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Dear families.

Welcome to another year of growth, change, and fun at the Early Childhood Center (ECC)!

The ECC was founded by members of Claremont United Church of Christ (CUCC) in the 1950s, an expansion of our mission to make the Guild Hall (built in 1928) a community center. Since its inception, the ECC has offered affordable, high-quality infant through pre-kindergarten care with a special emphasis on parent involvement.

The ECC is in every way part of CUCC. As the head of staff for CUCC, I work closely with and support ECC Director Kristy Knight (which is such a joy for me!). The members and worshippers at CUCC, through their pledges and offerings, subsidize the costs of running the ECC: from employee benefits, to administrative staff the ECC would not otherwise be able to afford, to recent and pending security upgrades. The ECC Board is always chaired by a member of CUCC who, in turn, is a member of the church's Council.

In every way, the ECC reflects the larger church's values: inclusivity, respect, and learning to be in loving community. To that end, we do not evangelize. Living our faith will always trump talking about it. We sincerely hope you and your family feel, each time you are on campus and the whole time you are on campus, what we profess in the letterhead above: no matter where you are in life's journey, you are welcome here.

Welcome!

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