



# Early Learning Academy

## May 2010 Newsletter



### Message from Mrs. Hao

April showers bring May flowers! The rain is gone, and everything is in bloom. The school is buzzing with activities, as we begin to gear up for Mother's Breakfast on May 6<sup>th</sup> and for the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the ELA Parent's Club President, Dana Langley, and to all of you who helped and contributed to the success of our Carnival and Spring Egg Hunt! The children continue to talk about all the fun they had during the carnival!

Thank you, also, to all the parents who gave gifts for the school's 25th birthday. The children enjoyed receiving and opening gifts.

This month, people from Mexico celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Do you know that your children are learning a lot of Spanish words? They can count and name the parts of the face in Spanish. Their Teachers also read them stories in Spanish. And the Caterpillars are learning songs, music, and movements in Spanish. Their favorite is "Soy Una Taza"

We appreciate everything you do for us.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

### MAY CALENDAR

- May 3** Learning Wheels 10:00
- May 5** Mother's Breakfast  
9:00 AM
- May 7** Teacher/Staff  
Appreciation Day
- May 14** Re-Enrollment Form  
& \$100 Registration  
Fee Due
- May 19** Graduation Picture Day  
9:00 AM (**Caterpillars only**)
- May 31** Memorial Day  
**School Closed**

### HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday, dear Sofia Martinez, Tyler Walley, and Julius Villanueva,  
happy birthday to you all !!!

### THANK YOU

Thank you, Mr. Yasukawa, for fixing our light switch! Our heart sings thank you, thank you for everything!



# GRADUATION PICTURE DAY

Graduation Picture Day is on  
Wednesday, May 19 at 9:00 AM.

Teddy Bear Portraits will photograph the children. Parents do not need to pay in advance - pictures will be available in two weeks, and purchases can be made then. Each child will receive a complimentary class picture, whether portraits are purchased or not.

## Staff Appreciation Week

### Bring out the best in a teacher!

Teachers try very hard to do what is best for their students. But kids often misinterpret what a teacher or parent says. Do what you can to help them avoid this. There is a lot you can do to help your child and his/her teacher see each other's strengths.

\* **Ban bad-mouthing** - Don't ever criticize the teacher in front of your child, advises Richard Gallagher, Ph. D., Director of the Parenting Institute in New York University's Child Study Center. If your child tells you something disturbing, bring it up with the teacher in a way that won't make her feel defensive.

\* **Keep the teacher in the loop** – If there's something going on at home that might affect your child's mood or behavior in school, whether it's the death of a pet or Dad being away on a business trip, let the teacher know.

\* **Get involved** – Volunteering in the classroom or going on class field trips gives you an opportunity to get to know the teacher and lets your child see that you think school is important.

### Early Learning Academy Staff

**Director** - Ms. Susan Hao

**Chicks** - Ms. Aike

**Pandas** - Ms. Menchy

**Caterpillars** - Ms. Zoila





# PARENT'S CORNER

## What Did You Do at School Today?

It is difficult for young children to recall and describe what they did during the program day. Children are active and busy for the entire time, but they sometimes lack the words to tell others about their activities – or by the time you pick them up, they have moved on to other things.

Parents, of course, want to know about their child's day. Here are a few ideas to keep in mind when asking your child about his or her activities:

\*Keep informed of the school's planned events, so you can ask specific questions. For example, "Did you get to go on the nature walk today, or was it too rainy?"

\*With most children, avoid general questions like "What happened at school today?"

\*Avoid questions that produce one-word answers.

\*Ask specific questions, such as "What did your friends bring for show and tell today? Tell me about what he/she shared." or "Tell me about this drawing."

Sometimes, telling the child a little something about your own day starts the ball rolling. The child may get the idea of sharing news and feelings about his or her day.

## I love my Mommy because...

- **Zyrous Cantoria** – She buys toys for me.
- **Alexander Catalan** – She helps me pick up toys.
- **Kira Federoff** – She always gives me dinner.
- **Jordan Hill** – She cooks for me.
- **Kiana House** - She takes care of me.
- **William Langley** – She does the dishes.
- **Jewel Lucas** – She gives me my “paci.” (pacifier)
- **Sofia Martinez** – She cooks.
- **Luis Ocampo** – She takes me to Bay Bridge.
- **Daniel Ouidiani** – She cooks good food for me.
- **Matthew Oidiani** – She buys me a present.
- **Alexander Pelkofer** – I like to play with her.
- **Samantha Santiago** – She loves me, too.
- **Gaia Splendore** – She got me the Bratz doll I like.
- **Julius Villanueva** – She always gives me kisses.
- **Tyler Walley** – She plays Legos with me.
- **Vinnesa Whitaker** – She is really nice to me.
- **Scott Wong** – She cooks.
- **Donte Yasukawa** – She does stuff for me.

**Happy Mother's Day!**

