



Early Childhood Center Newsletter

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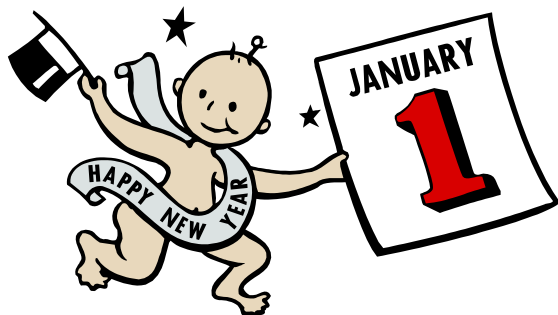
A Brand New Year!
Let It Snow
Hibernation
Freeze Dance!

Dates to Remember

Jan. 3: Back to school!
Jan. 3: Tuition Due!
Jan. 12: 15% late fee applied to all outstanding balances.
Jan. 16: Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! The staff at the Early Childhood Center would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope all of our families had a joyous, safe and relaxing holiday break!



Martin Luther King Day

Please be aware that the Early Childhood Center will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2011, in observance of Martin Luther King's Day. Because our contract with Pomona College does not require us to offer Extended Care on this holiday, we will not be open. Thank you for your understanding!

Thank You!

A huge "Thank You!" to Jonah and Lesley Swick (Otis's daddy and mommy) for purchasing us a new "chariot-style" bike for the preschool playground! The children absolutely LOVE it!!

Saving Money!!

One of the largest portions of our budgeted "Shared Expenses" with UCC, goes to paying utilities! In order to keep our cost down we need to be EXTRA diligent about keeping doors shut and lights off! One way our families can help us with this is to preserve the heat by closing the doors when entering or leaving the classrooms. Thank you!!

Our New ECC Addition!!

Teacher Rosie is a new mommy and Freddie is a big brother!! Santiago was born into the Alejandre family on December 31st, 2011!

♥ **Welcome Santiago!!**

International Student

Beginning on Monday, January 9th, and concluding the week of March 5th, we will have a visiting international student from Pitzer College spending some time with our Grandma's House children! Kana Matsuoka is here from Japan, and will complete volunteer hours, conduct research & gather information, and a develop & implement a few curriculum projects with the children as a part of the "Global to Local" project. This project provides students with useful, hands-on experiences with local organizations, and gives them some insight into the services being provided. We are looking forward to working with Kana and learning more about her culture!

Younger Siblings & Parent Participation

Due to liability issues, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the classroom while parents are participating in the classroom. However, we may be able to accommodate childcare in an age-appropriate classroom, if we have advanced notification. If this is something you think you might need, please let me know.

Keeping ECC Healthy!!

In order to keep the spread of illness-causing germs to a minimum, we are going to be extra diligent about adhering to our Health Policy! Please remember that children need to be free from fever (100 or higher), vomiting, and/or diarrhea (basically symptom-free) for 24 hours before we will allow them to return to ECC. Also, if your child is prescribed a medication for any contagious illness or disease, they will need to be on that medication (as well as symptom-free) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.



Utensils in Lunches

Please be sure to provide your child with the appropriate eating utensils in their lunchboxes. We have been having to purchase large quantities of plastic spoons and forks, and it is getting to be quite expensive. Thank you for your understanding!

School Photos Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our families who were able to support our School Photo Fundraiser by purchasing school photos of your child! By doing so, we were able to raise approximately \$110.00!! *Class photos are still available in the ECC office for \$7.00...*

Jackets

Please check the classrooms to see if your child has left any extra jackets. We have accumulated so many jackets we are running out of storage space! On Friday, January 27, all jackets that are left in our "lost and found" pile will be donated to our local Goodwill.

Maternity Leave

As many of you know, Teacher Rosie is now out on her Maternity Leave, and I will go out on my Maternity Leave at some point in January. Because of this, Liz will be doing double duty! She will still maintain her afternoon hours in the ECC office from 3:00p-6:00p, and may spend one or two mornings in the office, as needed. Otherwise, we are hoping that her classroom will not be affected by our absences!

It's Tax Time!!

The ECC tax ID# is 95-1660339. If you need a report showing what you paid in tuition for 2010, we can print up individual Payment Summary Reports. Please let us know in writing or by email if you would like one for tax purposes.

