



FRIENDS
EARLY LEARNING CENTER



May 2019 Newsletter



With May comes so many opportunities to do things outside. What is your favorite outside activity to do together as a family? My family's favorite activities are drawing with chalk, "water painting" our driveway, observing bugs through a magnifying glass (not my favorite!), and painting rocks & hiding them. Our family loves to be outside. Fresh air is good for the soul!

I am excited to announce that we just started an Accelerated Pre-K class for children going to Kindergarten in the Fall. This break out group led by Ms. Heidi has the goal of ensuring these children are not just ready but prepared to excel in Kindergarten. Also, we will be sending out the new Leave of Absence policy in early May that offers a discount and benefit that was previously not available for our families who take an extended leave of absence.

As we look forward to our time outside here are a few things to remember center-wide. Please remember to bring a jacket in for your child, and label it! For the pre-school and pre-k classes please bring their jackets upstairs at drop off. Also, remember to bring in a full set (or 2!!) of extra clothes (shirts, pants, underwear, socks, shoes) to leave in your child's cubby at all times. If your child needs to borrow clothes from FELC, please launder and return them as soon as possible. Finally, don't forget to take home your child's nap stuff every Friday to wash over the week-end!

May Reminders

Muffins with Mom

MAY 10

7:00am-8:30am

Memorial Day

MAY 27

Center CLOSED

Nursery

May is already upon us, let's hope summer will soon follow. We hope to get outside for fresh air when we can! Please send in sunscreen if you'd like, and we'll give you a the form to fill out. Hats are also a good idea! We've had a few outfits disappear lately so we apologize for that. We'd appreciate it if you could just check your belongings to see if there's anything that may have been sent home with you accidentally.

I (Seph) will be out of town at the end of May, so our new assistant, Marilyn, will be doing a few more hours. Our family frame needs more pictures. The babies love looking at their families. Please bring in your family pictures to display.

Finally, Henry will be turning "the big 1" on May 30th! Happy birthday Henry! We will also welcome Harrison & Matthew to our room.

Ms. Seph & Ms. Marilyn

Toddler Nursery

April was a very busy month. We made birds nests, and flew like birds. Our flowers and pots were beautiful too! Then came Easter. This is such a great time of year, for He has risen and brought us new life! The kids had a great time with the eggs & baskets. I hope your Easter was filled with family and friends!

May is going to be a super month too! Moms' gifts, and lots of caterpillars. We will make a pond and fill it with bugs and frogs. To finish out our month, we will make barns and fill them with farm animals. We will learn about the sounds they make and where they live.

We will spend lots of time on the playground & taking nature walks. Please put your child in play clothes with shoes that fit and stay on.

Ms. Diane & Ms. Martha

Toddler One

We loved learning about birds, rain and umbrellas. The children enjoyed "mailing" letters and talking on the phone. We had lots of fun at the Easter party. Thank you to all for making our party a success! We will be learning about gardening, flowers, and Memorial Day. We are looking forward to making Mommy a special gift for Mother's Day.

We are looking forward to nicer weather. Please bring in appropriate jackets as we will be going outside more. Please label your child's jacket and clothing. Please bring in sunscreen for your child along with the medication form. We are very excited that Ms. Michele is back with us!!

Ms. Michele & Ms. Karen

Toddler Two

I hope April has brought you new experiences and that you have seen your children flourish. In our class, we have welcomed spring by learning about gardening and exploring nature. In the following weeks, we will focus on flowers, and begin learning about summer. We will learn about camping and we will do fun activities. As the weather becomes warmer please change out your child's extra clothes in their locker. Also please don't forget to label your child's jacket and blanket and to take them home on Friday. Lastly, for children who are potty training please bring easy tab pull-ups as this really helps us!

Ms. Emerald & Ms. Katie

Preschool (3's)

We have a couple of new faces in our classroom. Our class welcomed PJ and Mya. Lots of our 4 year old friends are moving up to the Pre-K class too.

Please make sure that you bring in sunscreen and fill out the form. We will be outside a lot more with the warmer temperatures. The kids will be busy making something special for Mommy soon! As always, if you have questions or concerns you can send us a message on Class Dojo.

Ms. Chrissy & Ms. Caitlin

Pre-K (4's & 5's)

It's May! We have many exciting things in store for May, including learning about Cinco de Mayo, making Mother's Day gifts celebrating our moms, preparing for Pre-K graduation and learning about Memorial Day!

Remember to always check both the class counter and Class Dojo for show and tell information and other important announcements.

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Abby



Notes From the Office

- If your family needs an extra or replacement key fob to access the building please contact the Learning Center office. We will supply those for you and simply invoice your account for the fee.
- When your child will be absent or later than usual, please call the Learning Center or notify your classroom teacher through Class Dojo. This enables us to keep state ratios to the best of our ability.
- Your child must be symptom free and fever/pain medication free for at least 24 hours before re-admittance to the learning center if sick.