

Early Learning Academy April 2009 Newsletter



Message from Mrs. Hao

Early Learning Academy marks its 24th anniversary this month! It just seems like yesterday when I first started working here 24 years ago. This has been home for me.

Time surely flies when you love what you do!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for their dedication. And thanks to all of you parents for allowing me to make your children my business and for continuing to support our school!!!

We will be celebrating "The Week of the Young Child" on April 20-24.

The children in the Panda and Caterpillar Classes will also 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 3 – Happy Birthday ELA!

April 10 – All orders and payments for Graduation Cap and Gown are due:

Cap, Gown, and Tassel - \$25.00

Tassel Only - \$5.00

(only for those who can use their older sibling's cap and gown)

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Please have your child come to school with crazy hair or hat, sports outfit, Hawaiian clothes, or pajamas.

April 20 Crazy Hair/Hat

April 21 Sports Day

April 22 Hawaiian Day

April 23 Pajama Day

April 24 Carnival 9:00-10:30

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!

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

Upcoming events

HAPPY 24th BIRTHDAY, ELA!

Early Learning Academy will celebrate its 24th birthday on **Friday, April 3rd**. We will have a birthday party that day. The school will provide lunch and a special afternoon snack for everyone. The children can bring wrapped birthday gifts for the school, like Legos, puzzles, books, etc.

Please have your child wear their school shirt.



RE-REGISTRATION DUE ON MAY 1

The 2009 – 2010 re-registration form has been placed in your parent mailbox. If you plan to have your child / children return to Early Learning Academy next school year, please complete this form and submit it with a **non-refundable \$100 re-application fee by May 1, 2009**.

If your child is **NOT** returning next year, please return the form, marked “not returning” on the top.

Learning Corner

Theme: Make A Difference...RECYCLE

Events: Week of the Young Child

Carnival

School's Birthday

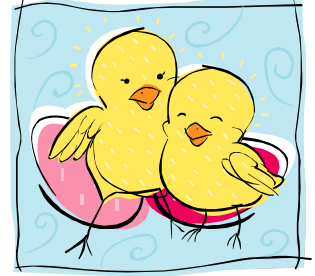
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Chicks (Toddlers):

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Pandas (Preschool):

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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 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 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.

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, and 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.



Children's Corner

What does RECYCLE mean?

Kiley Annis – You have to throw some stuff in the garbage and some in the recycling.

Grace Bajek – Cans and water bottles.

Sujean Doo – To melt it down and make it again.

Lea Elarde – Cans & grass.

Dylan Francis – Clean-up your own trash.

Elizabeth Langley – Garbage.

Isabella Law – I recycle cans.

Carlos Mayorga – When you throw cans and bottles away.

Samantha Santiago – Trash.

Jada Stine – Garbage.

Julius Villanueva – Wrappers.





→ DON'T
FORGET!

Reminders



PLEASE!!

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**.

1. Show & Tell is every Tuesday. Please **hand** your child's show & tell item 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.**

2. Please notify us if you have a change in phone numbers or address.

3. 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!**

LOVEABLE GARBAGE

Baby Size Blankets

Children's Pants (Ages 2-6)

Balls

Costumes

FOR SALE

ELA T-Shirt - \$14.00

ELA Sweatshirt - \$22.00