ECLC NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter
from the Head of School
October 4, 2011

From Andy's Desk

Our ECLC website has become a very effective way for us to make information about our program available to prospective families. In order to better portray the demographic of the students and families we serve, as well as provide parent opinions about ECLC, I would like to add to this site a compilation of testimonials from our current parents. If any parent would like to write a brief statement about ECLC that a prospective parent might find helpful or interesting, please send that to me in an email (andywhitney@eclcseoul.com). I ask that you include your name and company affiliation (only if allowable - otherwise name or initials will be fine). I will place relevant comments on our website for others to read. I would like to get as many comments as possible and rotate them on a regular basis. Your help in this endeavor would be truly appreciated.

Parenting Books

Just a reminder that the ECLC Library is slowly building up a collection of parenting books that you might find interesting and helpful. They are available for check out for all ECLC parents. Feel free to stop by and have a look.

Family Picnic

Put Saturday, October 22 on your calendar for the annual ECLC PTA Picnic. It will be held from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Yongsan Family Park. More information will be coming home in your child's backpack soon.

As Early Childhood Educators we know that children learn best when involved in engaging, hands-on activities. The teachers at ECLC ensure that all children have plenty of opportunities throughout the school day to participate in these types of activities.

Parent Workshop

I will be offering a 3-hour workshop for all interested parents entitled "***Positive Behavior Management***". It will be held on Saturday morning, November 5 from 9:00 am until 12 noon at ECLC. You will be receiving information about this in your child's backpack when we get closer to the date.

Special Celebration

The students in Picasso class recently recognized the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanna marking the start of the new year on the Hebrew calendar. They ate apples and honey signifying a wish for a "sweet new year".

Parent Informational Forums

You should have received a letter in your child's backpack about our monthly series of Thursday morning informational forums. The first one will be held on Thursday, October 20 and the topic will be "ECLC Philosophy". I will present to parents the basic belief system which guides our Program of Learning at ECLC. This event will be held in our gym and run from 9:30 until 10:30 am.

Students at ECLC often learn to write **as** they learn to read - not **after**. With teacher guidance and support K1 students begin that magical journey of expressing their ideas and thoughts using their knowledge of phonics and applying it to their journal writing.

October Dates

October 3 Foundation Day—No School
October 5 PTA Meeting 9:30 am Hillside Apartments
October 20 Parent Forum "ECLC Philosophy" 9:30 - 10:30
October 22 Family Picnic 11 am - 2 pm Yongsan Family Park
October 26 ECLC School Board Meeting
October 28 ECLC Halloween Parade