

Alverno Early Learning Center

November 2018

Stone Soup

During the first weeks of November children in Rooms 17, 10, 8, 4, 2, 16 and 22 will be participating in activities based on the story of "Stone Soup" This story teaches the concept of sharing and working together as a community.

To incorporate the concept of sharing into our curriculum, families will be asked to contribute an item to our own stone soup which the children will be making together. Parents are invited to join your child in our Stone Soup Lunch on Thursday November 8. Watch for more information in your child's classroom.



Wanted: Homemade Holiday Baked Goods

Please consider donating homemade holiday baked goods for our 23rd Annual Cookie Sale Fundraiser being held on Tuesday, December 4 in the college's La Verna lobby. This is the ELC's only major fundraiser with proceeds going towards the purchase of classroom equipment. Past top selling items include chocolate chip cookies, peanut blossoms, oatmeal cookies, holiday breads and gluten free items. Look for a flyer on your child's locker with detailed instructions. Thanks in advance!

Thanks to our Parent Readers

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us during "Read a Book Week". As a parent you are able to enrich our program by sharing your gifts and talents. Please talk to your child's classroom teacher if you would like to spend as little as 15 minutes in the classroom playing an instrument, leading a movement activity, reading a book or assisting in an art project.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 8

Stone Soup Lunch for Parents
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

Spring Registration
(for students and staff/faculty only)
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

Annual Cookie Sale
La Verna Commons in College
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 6

Mitten Day *(children only)*

Upcoming Center Closings

Thanksgiving Break

Closed on November 22 and 23

December Break

Closed beginning December 20, 2018
Return on January 2, 2019

Ways to Keep Your Young Ones Busy This Winter

Here at the ELC we can't stress enough the importance of outdoor play. For those times the weather is inclement, browse through this list of ideas for some indoor fun. Watch for another 10 ideas in the January newsletter.

1. **Go on a scavenger hunt.** Give your child a bucket or a bag and either name items for him to locate or have pictures handy. (you can take a picture of the items, print and laminate them onto cards.)
2. **Build a fort** out of sheets and tall furniture or backs of chairs. Ask them what they would like to take inside this special place.
3. **Blare your favorite music and dance** yourself silly. Great way to get out the wiggles and have a giggle or two.
4. **Do an egg hunt!** Many children love to hunt for Easter eggs around the house. It also buys you a few minutes while they are searching. Little ones can also enjoy plastic eggs by placing them in containers and dumping them out, or putting them in empty egg cartons.
5. **Make bird feeders out of pinecones.** Have them spread the pinecones with peanut butter and roll them in bird seed.
6. **Collect boxes** around the house (cereal, diaper, mailing, etc.) cover them with colored duct tape or construction paper and let your child build and stack away!
7. **Cut up colored straws** and provide your child with a shoelace for beading. Likewise, you can use colored pasta.
8. **Animal charades.** Take turns with your child and pretend to be a dog, snake, lion, frog, etc. Guess what animal the other is pretending to be. You can even create animal cards, pull one out of the bag and pretend to be the animal.
9. **Obstacle course.** Create a course in your family room with boxes, blankets and ropes. Don't forget to add jumping, somersaults and galloping to the mix!
10. **Bring out the play dough.** The options are endless with a few safe kitchen tools.

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 respect every child, parent and co-worker by keeping the lines of communication open and confidentiality a priority.

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 exploration in a warm and nurturing environment.
- We believe in the uniqueness of each child and strive to meet the individual needs 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.

Hours:

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

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