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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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Early Learning Center News

August 2018 Edition



Early Learning Center Meet the Teacher Open House

Join us for an informal open classroom visit time

(Please note that our formal adult only curriculum night will occur in October so please bring the whole family to this Open House!)

- Explore the classroom together with your child
- Meet other families of children in the classroom
- Say hello to the teachers in an informal setting

**Tuesday, August 21st at 4:00-5:00pm for
Infant/Toddler Classrooms.**

**Tuesday, August 21st at 5:00-6:00pm for
Preschool, Pre-K and Multiage Kindergarten**

ELC Stuffed Animal Slumber Party!

Bring a stuffed animal along to the Meet the Teacher Open House to leave behind for a stuffed animal slumber party on Tuesday, August 21st! We will send pictures home via our Class Dojo app of your fuzzy friend having some fun at ELC after hours!

ELC August Reminders

- Reminder: The ELC will be closed on Thursday, August 30th and Friday, August 31st, as teachers get ready for the new school year and participate in valuable professional development!



Summer Swim at the Emilson Branch will end for the summer the week of August 13th. The last day of summer swim will be Wednesday, August 15th. Swim will resume in October. Stay tuned for more information...

- ✓ Wacky Water Wednesdays will continue until Wednesday, August 22nd with this last day being our cozy coupe car wash! Please lend us your cozy coupes on that day and we will shine them up for you in our ELC car wash and return them to you!



ELC Best Practices and Policies

As we begin a 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.

- ✓ If you have a question/concern please ask! Working together is the best way to help your child.
- ✓ ELC 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 should be encouraged to ring the doorbell and wait for an ELC staff person to answer. If you need additional fobs they

can be provided to you for a fee. Please see Jamee for this. Remember, this policy is not rude, it's safety.

- ✓ Please take it slow in the parking lot. A left hand turn out of our parking lot is strictly forbidden. If you need to go travel south on Rt. 53 please turn around in the Target Parking lot.
- ✓ If your child will be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center at 781-826-7900 or jbeaudry@ssymca.org to inform us of their absence. We will call to inquire about your child if we are not aware of their planned absence to ensure their safety.
- ✓ Please use the marker and tape located at both sign in desks to label all of your children's belongings, especially sunscreen and bug spray.
- ✓ If you have information to share with your child's teacher please use the "Information for my child's teacher" forms located at the front desk.
- ✓ Please remember to sign your child in and out each day at the sign in areas and in the classroom.
- ✓ Families are welcome to call the Center during rest time daily (1:00-2:30pm) to inquire about their child.

Are you wondering about your preschool* child's speech and language development?



Free Speech and Language Screenings Will be Offered at ELC this Fall!

During the week of September 18th Marshfield Speech and Language Therapy will be offering free speech and language screenings to children age 3 and older that attend the South Shore YMCA Early Learning Center. Please read below for information regarding this opportunity. Only children whose families have signed a written consent will participate in the screenings. Please complete the attached consent form if you are interested in participating.

What is a Speech and Language Screening?

Speech and Language screenings provide a *quick look* at a child's skills. Screenings typically take about 15 minutes and require children to look at pictures, say words, answer questions and follow directions. Screenings will be administered in a quiet space in the center's common area, observed by an ELC staff person and administered by Speech and Language pathologist Lindsey Lennon.

What information is obtained from a screening?

Screenings will look at the following areas of speech and language development: articulation (speech sounds), receptive language (direction following and answering questions) and expressive language (vocabulary, oral grammar and story-telling). Results will indicate if your child is demonstrating age-appropriate skills or if further evaluation is warranted to determine a need for intervention.

How will the results be communicated to me?

After screenings are completed, children will be sent home with a short summary of their performance. Summaries will be sent home from school in a sealed envelope if parents choose to keep the results private. If a child's performance indicates a need for further assessment, Marshfield Speech and Language Therapy will be available for questions and discussion.

What do I have to do?

If you are interested in having your child participate, simply fill out the consent form and return it to the ELC office. Screenings are free and there is no obligation to follow-up with Marshfield Speech and Language Therapy, this is simply a free informational service being offered in collaboration with the ELC and Marshfield Speech and Language Therapy.