



Early Childhood Research Center

Newsletter

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Curriculum Unit

Caring For Our Global Community

Past Weekly Themes

5/13—Developing Friendships

5/20—Caring For Our Families

Upcoming Weekly Themes

5/28—Caring For Our Health

6/3—Caring For Our Pets

Announcements

❖ *Water Play Day (new addition)*

Wednesday, May 29th

❖ *Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to enroll your child for summer session II and/or the fall semester.*

Important Reminders

• Shoes

For safety purposes, please send your child to school wearing closed toed shoes.

• Sunscreen

Please send your child to school with sunscreen on. We will reapply if needed.

• Water play

On swim or water play days children should arrive to school wearing their bathing suit.

Summer Holidays

The ECRC will be closed:

Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day

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Thursday & Friday, July 4th & 5th for

Independence Day (update)

Welcome Back!

Curriculum Notes

We have jumped right into our exciting summer theme with the exploration of our global community. Currently, we are learning the many ways we care for our family and friends. We are learning through hands on activities such as collaging a family tree; comparing and exploring water absorption in a scientific diaper experiment; creating buildings, shapes and letters using blocks and PVC pipes; and learning how to care for our homes by gardening, cooking, and washing and hanging laundry in our dramatic play center!

As you will see on the Picture Page, we are taking advantage of the beautiful summer-like weather! We've gone beyond the playground gates; enjoying snack at Baird Point, dance class in the grass, Red Rover near the lake, and circle time at the Commons Clock Tower. We will continue to take advantage of our outdoor campus community throughout the summer.

In the coming weeks we will learn the many ways we take care of ourselves, our animals and the environment we live in.

Summer Reading

Some of the books we read this week included: *Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anne Dewdney, *The Family Book* and *We Belong Together* by Todd Parr, and *This Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn.

Throughout our 'Developing Friendships' theme we read—*The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister, *The Sandwich Swap* by Her Majesty Queen Raina Al Abdullah with Kelly DiPucchio, and *Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems.

This coming week we will be reading: *Froggy Goes to the Doctor* by Jonathan London, *The Missing Tooth* by Mary Packard, *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?* By Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Phillip C. Stead and *Why Wash?* By Claire Llewellyn; as we learn how to keep our bodies healthy and clean.

*Most of these books are available at your local library and your children will enjoy sharing them with you! The repetition is great for the children to retain what they have learned and make connections to their own lives.

Finally, please let us know how things are going for you and your child(ren). We want this to be a great experience for you! Feedback or suggestions are most welcome. Thanks!



Picture Page!



Welcome to Summer Session at the ECRC!!

Clockwise from top left:

Lucas and Aris stay hydrated, taking a much needed water-break during a fun filled morning on the playground.

Above: Miss Keely and Vitalia have fun in the pool.

Top Right: Hajun holds himself up on the balance bridge.

Right: Ya Ya prepares to make bubbles.

Below Right: Teddy paddles through the swimming pool at Alumni Arena.

Bottom Right: Evadene, Alex, Teddy, Santino, Kaiya, Fiona, Andrzej, Joshua, Victoria, Hajun, Ya Ya and Aris snack while listening to a story at circle time.

Below: Fiona and Victoria give hugs during dance.

Bottom Left: Patrick enjoys a bunny cracker during a snack time picnic.

Left: Evadene builds outfits for Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head.

