

Early Childhood Research Center

Newsletter

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Curriculum Unit

Caring For Our Global Community

Past Weekly Themes

June 3rd – 7th:
Caring For Our Pets

June 10th – June 21st:
Caring For Our Neighbors

Announcements

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to enroll your child for the fall semester.

Online payments can be made at:

https://epay.buffalo.edu/public/scripts/epay_form.cgi?payment_type=488

Please come and visit!

We would love to benefit from the knowledge and experience of our diverse ECRC families.

Please consider sharing your nationality and heritage with the children through a story, song, dance, art or cooking activity.

You are welcome anytime!

Summer Holidays

The ECRC will be closed:

<u>Thursday & Friday, July 4th & 5th for</u> Independence Day

Curriculum Notes

Our exciting summer theme continues as we learn about and explore our global community. We are inspiring our learning through multisensory experiences; stimulating cognitive, social- emotional, physical and language development. We've had such great success with our hands on summer activities that we wanted to share them with you.

Here are a few ideas that can be extended into your home...

Sidewalk Paint: 1 cup cornstarch, 1 cup water and food coloring in muffin tins with paintbrushes.

Flubber: 2 cups Glue, Food Coloring, 4 tablespoons Borax & Warm water. Directions:
 In one bowl mix in 1 1/2 cups of warm water, glue, and food coloring.
 In a separate bowl mix in Borax with 1 1/3 cup of warm water.
 Pour the glue mixture into the borax mixture. Do not mix or stir it will form on its own.

Salt/Chalk Creations: Stir chalk into cups of salt. Create different colors. Provide glue bottles and paper. Have children create their design, sprinkle colored salt onto paper and shake off excess.

Cloud Dough: Equal parts corn starch and shaving cream. Mix and mold!

Baked Cotton Balls: 1 cup flour, 1 cup water, cotton balls, food coloring (optional)

What to do: Combine and mix the flour and water. Pour mixture into separate bowls (if you're going to make different colors). Add food coloring OR use as is (you can paint them after they are baked). Dip cotton balls into the mixture. **Fully coat them** and then place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 45 minutes at 300 degrees. Once cooked and cooled you can build with them and break them open with a hammer. It's fun to hear them CRUNCH!









Fiona combines the ingredients.

Teddy dips the cotton balls

Victoria decides to peel off her shell; while Max cracks his shell with a hammer

Summer Reading

For Every Child A Better World by Jim Henson
Career Day by Anne Rockwell
The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters by Janet & Allan Ahlberg
Curious George - At the Fire Station by Margret and H.A. Rey's
I'm Going to be a Police Officer by Edith Kunhardt

*In the coming weeks we will extend our learning far beyond our neighborhood as we begin to explore our State, Country, the continents and our entire Earth.





Picture Page!











Above: Asa crawls through the tire



Above: Lucas







