



## Early Learning Academy March 2009 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 this year. Parents who are dentists, doctors, beauticians, etc., are welcome to volunteer to come and visit us, too.



### MARCH CALENDAR

**March 4** - Police Officers visit

**March 10** - Firefighters visit

### HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Kiely Madrid!

### LOVABLE GARBAGE

We are going to celebrate “The Week of the Young Child” next month. We will need prizes for our Carnival. Any kind of toy, new or old, big or small, would be appreciated. **NO OLD stuff, and only non-allergenic toys, please!**

### ELA'S CARNIVAL – APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching! Please take a minute to sign up to donate or volunteer during this fun event. You can also contact our Parent's Club President, Dana Langley, via email at [ddl@arnslaw.com](mailto:ddl@arnslaw.com).

# Upcoming Events

## GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation is held at Early Learning Academy on the second or third Wednesday of August each year. It 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.

Just like any event, children are not required to attend the graduation program. On the other hand, **only children who are enrolled and who attend the practices throughout the time from June 23 to August 13 may participate in the August 14<sup>th</sup> graduation program.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**April 10** – All orders and payments for Graduation Cap and Gown are due  
**Cap, Gown, and Tassel - \$25.00**

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

**May 21** – Graduation Picture Day 9:00 AM

**June 4** – Graduation Pictures Available 3:00 – 5:00 PM

**June 22 – August 13** – Graduation Practice

**August 14** – Graduation Program 2:45 (**Limit 2 guests per child**)



# Learning Corner

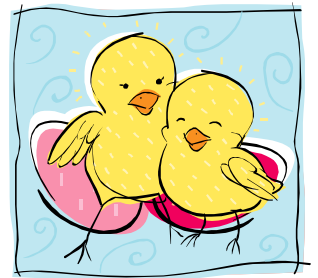
**Theme:** People in our Community

**Events:** Community Workers Visit

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**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

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, it will be “Dress in Green Day” at Early Learning Academy. Send your child dressed in something green that day!

# 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 fun 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 book, *St. Patrick's Day in the Morning*, by Eve Bunting.

## KEEPING SUPERHEROES IN CHECK

Television and movie themes feature many superheroes that are irresistible to children. In these stories there is a stark distinction between good and evil characters, and it seems that they always resort to fighting to settle problems.

Parents have to decide how to respond to this kind of programming. As you sort through your feelings, you should realize that children probably will invent good and evil characters, even without the influence of the Ninja Turtles or the Power Rangers. Remember, long before television, children played cops and robbers, Robin Hood and the sheriff, and the like.

The impact of superheroes depends a lot on how much time children spend watching television and videos. Viewing one half-hour program may have little effect on a child, but three hours is another matter. If you watch programs with your child and talk about the characters and their actions, good and bad, you can help keep superhero tactics in perspective.

You also may find it helpful to read about peaceful real-life heroes like Martin Luther King, Jr., Helen Keller, and Johnny Appleseed. Talk about their courage and determination and how they overcame obstacles without resorting to violence.

When children play superheroes, keep an eye on their play to make sure aggression does not get out of hand. Whatever your family decides about superhero play, you should communicate with your child about how you feel about violence and how to stand up for one's beliefs.

With careful adult guidance and lots of discussions, children can learn to understand the difference between superhero fantasy battles against the bad guys and how we ordinary human beings deal with the evils we encounter in the real world.



→ DON'T  
FORGET!

# Reminders



PLEASE!!

## LUNCHES AT ELA

Full day and morning children must bring their own lunches to school. 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, DO NOT SEND UNCOOKED FOOD SUCH AS CUP O’ NOODLES, FROZEN FOODS, ETC.** We only warm up foods; we do **NOT COOK** food.

**NO CHILDREN’S LUNCHES (FOOD, DRINKS, YOGURT, ETC.) MAY BE KEPT 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.

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

# Children's Corner

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

1. **Drake Canete** – Horse Rider
2. **John Paul Cosino** - Policeman
3. **Sujean Doo** – Teacher
4. **Victor Espinnoza** - Ranger
5. **Kira Federoff** – Princess
6. **August Heinen** – Fireman
7. **Ryan Hilliard** – Firefighter
8. **Elizabeth Langley** - Doctor
9. **Journey Lott** - Teacher
10. **Kylie Madrid** – Doctor
11. **Carlos Mayorga** – Garbage Man
12. **Antonio Napoleon** – Policeman
13. **Alexander Pelkofer** – Policeman
14. **Samantha Santiago** – Teacher
15. **Gaia Splendore** - Doctor
16. **Jada Stine** – Doctor
17. **Tito Toribio** - Spiderman
18. **Jessica West** – Basketball Player
19. **Vinnesa Whitaker** – Doctor
20. **Donte Yasukawa** - Pilot