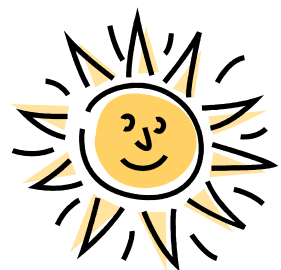


# Early Learning Academy August 2009 Newsletter



## Message from Mrs. Hao

Thank you to all the parents who chaperoned and donated food for our Summer Picnic & my Anniversary at the Park. The children had a blast!

Thank you to all for making my 24th anniversary at ELA special. I am so blessed that your **Kids are my Business!**

Summer is almost over, but there are still a lot of exciting things going on! Everyone is looking forward to going on another field trip, the Caterpillars will be graduating and moving on to new schools, the other children are looking toward moving to their new class and new teachers, and the list go on...

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!



## UNLOADING ZONE....

### Just One Way!

The Daly City Police Department has warned us that they will ticket cars parked in the wrong direction. If you have to park across the street, please turn your emergency lights (blinkers) on so that they know that you are dropping/ picking up your child(ren). Thursday and Friday are street cleaning days, so please plan a quick drop on those days.

## August/September Calendar

**Aug 14** Graduation Program and Party 2:45 PM  
**(Limit 2 Guests)**

**Aug 27 & 28** Get Ready Days  
**(School Closed)**

**August 31** Opening Day  
**New School Year**

**September 7** Labor Day  
**(School Closed)**

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

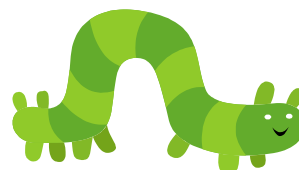
Happy birthday to you, happy birthday, dear Vinnesa Whitaker and Scott Wong, happy birthday to you both!

**September 12** Back to School Pool Party at our "sister school," **Hilldale School – 79 Florence St.** - 1:00–4:00  
Bring a pot luck dish to share!

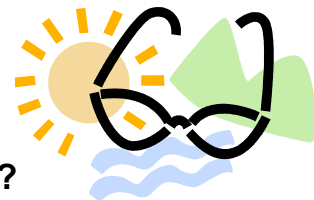
## AUGUST 14

### BIG DAY for the Caterpillars!

The teachers will be setting up in the morning, and **we encourage children to rest and stay home in the morning.** We will see you at 2:30!



# PARENT'S CORNER



## DO CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR SUNGLASSES?

Absolutely, says Stuart Dankner, M.D., a pediatric ophthalmologist in Baltimore. Studies have shown that long-term exposure to sunlight can damage the eye's lens, retina, and cornea. Kids should wear shades whenever they're outside, especially if they're lying by a pool or on a beach, where sunlight reflects off water. You can get a decent pair of children's shades for \$10 to \$20 at your local pharmacy, department store, or optician's office. Check the label to make sure that lenses are "100% UVA- and UVB protected" and made from polycarbonate plastic (an impact-resistant, lightweight material).

Nick Jr. Magazine, June/July 2004



## IS IT SAFE TO FILL OUR BABY POOL WITH WATER FROM THE GARDEN HOSE?

Yes, but take a few precautions since kids often drink some pool water, says parent advisor, Ari Brown, M.D., author of *Toddler 411*. Many hoses are made of polyvinyl (PVC), a material that contains lead, which can leach into the water. "Lead exposure can cause subtle but permanent effects on the brain, so it's best to minimize it whenever you can." Because water that's been standing in the hose has higher lead levels, run the hose for a minute or two before filling the pool to flush away most of the lead. Discourage your kids from drinking pool water, and never let them slurp straight from the hose. If you're buying a new hose, look for one labeled "safe for drinking" (you should still let it run for a while first, since water pipes also contain lead).

Parents Magazine, August 2009



## Study Examines TV's Effect on Toddlers

A new study finds television may hurt a child's development, even when they are not watching. Having a television turned on is enough to distract toddlers from an activity. (AP) The University of Massachusetts study found young children who played in a room where the television was on had more difficulty concentrating. They played for shorter periods of time and had difficulty focusing on the play activity. Children who played in a room with the television off appeared more focused. Those children were able to stay with the same activity for twice the amount of time.

Bay Area Parent Magazine, June 2005