



Alverno Early Learning Center

Family Newsletter January 2021

Dear Alverno Early Learning Center Families,

We are in the midst of cold and flu season, though I am happy to report, the children seem healthier than usual. Hooray for handwashing! I'll briefly review our updated policies regarding illness and COVID-19. If your child has cold-like symptoms (such as sneezing, sore throat, coughing) or a fever over 99.6 F, please keep them home until symptoms subside. This differs from our typical sick child policy which allows for children with mild cold-like symptoms to attend. If your child has been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, do not come to the center. Please notify me by phone or email. If you or your child is being tested for COVID-19, please remain at home until directed by your healthcare provider that it is safe to return to the center.

If you, your child, or a member of your immediate household test positive for COVID-19, please inform me immediately by phone or email. Please do not come to the center. Once contacted, I will reach out to the Milwaukee Health Department for further instruction.

Any response to a positive case of COVID-19 will be handled on a case by case basis. Children and employees who were determined to be in close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 will be directly and specifically notified. Any action the Milwaukee Health Department instructs the Early Learning Center to take (that directly affects you and your child) will be communicated to you immediately. Please check your email regularly.

The health and safety of the ELC community is a top priority. Please continue to work together with us to keep our families and staff healthy.

Many Thanks,

Kathy Moosavi, Manager

Upcoming Registration

The current enrollment period ends for community, faculty and staff families on Friday May 28, 2021.

Registration for the summer and fall sessions will begin on Tuesday April 27th.

Please watch for more information in the coming months.

Upcoming Center Events

Though the pandemic continues to halt family involvement activities at the center, we have found new ways to celebrate school spirit!

Watch for info on the upcoming special days:

Wednesday 2/10: Flannel Shirt Day

Friday 4/9: Unicorn Day

Scholastic Books

Build Early Literacy

Each month families of the Early Learning Center are able to order children's books from Scholastic Book Clubs. Scholastic provides high quality, affordable and age appropriate books for children ages birth through eight years. Watch for catalogs and ordering information on the display case near the center entrance. To order online, follow the sign in directions and enter our code: **GYHTZ**

Upcoming Center Closings

January 19: Martin Luther King Day

April 1 and April 5: Easter Break



The Importance of Outdoor Play

There are two fundamental reasons why outdoor play is critical for young children. First many of the developmental tasks that young children must achieve-exploring, risk taking, fine and gross motor development and the absorption of vast amounts of basic knowledge-can effectively be learned through outdoor play.

Second our culture is taking outdoor play away from young children through excessive TV and electronic device use, unsafe neighborhoods, busy and tired parents and academic standards that push inappropriate academics in, and play out of early learning environments.

Weather permitting, the children at the ELC play outdoors all winter long.

Please be sure to bring in appropriate outdoor clothing, including:

Jacket, snow pants, hat, boots and waterproof mittens.

Please be sure to label all items-we have many duplicates.

Wisconsin winters come every year-Let's enjoy them with our children!



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:

414-382-6076

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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