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Early Learning Center News

June 2017 Edition

Pizza Friday News

As we do with many of our programs here at the ELC, we will be taking the month of June off to evaluate and revamp our Pizza Friday program. We hope to reestablish this program in the month of July with a few updates to the program.



Time to Transition!

As this school year comes to a close we anticipate a fun and exciting summer and start to a new school year in the fall.

Please note that all families will be notified of their child's placement for the fall in July by a letter. Children will spend the summer in their current classrooms and will start in their new classrooms together as a class on September 5th. Because young children adjust to change more easily through a structured and routine process over time, it is our plan to ease this transition over the summer. This process may include visits to the new classroom on a "field trip" with their teachers, visits from the new teacher to your child's current classroom, fun family engagement events (see below), transition meetings between the sending and receiving teachers, and the Meet the Teacher Open House. Also, please feel free to stop in to your child's new classroom over the summer and say "Hi" and look around together. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our ELC transition plans.



Get Ready for the New School Year at Our Family Engagement Events!
Save the Dates and Join Us!

Big Ryan's Tall Tales:
Friday, July 14th at 3:30pm

Karen K and the Jitterbugs:
Monday, July 31st at 3:30pm

The Fun Bus:
Wednesday, August 2nd at 3:30pm

Meet the Teacher Open House:
Tuesday, August 22nd
Infant/Toddlers at 4:00-5:00pm
Preschool/Pre-K/Multi-age K at 5:00-6:00pm

TRANSITION

Helping Young Children Through Transitions

<http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/2010-a-time-for-goodbyes/>

Saying goodbye is a lifelong process and skill. Throughout our lives we say goodbye to people, things, and routines. As the school year comes to a close, children will be saying farewell to teachers, friends, and a daily routine they have come to expect. Even young children in school settings may experience goodbyes as classmates go away on vacation or they transition to another classroom.

With a little planning, saying goodbye to teachers and friends and moving from one class to another, or from school to summer, can be fun and exciting.

- **Emotions are OK but be encouraging.** Our children's reactions may take many forms, often happy and sad all at the same time. Children may react to change with excitement and enthusiasm, or crying, sulking and even using aggression. Talk to your child about the positive things. Too much talk about how hard it is to say goodbye can sometimes make our children more upset. While we should never ignore our children's feelings, it's also important to be encouraging.
- **Create a classroom scrapbook.** Pictures of teachers and friends are great sources of enjoyment for children. Younger children may only be able to remember experiences with the aid of photographs. Using a class photo, have your child write or dictate one thing about each child in their class - descriptions can range from silly behaviors to special talents.
- **Make a video or audio recording.** Record your child talking about their school, their teachers, a favorite project, or their friends. Children love to see and hear themselves and it will be a nice reminder of their favorite memories from time spent in the classroom or school.
- **Write a friendship note to classmates.** Have your child write or dictate a note to classroom friends. Include your mailing address and offer to become summer pen pals. Your child will love to receive letters throughout the summer.
- **Use painting, drawing, and storytelling to record special**

memories. Artwork and storytelling are excellent ways for children to express their feelings. Have your child draw a picture. You can write what he tells you about his story. You can suggest a theme, like your child's favorite field trip, activity, book or toy at school.



Wacky Water Play Wednesdays

Wacky Water Play Wednesdays will begin for all children, Infants through Kindergarten **starting on Wednesday, June 21st**. Weather permitting, during their regular playground time children will have access to sprinklers, water tables, and bubbles galore on the playground.

On Wacky Water Wednesdays, please send your child to school with:

- Their bathing suit on under their clothing.
- Sunscreen applied.
- A towel labeled with your child's name.
- Closed toed water shoes (wood chips can bother the children's feet so flip flops and sandals are not a good idea).
- A change of clothes.



Please remember that during the month of June the ELC will not be participating in swim at the Emilson Branch. Summer swim will resume the week of July 10th and run through August 18th.

Reminder! The ELC will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in celebration of the 4th of July, And Thursday, August 31st and Friday, September 1st for Getting Ready for School Days.