



Early Learning Center January Newsletter



ELC Progress Reports: COR Advantage

At the Early Learning Center educators use the Child Observation Record (COR Advantage) to assess each child's development. The COR is done twice a year for Toddlers, Preschool, and Kindergarten children, and every 3 months for Infants. Our first "paperless" COR evaluation will be sent home via email by close of business on Friday, January 11th. If you do not see your child's COR in your inbox, please contact your child's teacher to ensure that your email address is entered properly.

COR
Advantage[®]

What is the COR?

The COR is a strengths based, observational tool used by teachers to assess children's developmental progress over a period of time. It is organized into ?



major categories of child development considered crucial for success later in school age years: Approaches to Learning; Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development and Health; Language, Literacy, and Communication; Mathematics, Creative Arts; Science and Technology; and Social Studies. Teachers spend a few minutes each day writing brief notes ("anecdotes") that describe significant episodes of young children's behavior. Teachers collect anecdotes for completing the COR during the normal daily routine, so the assessment process is seamlessly integrated with early childhood teaching and planning. The information gathered by teachers is organized into a developmental summary for families that provides a comprehensive portrait of each child's developmental gains. Please look for this report on January 11th and enjoy reading all about your child's successes at the ELC this fall!



South Shore YMCA Cause of the Month

Medical Wellness and Partnership Program

With a commitment to health and wellness, the Y offers Weight Loss, Cancer Survivorship, Orthopedic, Fall Prevention and Cardiac programs, bridging the gap between clinical and community. Our Partnerships Program, a recreational, non-clinical program, provides structured exercise and support for those with physical disabilities. Training partners assist with specialized, adaptive exercise and sports at no additional cost to participants.

Family Play Date in the KidZone!

Looking to expend some energy during these cold winter days? Come to the KidZone and play on Saturday, January 12th from 8:30am-10:00am. Play with your children and meet other families while enjoying all that the KidZone has to offer!





Access Your Childcare Tax Statement!

- **Access the South Shore YMCA website at ssymca.org**
- **At the top of the page, click on Join Today or if Account has already been created, log in by clicking on ACCOUNT LOGIN at the bottom of the page.**
- **Once logged in look for "View My Account" on the top right corner of the page.**
- **To print year-end tax statement click on "Year-end childcare statement"**

For all questions regarding billing and tax receipts, please contact Laurie Fournier at lfournier@ssymca.org or 781-264-9444



ELC Ongoing Reminders

The ELC Family Advisory Council meets the 2nd Wednesday every month from 5:15pm-6:15pm. Join us!

On pizza Fridays, so that we order the correct amount of pizza for all of the children, all families who will be buying pizza for their child must check their child off under "friday lunch" on the classroom sign in sheet and put \$ in the envelope. We rely heavily on this count to not only order enough pizza for those that are checked off, but to also order extra amounts, therefore we need accurate data. Thank you for your attention to this task!

When taking your child to their annual physical appointment, please remember to get a copy of the report for us at the ELC! We need this updated yearly from the date of your child's appointment

Please remember to sign your child in and out of the classroom each day with the time and your initials.

Please call or email the Center to report all child absences. If we do not hear from you we will call to inquire about the safety of your child. Please return all phone calls as soon as you are able as if we don't hear from you we will move on to contacting those listed on the child's emergency contact list.

We love to go outside and play! Please send in weather appropriate attire such as labeled snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens to play in the snow and cold weather every day.

For all information regarding closures due to snowstorms please check the website at ssymca.org under announcements.



Remind App!

Join our ELC "Class" on the Remind App to
Get Text Message Notifications!

Copy the following link into your web
browser to sign up!

<http://www.remind.com/join/aad2b3>

Please note that this is a new class for the
2018-19 school year and all families need to
rejoin (if you haven't already this school
year) even if you have joined in past school
years!