

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER 2011 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with our Halloween party! It is so much fun to see all of the kids in their costumes. We also wanted to say thank you to the parents who have brought in treats for the staff for teacher appreciation. We are enjoying the goodies very much!

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

SAFETY...Please do not leave your baby, toddler, purse or any valuables in the car when you come in to pick up your child. There was a window broken and a purse taken out of a car this summer right outside of an office window.

WEATHER...Late starts, early closings, and school closings will be posted on the MPB Fast Direct Website at www.fastdir.com/mpb, as well as channels 4, 7, and 9. Please note that we may not open until 6:45-7:00 a.m. if the weather is dicey.

HOT LUNCH...Please be sure to sign your child up for hot lunch by 9:00a.m. If they are not signed-up they will not be able to eat. The price for ELC Hot Lunch is \$1.50 per lunch (\$15 for a 10-punch or \$30 for a 20-punch card).

ARRIVAL...An adult must accompany all children to the classroom after being signed in.

BLANKETS...As the cold weather approaches the rooms are chilly at naptime/restime. If your child does not have a small blanket or small pillow please bring them labeled with your child's name to keep in their cubby. Blankets/pillows should be taken home weekly to be laundered.

COATS...**Please send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather.** It is cold in the morning and warm in the afternoon, so please layer your child's clothing. **Please label all coats, hats, gloves, etc.**

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT...We wanted to thank everyone for the generous tips. They are very much appreciated!

Thank You ELC Parents!!

Way to go parents! You did it. Thanks to you we fulfilled many of the teacher's requests for magazines this year. You are AWESOME. All the teachers and students thank you for your generosity.

SICK CHILD POLICY

As stated in our handbook, each child is screened upon arrival by the teachers for any potential health problems. If a child becomes ill at the center, they will be isolated from the other children and the parent contacted. Be prepared to pick them up immediately. **Should your child be sent home from the center ill, they are not permitted to attend the next day.**

Please note the following guidelines to determine if your child should stay at home:

- *Fever within the last 24 hours
- *Earache, sore throat, or deep cough
- *Diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours
- *Unexplained rash on the face, arms, legs, or trunk
- *Red watery eyes with discharge

Germs travel very quickly in a preschool setting. By keeping your ill child at home, they are not spreading disease to others or being exposed to other germs while their resistance is low. Keep in mind, when your child returns to the center, they will participate in both indoor and outdoor activities.

Notify the center if your child will be absent or has contracted a contagious disease such as the flu, chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, lice, ringworm, etc.

ELC AND SAP PARENTS FYI

About Christmas...

Please don't forget that the Early Learning Center will be closed December 23rd through January 2nd for Christmas and the New Years Day holiday. Early Learning Center families - We will have a signup sheet for December 19th, 20th, 21st, and the 22nd, so that we can staff the center according to enrollment.

KINDERS AND SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM - We will have our sign up sheets for Christmas Break (December 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and January 3rd) hung up early. Only the children signed up will be able to attend during Christmas Break. **You will be charged for the days you sign your child up, whether or not they attend.** Please look for the sign up sheets in mid November. Kinders will need to pay the full day rate of \$32.00 per day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WED. NOV. 9TH
FRI. NOV. 11TH
THURS. NOV. 24TH
& FRI. NOV. 25TH
FRI. DEC. 9TH

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT 6:00-11:00p.m.
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

CLASSROOM UPDATE

ROOM 1 – PRESCHOOL

We had a fun October and are anxious for all the fun activities that November will bring. In November we will work on the letters G, H, I, and continue to work on shapes and colors. We will be attending mass on Tuesday, November 1st to celebrate All Saints Day. We will also talk about the things that we are thankful for. We will celebrate Thanksgiving by having a “Charlie Brown” Thanksgiving on November 22nd. More details about this will be coming shortly.

Ms. Agnes

ROOM 2 – PRESCHOOL

I can't believe November is already here. We will be covering the letters G, H, and I, the Numbers 5 and 6, the Color Brown, the rectangle shape. We will be learning that Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks and that the pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Native Americans. In religion we will be preparing for advent and start learning our Christmas program songs. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Ms. Regina and Ms. Cristi

ROOM 3 - PRE-K

October is always a busy month in the Pre-K Room. We started right out with a fun lesson on the seasons. We talked about the leaves changing colors and all of the fun things that happen in the fall. Harvest and Halloween were expanded on with our fieldtrip to Mile High Farms. We also learned about the farm and touched on a little bit of math and science with our pumpkins. The kids had a lot of fun with our unit on fire safety and the visit from the firefighters. We ended the month, of course, with Halloween. So far we have learned the letters A thru G and the numbers 1 and 2.

In November we will be learning about Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native Americans. We will also talk about good eating habits and manners. We will be visiting the Littleton Historical Museum and wind up the month with our annual Thanksgiving Feast with Ms. Joanne's class and we will start getting ready for our Christmas program.

Ms. Tracee and Ms. Meghan

ROOM 4 – PRE-K

October has just flown by. We spent the first part of the month learning about pumpkins and we visited the pumpkin patch at May Farms in Strasburg, Colorado. The weather was beautiful! It was a long trip but definitely worth it. We took a tour of the farm in a barrel train and picked our own pumpkins. You can have any pumpkin you want if you can carry it yourself! The final week of October was Halloween and we celebrated on Monday the 31st at the ELC. We also participated in a costume parade through the “big” school.

November and December will be just as busy and exciting. We are going to The Plains Conservation Center on November 17th, and a play on December 8th, to get us in the mood for Christmas. We always hold a traditional “First Thanksgiving Feast” with room 3, and dress the part of pilgrims and Indians.

We will spend a good amount of time preparing for our Christmas concert and making presents to give to our families. We hope you all are enjoying the fall season. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Ms. Joanne and Ms. Lauren

KINDERS & SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

October was a fun month filled with lots of activities. On the four No School Days we were busy playing outside, finishing up Halloween crafts, and going on field trips. We went to Up Up Jump on October 21st. It is an indoor activity gym where kids are able to jump, climb, and do all kinds of fun activities. We enjoyed watching movies and having lots of play time with our friends. For the future please make sure to check the Room 6 bulletin board for sign-up sheets. The spots fill up quickly. We apologize if there is not enough room for your child and will do our best to accommodate everyone for the future no school days. Also please remember to pack a lunch for your child unless otherwise noted.

November is another fun and exciting month! There are two “no school” days on November 3rd and 4th. We also have a half day on November 18th and a no school day Wednesday November 23rd. This month we will be working on more harvest crafts and making creative snack. We will be preparing for Thanksgiving and making season appropriate crafts.

We hope your children enjoy their afternoons with us as much as we enjoy spending afternoons with your children. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Thank you!

Ms. Agnes, Ms. Charley, and Ms. Meghan

Happy Thanksgiving!

Kellie