

From the Director

Once again the year is flying by. We only have three more months before our four and five year old friends graduate from PreK and go off to Kindergarten. It is a bitter sweet process that we go through year after year. The best part about preschool is getting to see the children grow, spread their wings, and then fly off to elementary. Thank you for letting us be a part of your family's growing process!

We had a wonderful registration process and I am pleased that so many of you have taken advantage of priority registration. Enrollment is now open to the community. We have a few spots left. Don't hesitate to register if you would like for your child to return in the fall. A big thank you to those of you who tell your friends. We do not advertise, so your recommendation is crucial to the continuation of the ELC program.

We are looking ahead to our spring only fundraiser for the year. The auction committee has been working so hard to come up with a creative way to help support our school and continue to raise money for a new playground. The auction will be similar to last year with a few changes. Please be looking out for more information to come from the committee.



Blessings,
Annabelle Miles

Calendar Notes

Thursday, March 1	ELC Shirt Day
Friday, March 2	ELC Shirt Day
Thursday, March 8	Riding on Toy Day
Friday, March 9	Riding on Toy Day
Mon.– Fri., March 12-16	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 20	Camp Summershine Registration Opens
Thursday, March 22	ELC Shirt Day
Friday, March 23	ELC Shirt Day
Wednesday, March 28	Easter Party (2's)
Thursday, March 29	Easter Party (All)
Friday, March 30	Good Friday, No School

Daily classroom lesson plans are posted in each classroom

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Camp Summershine



We are making plans for 2018 Camp Summershine. Mark your calendars for

Tuesday, June 26 – Friday, June 29.

Camp Summershine is a short 4-day summer program, staffed by ELC teachers or former teachers, for current ELC toddlers through four/five-year-olds. We also offer a sibling/graduate class for children ages 6-8. The children attend from **9:00-2:00** all four days. The registration fee is \$15 per child and is due at the time of registration. Tuition for the 4 days is \$75 per child and is due by May 12th. Spaces are very limited (1 class per age level). You have received a letter and registration form in your child's backpack.



**We hope you
enjoy Open House!
We enjoy sharing
time with you!**

Registration for 2018-2019

Registration for 2018-2019 is now open to the community. We don't advertise in magazines or newspapers; we rely on recommendations from current families and friends. If you know of anyone who might be interested in registering, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. They may stop by the ELC office any weekday between 9:15 and 11:45 A.M. or call us at 972-235-8233. They may also find more information on our website at www.my-elc.com.

Easter Parties

The ELC will be celebrating Easter on **Wednesday, March 28th and Thursday, March 29th.** (MWF 2's classes will have their party on Wednesday and the rest of the school on Thursday.) If you would like to help with your child's Easter party, please contact your child's teacher or room mom.

Easter egg hunts are part of our Easter party! Please send 6 plastic filled Easter eggs. Please NO hard candy or choking hazards. We recommend: individually wrapped soft candy, goldfish, or stickers.

**The ELC will be closed
Friday, March 30th for Good Friday and April
2nd for Easter Monday.**



ELC Policies: Do you remember?

Clothing needs to be appropriate for the daily activities. The clothing should be washable and able to withstand vigorous play and art project materials such as paint, glue, etc. Children do best in closed toe shoes with rubber soles. Sandals are not recommended as they are very uncomfortable on the gravel playground. Cowboy boots are best saved for Rodeo Day. **ALL children need an extra set of seasonally appropriate**

Specials

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Music

Thank you all for coming to our Open House performance at the end of February. The kids were so excited to share a little of

what their day is like at ELC.

We had a great time singing and playing during February about Love, Families, Valentines, Firefighters, Police Officers, Doctors, and other community helpers.

Why Teach Music?

Music is physical education.

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets. And most of all music is art. It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feelings and emotion.



Sand & Water

February was filled with Love, Fairy Tales, Safety and Community Helpers fun in Sand & Water. We have been in our indoor classroom experiencing different activities with each weekly theme. A few of the activities included: retelling fairy tales at the flannel board, shape puzzles, matching numbered hearts, using magnetic wands to find magnetic items in shredded paper, utilizing tongs to manipulate small objects, creating heart bouquets and so much more. We will continue to include activities that will help develop large and small motor development, scientific and mathematical discoveries, and so much more fun!

Did you know that sensory activities are engaging, fun and often calming for kids?

Our children come into this world wired to find out about their surroundings. By providing sensory experiences we enhance their development, and often help them regulate emotions by giving their growing brains exactly what they're craving. Take note of what is calming to your child and what they crave so you can know how to help them get centered when they seem out of control. With creativity you can do a "sensory activity" anywhere. Include a variety of sensory activities throughout your day for a more even keeled child. And, never underestimate the value of a good hug for every sense!

Find more information at lissybug.com