

# Early Learning Academy

## July 2009 Newsletter

### Message from Mrs. Hao

There are so many exciting things going on at Early Learning Academy. I am celebrating my 24th year at Early Learning Academy.

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 and enjoy what you do! Thank you for allowing me to make your children my business! I just want to share the BEST thing that was ever said to me, "**You are God's gift to children.**" The Caterpillars are busy practicing for their graduation. The Chicks and Pandas are enjoying the summer activities. And on July 2nd, we will have a school summer picnic at the park across the street, Marchbank Park, from 9:00 - 12:00. We will provide the bread and hot dogs; parents are welcome to bring snacks, drinks and desserts.

### 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

### JULY CALENDAR

- July 2** Picnic at Marchbank Park  
(9:00 – 12:00)
- July 3** Independence Day  
**School Closed**
- July 15** Mrs. Hao's 24<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary at ELA  
**Lunch will be PROVIDED**

### HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Happy birthday, dear Kira  
Fedoroff and Alexander Pelkofer!





→ DON'T  
FORGET!

## Reminders



PLEASE!

### FIELD TRIPS

Children are **required** to wear school shirts when we go on field trips.

They are now available:

T-Shirt - \$14.00

Sweatshirt - \$22.00

### SUMMER PICNIC

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### SUMMER....It's water play time!

Please make sure that your child has 2 sets of extra clothes & an extra pair of shoes. They may also bring their bathing suits. For safety, we encourage that they wear water shoes.

### SUNSCREEN

In order to protect your child from the hot summer sun, please put sunscreen on your child each morning. Please bring a bottle of sunscreen to school if you want us to reapply sunscreen on your child.

### SHOES

For your child's **safety**, we ask that children not wear thongs, sandals, or "Mary Jane" shoes. Please dress your child in sturdy, rubber soled shoes to protect him/her from injury.

### CLOTHES

Please remember that children need to play, and clothes will get soiled or wet. The children will take advantage of the warm weather and will be playing with water a lot. We feel that it is important for a child to enjoy the activity without worrying that parents will be upset over dirty or wet clothes. The dirtier they are, the more fun they had at school. Let us allow our children to enjoy their childhood! **Please label all your children's clothing/belongings to avoid confusion.**

# PARENT'S CORNER

## BIG WHY? ? ?

### WHY DO WE CELEBRATE JULY FOURTH WITH FIREWORKS?

One word: Tradition! The July Fourth holiday celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in July 1776. The bright blasts and loud booms of fireworks after dark have been part of the festivities since the first celebration more than two centuries ago. For information on where to find fireworks, visit [fireworks.com](http://fireworks.com).

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION: LIP SERVICE

When you're putting sunscreen on your child, don't forget SPF lip protection too. Skin cancer on the lips can be more dangerous than skin cancer on other parts of the body, since it's more likely to spread, says *Parent advisor* Jody Alpert Levine, M.D., a New York City dermatologist. She recommends applying a balm with SPF 30 or higher, providing two hours of protection (zinc oxide is most protective). Avoid glosses and Vaseline, which can actually attract the sun's rays and worsen sun damage.

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### SUN SAFETY MADE EASY

**Getting a sunburn – or even a tan – increases your child's risk of skin cancer. Now's the time to protect his/her birthday suit.**

If you always put sunscreen on your child as part of your warm-weather routine, then pat yourself on the back – there's good evidence that using sunscreen not only guards against sunburn, but will also help reduce her lifetime risk of skin cancer. (Not a consistent user? Help is on the way.) Now ask yourself another question: Do you slather on *enough sunscreen*? Recent research has shown that applying it too lightly leaves your child less protected than experts previously thought. "If you use an SPF 30 sunscreen, but you apply only half as much as the company did when testing the product in the lab, its effectiveness is actually only equivalent to SPF 5," says Darrell S. Rigel, M.D., clinical professor of dermatology at New York University School of Medicine.

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