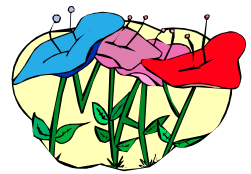


Early Learning Academy

May 2009 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 6th and our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day on May 8.

Thank you to the ELA Parent's Club 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.

Thank you, also, to all the parents who gave gifts for the school's 24th birthday. The children really enjoyed receiving and opening the gifts.

Congratulations to the Caterpillars' class who just finished their great Reading Program, Book it Beginners. The Raising a Reader program for all groups will continue until May 31.

We appreciate everything you do for us.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



GRADUATION PICTURES

Graduation Picture Day is on Wednesday, May 20 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 gift (a class picture) whether portraits are purchased or not.

MAY CALENDAR

- May 6** Mother's Breakfast
9:00 AM
- May 8** Teacher/Staff
Appreciation Day
- May 20** Graduation Picture Day
9:00 AM
(for Caterpillars only)
- May 25** Memorial Day
School Closed
- June 1 (instead of May 1) –**
Re-enrollment form and
fee of \$100 due
- June 5** (instead of May 22)
Staff Development Day
School Closed

RENEWAL INFORMATION

You should now have received the 2009-2010 re-enrollment form. If you plan to have your child (-ren) return to Early Learning Academy next school year, please complete the form and submit with a **\$100 non-refundable** re-enrollment fee by **June 1**. Tuition & registration fee will NOT increase for the coming year. Thank you!

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Happy birthday, dear Sujean Doo, Journey Lott, Samantha Santiago and Julius Villanueva, happy birthday to you all!



PARENT'S CORNER

The Rewarding Ritual of Reading Aloud

Parents are children's first and most influential teachers. Reading together is one of the earliest shared experiences of parents and children. When you read a story to a child, you are her reading teacher.

Children learn to read by being read to. Research shows that early and good readers come from homes where reading is valued and experienced regularly. The desire to read starts with the early enjoyment of being held in a lap and cuddled as a story is read.

In addition to the feelings of warmth and security fostered by lap-time reading, reading aloud to children expands their world and vocabulary. It creates an appreciation of the value of print, promotes knowledge of the mechanics of reading from the top to the bottom of the page and from left to right, and helps create an understanding of a sequence of events.

Setting aside time every day to read to your child says, "I love you, and I want to spend special time sharing a story with you." It further demonstrates *your* love for books and sets the stage for developing in your child an interest and desire to become a reader.

Let your child pick a story. Then cuddle up together to enjoy exploring the power and magic of the printed world!

Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Program

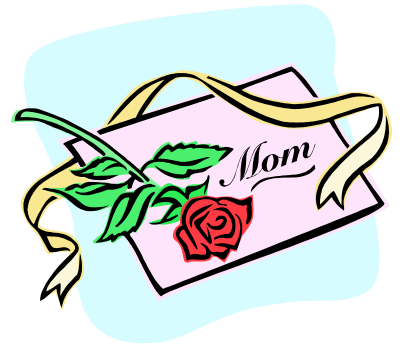
Sticky Situation Solutions

A bar of soap is handy for more than just washing up. You can also use it to:

- *Get your child's zipper unstuck - just run soap over the teeth.
- *Make furniture drawers glide easily.
- *Mark a hemline on a pair of pants or a skirt. A shard of soap acts

just like chalk, and, of course, it will wash out.

I love my Mommy because...



Grace Bajek – she buys me nice things.

Drake Canete – she always cook me dinner.

Kimorah Castaneda – she loves me.

John Paul Cosino – she buys me toys.

Sujean Doo – she always hugs me.

Lea Elarde – she tickles me.

Kira Federoff – she hugs and kisses me.

Dylan Francis – she gives me a hug every single time.

Jordan Hill – she likes to clean up.

Ryan Hilliard – she is nice to me.

Elizabeth Langley – she buys me toys.

Isabella Law – she buys me toys.

Kiely Madrid – she always picks me up.

Carlos Mayorga – she drops me off at school.

Alexander Pelkofer – she plays with me.

Samantha Santiago – she loves me.

Gaia Splendore – she kisses and buys me anything I want.

Tito Toribio – she always cooks for me.

Julius Villanueva – she helps me get something from the refrigerator.

Vinnesa Whitaker – she tells me what to do.

Donte Yasukawa – she plays with me.





Staff Appreciation Week

Bring out the best in a teacher!

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. And if your child tells you something disturbing, bring it up with the teacher in a way that won't make her feel defensive.

Kids often misinterpret what a teacher says.

* **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.

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