Thank you to all of our ELC artists who contributed to our "Jackson Pollock" style artwork at Healthy Kids Day this year! The "ELC" letters are proudly displayed at the front desk and in the STEAM Kiosk. There were so many fun surprises and happy faces on Healthy Kids Day, thank you!
Have you completed your child's ASQ?

Because the first 5 years of a child's life are so important to their overall learning and development, the ELC is now offering a parent completed screening tool as an additional service that we provide. The Ages and Stages Questionnaire, or ASQ-3, is a screening tool that will provide a quick check of your child's development. The information you supply will help reveal your child's strengths, uncover any areas of concern, and determine if there are community resources or services that may be useful for your child or your family.

Complete the screening here!
http://asqonline.com/family/dbf36e

Sunscreen and Bug Spray Policy

As the days are getting warmer and the nice outdoor weather becomes irresistible, ELC students and their teachers will spend a great deal of time outside exploring. Please help us to protect your child’s skin by applying sunscreen that has a UVA and UVB SPF 30+ and bug spray before coming to school. If sunscreen and bug spray needs to be re-applied after rest time, please complete an authorization form (available at the front desk) and send your
preferred sunscreen and bug spray to school in its original container, clearly labeled with your child's first and last name. Thank you!
The South Shore YMCA Mission to Serve Others

When you join the South Shore YMCA, you belong to a community where everybody is welcome. You become part of a movement, focused on improving the lives of others and supporting those in need.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the South Shore YMCA helps rebuild bodies, minds and spirits when life takes unexpected turns, ensuring that education, health and wellness services, and self-improvement is available to everyone in our community. We open the doors to joyous summer camps, child care and early learning, a bustling food pantry, farms, an arts center, a nature center, life-saving swim lessons, social services, and more.

This year we will be celebrating our SSYMCA community by participating in Member Giving Day on Wednesday, May 15th. This is a day for our ELC families to make a donation so that other families in our community may experience all that the Y has to offer.
Remember that this year our Art Show will not be a fundraiser, so this makes Member Giving Day the day to give to our cause. Please consider making a donation on this day. All of our ELC teachers and staff will be available on this day to help answer any questions about our SSYMCA 7 causes: Water Safety, Medical Wellness, Inclusive Programming, Social Services, Camping, Early Learning and Afterschool, and Farm and Educational. Additionally, we will have a special treat for all of our families on this day!

Donations can be made online at www.ssymca.org/give/donate. Your generosity goes a long way to help neighbors and families in need through the Y.

May 6-10th Teacher Appreciation Week!

National Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated annually in May. It began in 1953 when Eleanor Roosevelt convinced members of Congress to set aside an official date to honor and recognize educators. In 1984, the National Parent/Teacher Association designated the entire first week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week. Please help us to celebrate at the
ELC by sending in notes of appreciation to our fabulous teachers! Starting on Monday, May 5th we will leave materials at the sign in areas for you and your child to complete a note of appreciation for your child's teacher.
**Summer!**

With summer quickly approaching many families may experience a change in their schedules. All changes to a child's schedule require a 3 week's notice as well as the completion of a change form. These can be found at the front desk!

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Dear ELC Community,

I am writing to let you all know that I will be moving on from my position as the Early Learning Center Director to pursue a unique opportunity in another organization. For the past 7 years, you have welcomed me into your classrooms, families, and community. I am forever thankful for those experiences and the relationships that were formed. Please trust that this was a very difficult decision for me. I hope that during our time together I was able to help the ELC grow into an Early Childhood Center that we are all proud of. I am a better educator and leader because of my time with all of you, so I thank you.

My last day at the ELC will be Friday, May 31. During the next 4 weeks I will work with the ELC team to transition the Center for my departure. Laureen Browning, the Vice President of Youth Development will be on site to help guide the decision making processes at the ELC. Assistant Directors, Maureen Melone and Chrissy Newell will also be here to help steer the ship as we have all come to expect. There will be a comprehensive search for a new Director to fill the role here at the ELC. Laureen Browning will continue to keep families up to date and informed about the search for the new Director. As always, Laureen and I welcome any questions that you may have.

All my best and thank you for a wonderful 7 years,

Jamee