

Alverno Early Learning Center

Family Newsletter September 2024

The Importance of Music and Movement

As children grow in their appreciation of the beauty of music and dance, they acquire a gift that will bring them great pleasure. Music brings another dimension of beauty into our lives. Music and movement benefit a child's development in many ways. Here are skills that music and movement can help develop:

- Social skills
 - Expression of emotions
 - Enhance self-concept by sharing music and dance of each other's culture
 - Refine listening skills-noticing changes in tempo or pitch
 - Awareness of movement and body positions
 - Creativity and imagination
 - Learn new words and concepts
 - Explore cause and effect
 - Develop large motor skills
 - Improve balance, coordination and rhythm through dance and movement activities
 - Improve small motor skills-learning finger plays and playing musical instruments
- Source: The Creative Curriculum for Preschool Children by Diane Trister Dodge and Laura J. Colker

We will celebrate all things music and movement the week of 9/23/24!

Upcoming Events

Music and Movement Week

9/23-9/27/24

Read- A- Book Week

10/21-10/25/24

(Watch for more information in mid-October)

Color Week

Upcoming Center Closings

Presential Election Day

Tuesday 11/5/24

Thanksgiving Break:

Thursday & Friday, 11/28 & 11/29

Welcome Cecelia!



We are pleased to announce that Cecelia has joined our staff as a permanent teacher. Many of you may know Cecelia from her years as a student employee. Cecelia has worked at the center since January of 2020. Cecelia completed her BA in Education this past May.

In her spare time Cecelia enjoys dancing and collecting novelty earrings!

She will be working in Room 16.

WELCOME!

A Few Friendly Reminders

- ◆ **The ELC is a peanut free building.** Please do not bring any products containing peanuts into the building. This includes your child's breakfast, even if consumed outside of the classroom.
 - ◆ Please follow this routine when dropping off multiple children:
Please **drop off** your older child **first**, please **pick up** your older child **last**. This will stop unnecessary traffic in infant/toddler classrooms.
 - ◆ Do not leave your child unattended at any time. This is a state licensing rule.
 - ◆ Please be sure to sign you child both in and out using your full name.
- ◆ Please be sure you have **current** emergency contacts on your child's paperwork. Remember emergency contacts are authorized to pickup your child.
- ◆ We respectfully ask that you do not bring toys from home. This more often than not causes conflict in the classroom.
- ◆ If your child is on the food program, we ask that you not bring in supplemental food unless it is due to dietary restrictions.

Our Mission

Alverno Early Learning Center exists to promote educational and personal development of every child and staff member who enters our doors. We will respects every child, parent and co-worker by keeping the lines of communication open and confidentiality a priority.

Hours:

Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Phone:

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Administration:

Kathy Moosavi-Manager

Kathy Kaufmann-Assistant Manager

Our Philosophy

Alverno Early Learning Center believes in high quality care and education for each child. Our program is based on the philosophy that:

- ◆ Children grow and develop through active explorations in a warm nurturing environment
- ◆ We believe in the uniqueness of each child, and strive to meet the individual need of each child.
- ◆ We provide a variety of educational experiences that place emphasis on child involvement and decision making.
- ◆ Activities are focused to enhance social, emotional, cognitive and language development.

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