



Early Childhood Research Center

ECRC Newsletter

Fall 2016 • October

Dear Families,

The beginning of October brings about the familiar fall scent of apples and pumpkins and a brisk chill in the air. We will take the time in October to learn all about the changes that are occurring in nature around us. Our Kelkenberg Farm field trip was an excellent way to start this exploration! Take a look at some of our favorite pictures from our family trip. Thank you to all of those who could make it – each of you made the day very special!



ECRC Curriculum

October begins our exploration of the season fall and everything that makes our Buffalo autumn season so special – including leaves, apples, and pumpkins! Some of the books that we are reading are:

- The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall
- We're Going on a Leaf Hunt! by Steve Metzger
- Five Little Pumpkins by Dan Yaccarino

If you have any questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask us! ☺

-Keely O'Connell

Updates from our Assistant Director

Tuition Due Dates

- Monday, October 10th
- Monday, November 14th

Outdoor Play

It is beginning to get colder outside, however we still play outside everyday! Please make sure to send your child with warm weather gear everyday, including mittens and a hat.

Parking

This is a reminder that the parent parking spots are only for **short term parking (15 minutes)** reserved for parents dropping off and picking up their child. Please move your car after you have dropped off your child. Thanks!

- Corinne Eggleston

Upcoming Events & Reminders

• **Science on Wheels: Digging for Dinosaurs**

On **Monday, October 17th, 2016** the Buffalo Science Museum will visit our center for a hands-on exploration of dinos! All Monday classes will attend.

• **Parent Teacher Conferences**

October 26th → October 28th We will conduct parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress. Please be on the look out for a Google document to sign up for a day and time to meet with your child's teacher.

• **Usborne Book Fair: October 26th-27th**

It's back by popular demand. While here for parent teacher conferences, stop in to look through and buy some new books for your child!

• **Halloween parade: October 31st**

The AM groups will parade in their costumes at 10:00 am, and the PM at 3:00 pm. All families are welcome to join!



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Our Favorite Activity!

As we continue learning about our families, our friends, and ourselves, we encourage the students to celebrate and value the diversity in and outside of our classrooms. Our favorite activity this month was mixing skin tone paint colors to create our own skin tone, and we found that each of us is unique.

Below, you can see Konner and Natalie using sponges to explore the skin tone paints!

As always, please feel free to share your culture with our students! We welcome families to come read our students a story, or even join us during playtime!

- Miss Cai, Miss Alice & Miss Paige

Happy Birthday to...

Miss Cai – October 26th

Katie – October 27th

Elli – October 30th



Katie explores her fingerprints with stamp pads and a magnifying glass.

Beau investigates and identifies shapes as he builds!

Try this at home!

Leaf Painting!

With autumn here, try incorporating the changing leaves into your child's art projects. Tape some leaves on a piece of paper and encourage your child to paint the entire paper. Then, when dry, take the leaves off and explore the shapes of the leaves!

Akhilles, Konner, and Anthony are persistent about hammering the cheerios!



Linneae gets baby ready for school by brushing her teeth!



Connor loves to paint outside.



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Our Favorite Activity!

Our fingers are getting stronger because many of our activities involve strengthening our fine motor muscles. This month, our sensory bin was filled with many different activities to continue to build our finger muscles – such as hammering the cheerios and cutting different types of paper.

Take a look at the pictures below to see these activities!

- Miss Norline & Mr. Stanley

Happy Birthday to...

Hazuki – October 4th



Luca & Duke love to pretend to be construction workers as they hammer away!



Rachel practices cutting lots of different materials, such as aluminum foil and tissue paper!



Maddigan begins her interpretation of van Gogh's *Starry Night*.

Try this at home!

Writing helps to build strong fine motor skills. Encourage your child to write purposefully at home – such as making a grocery list, writing a letter to a loved one, or creating invitations for a special event!



Danny & Nolan work together to build a car garage.



Nora mixes skin tone paints to match her own skin!



Our Favorite Activity!

We are becoming scientists in our classroom, as we engage in science experiments and learn to use new science tools. This month, our students looked closely at their fingerprints, identifying the differences between their own and their peers' fingerprints. Hazel told us that the magnifying glass helps to "make things bigger!" We will continue to introduce and discuss these different scientific tools.

- Miss Seung Jung & Miss Ashley



Rosaria practices opening and closing fasteners on the puzzle.



Akhilles explores skin colors in the art center.



Hazel knows how to use a magnifying glass!



Nolan practices cutting.

Julianna runs to a friend during a game of 'Red Rover.'



Try this at home!

So much science happens right outside our windows. Encourage your child to discuss and identify what they see in nature. Then, your child can draw pictures of their observations.



Rosaria and Gerry practice climbing on our obstacle course!

Our Favorite Activity!

Our early math concepts are getting stronger everyday! Our students have been busy sorting, comparing, and counting with our manipulatives. We are making math meaningful by counting our family members and creating a graph of our Pre-K Eye Colors, in which we identify and write numerals.

We are also beginning to practice a concept called subitizing – students are able to see a small amount of objects without counting them. Below, Sophia is able to subitize 4 objects!

- Miss Keely, Miss Corinne, Miss Wei & Mr. Dan

Happy Birthday to...

Hazuki – October 4th
Mr. Dan – October 4th
Sophia – October 18th
Xavier – October 28th



Sophia is able to subitize!

Sandy identifies and counts how many people are in his family.



Steele draws his family!



Olivia compares the types of eye colors in our classroom.

Trenton sorts the transportation vehicles by color, then compares the groups.



Oscar adds stars to his interpretation of van Gogh's *Starry Night*.

Try this at home!

Our students love to go to the library right on campus! There are some great fall books that incorporate these early math concepts that we are working on. Next time you make the trip, check out How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin? by Margaret McNamara.