

Early Learning Center



December 2023

December

18 Tuition Deduction
18-29 No School: Christmas Break

January

1 School Closed
2 School Resumes
15 No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
16 Tuition Deduction
22 & 23 Animals in Winter-Visiting Program

December



Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall fundraiser. We raised \$670 for our ELC scholarship fund!! This month there will be excitement in the classrooms as the children prepare for the holidays. During circle time, classes will read stories and discuss Christmas and other celebrations and traditions. Some classrooms will be working on Advent chains to count down the days until Christmas, while other classes will take turns spinning the dreidel. Children may also practice their patterning skills with red and white beads to create special candy canes or have fun exploring the gingerbread unit!

The ELC teachers and staff wish you a time of joy and peace this holiday season!
Merry Christmas!



Sincerely,
Jennifer Urrunaga, Education Director
Melinda Aghajanian, Business Director



Drop-in Lunch Bunch



Drop in lunch bunch is available. Need a couple of extra hours to prepare for the holidays? Please call the office to schedule your child's drop-in lunch bunch days! \$20 per extended day is due at sign-up.

We have availability for drop in lunch bunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

**Lunch bunch is exclusively available to 3's, 4's, and PreK students.*

Snow Day?

In case of a snow emergency before the school day begins, you can find the status of ELC on our Facebook page, or on 93.7 (FM) www.wstw.com. You will also receive an email from your child's teachers regarding any information specific to your class.

Early Dismissal? In the event a weather emergency arises midday, you will be contacted by the school office. **You are always welcome to arrive early to pick up your child if you feel you should.**

2024—2025 Registration

Registration for the 2024—25 school year begins on January 2nd. A registration form will be distributed in your child's bag in January and is due back by January 31st. If you need a form for a younger sibling, please let the ELC office know. You will receive verification of class placement in early February. To secure your child's placement, September's tuition and the \$75 registration fee is due by February 29, 2024. This payment must be made by check. It will not be automatically deducted with your monthly tuition. Registration for new families will begin in February.

SAVE

Please save your empty wrapping paper tubes and bring them in to the ELC. They will be used for our Imaginary Trip!



SECURITY UPDATE

We wanted to provide everyone with an update on the ELC's security system. Over the last year, we have gone through the process of updating our current security system. The new system includes both internal and external cameras. All exterior doors are locked at all times and individuals need either an app or key card to gain access to the building. We also have direct contact with police if necessary with the push of a button.

Health Notes

*Sick children should stay home until they are feeling better. With the cold/flu season starting, we need to be mindful of the need to not send children to school until cold symptoms have subsided without the assistance of medicine and they are fever/symptom free for 24 hrs.

***Please be sure to notify the office if your child will be out along with the reason.**

*Health records are required for every child. Nurse Thawley will let you know when your due date is approaching.

*To comply with licensing, we are required to have an annual physical, TB screen (dated within the last year) and lead screening completed at 12 months and 24 months, along with vaccination records.

Bundle Up



Check the weather before school!
We go outside on clear days, as long as the wind chill is above freezing.
Send in hats, gloves, and winter coats each day to be sure your child is warm enough on the playground!
Don't forget to label all items!