly. The desire to read starts with the early enjoyment of being held in a lap and cuddled as a story is read.

In addition to the feelings of warmth and security fostered by lap-time reading, reading aloud to children expands their world and their vocabulary. It creates an appreciation of the value of print, promotes knowledge of the mechanics of reading from the top to the bottom of the page and from left to right, and helps create an understanding of a sequence of events.

Setting aside time every day to read to your child says "I love you, and I want to spend special time sharing a story with you." It further demonstrates *your* love for books and sets the stage for developing in your child an interest and desire to become a reader.

Let your child pick a story: Then cuddle up together to enjoy exploring the power and magic of the printed world!

FUN Reading Programs at ELA

Raising a Reader Program - The children are given a red bag of 3 books to take home every week.

Learning Wheels will come to ELA, 4 times a year. This is a "School on Wheels" where the children will listen to stories, use a computer, **receive free books**, and play with interactive educational toys. **March 8 (Monday), 9:30 am, Learning Wheels at ELA**

Pizza Hut BOOK IT Program for the Pre-K class - Ms. Zoila sets a reading goal for each child in the class. As soon as a child meets the monthly reading goal, Ms. Zoila gives him/her a Reading Award Certificate. The BOOK IT Program motivates children to read by rewarding their reading accomplishments with praise, recognition, and pizza. This program runs every school year in the month of March.



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FORGET!

Reminders



PLEASE!!

LUNCHES AT ELA

Full day and morning children must bring their own lunches to school. **NO LUNCHES** (food, drinks, yogurts, etc.) **MAY BE IN THE SCHOOL'S REFRIGERATOR.** If you are concerned about your child's lunch being spoiled, an ice pack in an insulated lunchbox works great.

Please **LIMIT** the number of "heat-ups" you send for lunch. If you do send something that needs to be heated, it should be something that will only take a minute or two. **PLEASE, NO UNCOOKED FOOD SUCH AS CUP O' NOODLES, FROZEN FOODS, ETC.** We only warm up, we do **NOT COOK** food.

REMINDER: NO candies, sodas, or gum are allowed in school.

Thanks!