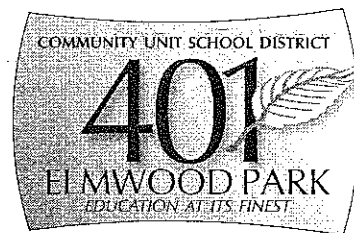


EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

JOANNE MOURIKES RICE, PRINCIPAL

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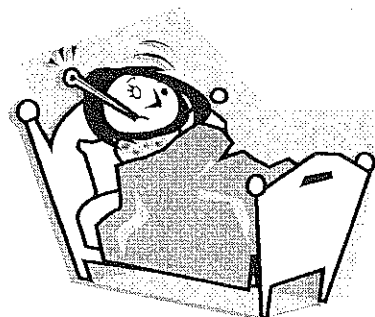
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Here at the ECC, the children performed wonderfully in our lock down drill on Tuesday, as we practiced emergency safety procedures. The children enjoyed a wonderful performance on Thursday, when Dave Herzog's Marionettes entertained us with a fun-filled Halloween themed show. Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring this assembly. Our next PTO meeting will be an evening meeting, on Wednesday, November 16th, from 6 to 6:40 pm, here in the ECC All-Purpose room. Keep your schedule open on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The PTO has arranged for a photographer to take family portraits here at the ECC as a school fundraiser. Keep your eyes open for the flyer about this event we'll be sending home this coming week. The PTO is also soliciting contributions for our Winter Concert Raffle. More details to come soon!

Monday will be one of the most exciting days of the year! We are anticipating a building full of superheroes, princesses, pumpkins, kitty cats and X-Men. Please remember that your child's costume must be safe and comfortable to wear during the parade and the school day. Weapons and masks are discouraged. The morning parade will begin at 8:45, and the afternoon parade will begin at 12:30. Students will walk around the circle for our parade, and pose for a class photo graph in front of the ECC sign to the left of our building, before returning to class.

From the Nurse...

Cold and flu season has arrived. Our nurse and teachers review appropriate coughing procedures and encourage frequent hand washing, yet germs are resilient and it's a constant challenge for students as well as teachers to remain healthy. If during the school day your child visits the nurse and is found to have a temperature or 100 degrees or higher, you will receive a call to pick him up. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Also, please keep your child home if he has cold symptoms such as a runny nose or persistent cough. Sending your child back to school too soon may make him susceptible to other illnesses.



Dates to Remember:

11/2 and 11/15 – District Landscape Meeting, EPHS 7:00 pm

11/8, 11/9 and 11/10 – Parent Teacher Conferences at ECC

11/11 – No School, Veteran's Day

11/16 – PTO Meeting 6:00 to 6:40 pm at ECC

11/19 – Family Portrait and Bake Sale Fundraiser at ECC 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

11/24 & 11/25 – No School, Thanksgiving Break



HELPING CHILDREN LEARN NOVEMBER 2011

- ✓ Allow your child to use a tool, such as a flashlight, with supervision.
- ✓ Look through magazines, newspapers and catalogs to find emotions (happy, mad or sad people).
- ✓ Look through a book. Have your child pick out her favorite images.
- ✓ Ask your child categorical questions. Examples: What cries? (Babies, sad people.) What swims? (Fish, people.)
- ✓ Start a nature "diary." Have your child draw a picture of the same outdoor thing, such as a tree, every few months.
- ✓ Talk about families. Tell your child that there are many different kinds of families. Give your child some examples.
- ✓ Tell your child a story about when he was a baby.
- ✓ Drink a glass of apple cider together. How is cider made?
- ✓ Let your child draw blindfolded.
- ✓ Help your child practice saying her name, address and phone number.
- ✓ Help your child learn his age and birthday.
- ✓ To eliminate dawdling, set a timer when it's time for your child to pick up toys today.
- ✓ Let your child decorate each finger of an old pair of gloves. Help her put on a finger puppet show.
- ✓ Give your child a new job such as setting the table, watering a plant or feeding your pet.
- ✓ Look at a school bus. How is it different from a car?
- ✓ Sit face-to-face with your child. Pretend to be a mirror, doing exactly what he does. Then switch roles.
- ✓ Find a new word in the dictionary. Talk about what it means with your child. Use it in sentences today.
- ✓ Model good table manners for your child. Say, "Please pass the bread," and, "Thank you very much."
- ✓ Tonight, share things that made you and your child happy today.
- ✓ Let your child explain something to you. Ask a question such as, "Where would we go to buy eggs?"
- ✓ With your child, decorate a box and cut an opening in the top. Place notes in the box. Let her "mail" letters to you.
- ✓ Teach your child, "Treat others as you would like to be treated."
- ✓ Let your child help you bake and decorate cookies.
- ✓ Talk about things you are thankful for. Tell your child he's at the top of the list.
- ✓ Praise your child's effort to do something.
- ✓ Make a family collage. Find pictures of things you do as a family, such as eating. Help your child glue them on paper.
- ✓ Ask your child to make a city with blocks and boxes.
- ✓ Fill a sink with water and test different objects to see if they float. Can your child learn to predict which will float?
- ✓ Give your child items to arrange according to size.
- ✓ Don't watch TV tonight. Play games together instead.