

Alverno Early Learning Center

Family Newsletter February 2020

Welcome Teresa to Room 2



We are so pleased that Teresa has joining the permanent teaching staff at the Early Learning Center.

You may have had the pleasure of meeting Teresa in the past. She has been a student employee at the ELC since 2016.

Teresa graduated in December of 2019 with a degree in Integrated Studies. She is currently enrolled in additional course work in early childhood education.

In addition to her work at the ELC, Teresa is a Youth and Family Specialist at Walkers Point Youth and Family Shelter.

Teresa brings a great deal of energy to her work. She has a passion for working with children and their families. Please stop into Room 2 and welcome her!



Are You Ready for Spaghetti?

Please join us for our first spaghetti family lunch!

Tuesday 11:30-12:15

Look for more information on your child's locker soon!

Upcoming Events/Closings

Tuesday 2/18: Spaghetti Family Lunch

March: Youth Art Month. Gallery Night 3/31.

Original Works Fundraiser Due 3/25

April 10th and 13th : Center Closed Easter Break

April 23: World Penguin Day

Summer/ Fall Registration for

All Families

Tuesday April 21st

7:00-3:00

Office Lobby

Forms will be available mid April

How Play Promotes Cognitive Development

Play promotes the development of a multitude of cognitive skills. When children participate in play and have opportunities to become fully involved in what they are doing, they develop more sophisticated and complex ways of thinking.

Children learn to solve problems as they discover the answers to their own questions such as “Does this piece go there?” or “What happens when I do this?” When children have the opportunity to have extended periods of uninterrupted time to engage in play that is meaningful and relevant to their lives both attention span and memory skills are enhanced.

Music Play

Through singing, reciting and experimenting with musical instruments, children learn about patterns, rhythm and the existence of many different types of sounds. They learn the basis concepts of opposites such as fast/slow and loud/quiet. Listening skills are improved while at the same time they are learning about cause and effect, such as “When I hit the drum hard it makes a loud sound.”

Process Based Art Play

As children participate in child directed process based art they learn about and name colors, shapes and textures . For infants and young toddlers, art is a sensory experience, when partnered with teach language becomes an experience that exposes them to new concepts and language. When children are able to engage in the process of art rather than focus on making a product or craft, they are able to be creative, freely explore are materials and express ideas and emotions.

Look for more information on learning through play in future newsletters.

Excerpts from “*How Play Promotes Cognitive Development*”, Center for Inclusive Childcare, 2018

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.

Hours:

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

Phone:

414-382-6076

Administration:

Kathy Moosavi– Center 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 exploration 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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