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**Early Learning Center-North Quincy**  
**Monthly Newsletter**

December 2017 Edition



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to the South Shore YMCA Early Learning Center! We are all very excited to begin this journey with you. ~ Gillian



Sunday, January 7th, 2018  
Race Start: 9:00 AM  
South Shore YMCA - Quincy Branch



**Baby, It's Getting Cold**  
**Outside (But We Still Go**  
**Outside to Play)!**

A gentle reminder to please send your children to school with proper winter gear: hats, mittens, coats, and when snow is on the ground- snow pants. If you have extra cold weather items to donate to the Center, we'll take them. These items will help us to "lend" items to children when they are forgotten/misplaced so that the rest of the class can get outside! Thank you!

Kick off the New Year with the Y at our 7th Annual Frozen 5K Road Race through Quincy! Warm up after your run with family & friends at our post-race celebration inside the Quincy Y Briggs Family Field house, featuring family activities and more! Runners & Walkers of all ages and abilities welcome. Proceeds from the Frozen 5K Road Race will benefit the YMCA's Change a Life Fund, helping to fund financial assistance to ensure Y membership, programs and services remain accessible to all.



- The ELC-North Quincy will be **CLOSED on Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>!**
- The ELC-North Quincy will be **CLOSED on Monday January 1st!**



**ELC-North Quincy**  
**Best Practices and**  
**Policies**

As we begin our new school year with new friends, families and teachers it is a great time to send out a few reminders about ELC's best practices and policies to maintain a safe and efficient early childhood center. Please read over the following and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



✓ **Please note: YMCA-ELC parking spots are ONLY to be used for pick up and drop off. Please DO NOT park your car**

**here if you are using public transportation.**

- ✓ ELC-North Quincy is a locked building at all times. All enrolled families and staff have key fobs to access the building. **Please do not hold the door open for others.** Visitors MUST ring the doorbell and wait for an ELC staff person to answer. Remember, this policy is not rude, it's about child safety.
- ✓ **If your child will be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center to inform us of their absence.** We will call to inquire about your child if we are not aware of their planned absence.
- ✓ The best time for families to call the Center is during rest time daily (1:00-2:30pm) to inquire about your child's day directly with your child's teacher!



**FUN AT HOME**

**Play Snow**

- 1/2 cup of conditioner
- 2 cups of baking soda

**Snow Paint**

- Food coloring
- water

**Ice Paint**

- Shaving Cream
- Blue Food Coloring
  - Crush ice
  - Glitter



**Get Important Updates from ELC-North Quincy Via the Remind Text Messaging App**

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students and parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. ELC staff will never see your phone number, nor will you see ours.

**To join and receive information about emergency closures due to inclement weather and other reminders, text the following message @a3386b to the number 81010**

**OR**

**If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.**

**On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:  
[rmd.at/a3386b](https://rmd.at/a3386b)**

Please feel free to reach out to the Director Gillian Bianculli with any questions or comments. We value your feedback!

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