



Early Childhood Research Center

Newsletter

Fall 2013 - Volume 4, Issue 1

Curriculum Theme: Discovery!

Weekly Units:

Discovering Me, Discovering You
September 2nd – 13th

Discovering Our Changing Season
September 16th – October 4th

Kelkenberg Farm

THIS Friday, September 20th

Please visit the main office by Wednesday,
September 18th to register your family and pay
the admission fee.

We will meet at Kelkenberg Farm at 9:30 AM.

We **DID NOT** reserve a school bus for this trip.

Upcoming Events:

Yoga with Miss Alexia:
September 17th & 27th

Music Play with Miss Jennifer:
September 18th & 25th

Dance with Miss Alexia:
September 19th & 26th

Tuition Due Dates:

September 16th
October 7th
& November 11th

Online payments can be made at:

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

Welcome!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the fall 2013 semester at the ECRC! During the first few weeks of school, the children have been getting acquainted and/or reacquainted with their classmates, their teachers and the classroom routines.

They have discovered many wonderful materials to work with while engaging in developmentally appropriate activities. The overall theme for the school year is "Discovery," and we have begun with a focus on your children and their friends. We are so happy to have your children at the ECRC and look forward to a fun school year full of exploration and learning!

Curriculum Notes

While our curriculum this year is developed around the overall theme of discovery, the activities in which your children will take part include math, science, literacy, and the arts. We will use quality children's literature to build on our weekly units, foster the children's enthusiasm for learning, and develop their understanding within these areas. Built into the curriculum are opportunities for your children to work and play independently, as well as with peers, in order to develop their social and emotional skills.

Upcoming Activities & Projects

This week we will begin our exploration of the upcoming fall season. As we prepare for our family visit to Kelkenberg Farm, your children will engage in many hands on activities. We will "milk" our ECRC cow, make multi-colored pigs, create a 3-D farm collage, play farm animal charades, and experience life on the farm in our farm-like dramatic play center.

Family Involvement

We are fortunate that our ECRC family is from all over the world and would love for the children to benefit from this. Please consider joining your child and their classmates at Circle Time to share a song or story about your family history, at Snack Time to teach the children to cook a favorite family recipe, or in the Creative Drama area with important cultural costumes or scenes. We look forward to your visits!

Questions/Concerns

Please feel free to talk with your child's teachers anytime or stop by the ECRC office with any questions or concerns. Kelly and Corinne are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM each day.



Picture Page!



Above left: Michael measures, fills and spills to build the perfect creation in the sand.

Above center: Lily and Parker develop a new friendship while sharing the play-doh.

Above right: Pranav enjoys a story from his friend, Mr. Alex.



Above: Isabela, Andrzej and Nicholas take a ride in their "fire truck".

Below: Alessandro enjoys splashing through the cool puddles during water play.



Above: Leila and Nevaeh play "pirates" in their pirate ship.

Below: Riley helps his brother Liam navigate through the many options on the iPad.

