



ECRC Newsletter

Summer 2018: 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 exploring some of the most popular and exciting folktales, fairytales, and fables. These traditional pieces of literature ignite imaginations, and we will pretend to embody many of these ever-loved characters. These stories, past down over many years, have been retold and reimagined. Our students will explore the many versions of each of these beloved stories, as they identify important characteristics of a fairytale.

To extend upon your child's learning at home, here are some books you can read together:

- [Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs](#) by Mo Willems
- [Jack and the Baked Beanstalk](#) by Colin Stimpson
- [No Bears](#) by Meg McKinlay
- [The True Story of the Three Little Pigs](#) by Jon Scieszka
- [Is That You Wolf?](#) By Steve Cox

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 29 through Friday, June 22

Summer Session II

Monday, June 25 through Friday, August 3

Tuition

The first tuition payment is due on Monday, June 11.

Sunscreen

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

Thanks!

- Corinne Eggleston

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **Water Play: May 30, June 5, 13 & 19**
Please send your child to school wearing their bathing suit and closed-toe water shoes with sunscreen applied on these days.
- **Saturday, June 30 – 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





ECRC Preschool I

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Our Favorite Activity

We got lucky with some beautiful weather to start out our summer program! Our first week, we enjoyed exploring The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears in our learning centers outside! These stories influenced our play this week; we pretended to be the characters and created art using some of the tools from the stories. We loved creating art on the easel outside, as we mixed colors and worked together on both sides! Take a look at Asher and Josie as they use the outdoor easel.

- Ms. Alice, Ms. Wei, Ms. Brianna & Mr. Dan

Happy Birthday to...
Christopher – June 16
Silas – June 21



Christina and Silas scoop and mix porridge.



Christopher and Nathan play in the water table as they explore what objects sink and float.



Our entire class gathers while Mr. Dan reads Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs during circle time!



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.



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Preschool II

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Our Favorite Activity

With our Fairytale theme in mind, we have found ways to incorporate the books we have read during circle time into our writing and dramatic play centers. After reading a story at circle time/morning meeting, we encourage our students to explore the book further by taking on the roles of the characters. We also practiced writing character names to define our roles. Take a look at Eden and Arya acting as the big bad wolf and one of the three little pigs.

- Mr. Stanley, Ms. Norline, Ms. Paige & Ms. Devon

Happy Birthday to...

Griffin – June 16
Ms. Devon – June 27



Rodrigo discusses the properties of shapes and builds them using straws!



We love water play! On hot days like these, we learn to collaborate, share, and explore the qualities of water. Take a look at Janice, Katie, Connor, Rose, and Elijah enjoying the sunshine!



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.