



# ECRC Newsletter

Summer 2017: Session I • June

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to Summer Session I at the Early Childhood Research Center! Here at the ECRC, we implement a play-based curriculum, in that your children's interests and play are guided by the teacher's knowledge of child development and kindergarten readiness skills. Our beautiful summer weather here in Buffalo provides an authentic outdoor learning environment, where your child will spend much of their play and learning outside!

We are honored that you have chosen the ECRC as your child's foundation of learning! We look forward to a great summer! ☺

## ECRC Curriculum

This summer, we will be keeping the students healthy and fit as we explore how foods and physical activity can create a healthy lifestyle. Our ECRC students will be deciphering and sorting fruits, vegetables, and special treats, conducting science experiments to understand the purpose of sunscreen, and exploring the natural environment. To extend upon your child's learning at home, here are some books you can read together:

- Wiggle by Doreen Cronin
- Are Your Ready to Play Outside? By Mo Willems
- From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
- How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? The Story of Food by Chris Butterworth
- Our Community Garden by Barbara Pollak

Thanks! -Keely O'Connell

## Updates from our Associate Director

Our Summer Program is off to a great start! The dates for each session are as follows:

### Summer Session I

Tuesday, May 30 through Friday, June 23

### Summer Session II

Monday, June 26 through Friday, August 4

### Tuition

The first tuition payment is due on June 12.

### Sunscreen

Please send your child to school with sunscreen applied daily. We will reapply as needed.

Thanks!

- Corinne Eggleston

## Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **Water Play: June 5, June 15, June 23**  
Please send your child to school wearing their bathing suit on these days.
- **Saturday, June 17 – ECRC Kids Fun Run & Obstacle Course**  
If you haven't registered yet, you're missing out! The Run is a fun-filled family day! Come watch your little one practice healthy habits as they run with friends in a child friendly race. This event is our largest and most successful fundraising event.  
**Register at [ecrcfunrun.org](http://ecrcfunrun.org)**





# ECRC Preschool I

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## Our Favorite Activity

Our classroom is bursting with new energy and friends! During play, we have been focusing on our students' favorites as we get to know one another. We are enjoying talking about our favorite foods this week, providing us an opportunity to identify these foods as healthy vs. special treats ☺ Here, Christina is counting her ice cream scoops for a special summer treat!

- Ms. Alice, Ms. Cai, Ms. Ashley & Ms. Wei

## Happy Birthday to...

- Griffin D – June 3
- Alexis I – June 4
- Akhilles – June 7
- Griffin M – June 16



Paxton and Ms. Cai love to paint and explore color mixing!



Katie cuts out shapes for her summer scene.



Julianna completes a puzzle all by herself.

Enzo, Tyler and Nadia are enjoying being outside! We love climbing, running, jumping, and biking!



## Try this at Home

### Have a picnic!

Invite your child to help you pack a picnic for some loved ones to join. Encourage your child to count enough plates and cups for everyone coming. Additionally, your child can help you choose some healthy snacks to share with others.





## Our Favorite Activity

We love watermelon! This week, we incorporated this refreshing and healthy fruit in our play, as we counted the seeds, identified and discussed the letters in the word, and explored the fruit itself! This sensory experience allowed us to discuss this nutritious fruit with all five of our senses. Here, check out our friend Isha scooping out some watermelon!

- Mr. Stanley, Ms. Norline, Ms. Seung Jung & Ms. Paige



Luca and Konner practice cutting natural items from our environment



Nour and Rose enjoy painting at the easel!



Daniel and Evan sell fruit and vegetables in the Farmer's Market.



Hazuki, Nora, Arya, and Nola all work together to create a summer scene with chalk!



## Try this at Home

### Chalk!

At preschool age, students are beginning to learn how literacy impacts their lives, through books, signs, and lists. Over the summer, chalk is a perfect tool to encourage your child to begin and continue to write. Encourage your child to make letters, shapes, and symbols! That way, your child is enjoying the outdoor environment and recognizing the importance of literacy.