

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



ECLC Celebration Giving Tree

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that the ECLC's Celebration Giving Tree will be up in the foyer the week after Thanksgiving Break.

In the spirit of Christmas, we have placed over one hundred names of children and babies who are less fortunate than ours onto the Celebration Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is about giving back to our community and at the same time, teaching our children empathy, kindness, and understanding of others. This year we are supporting the Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS). This organization is involved in caring for many different groups including the elderly, children and newborn babies.

If you would like to participate, simply visit the Celebration Giving Tree together with your child and select an ornament from the tree. On the ornament will be a number, the name of a child and his/her age. **On Mrs. Park's desk, there will be a numbered list where we ask that you write your name next to the same number as the one on the ornament**, so that we may keep track of which ornaments have been taken and by whom. Please purchase an age appropriate gift. To ensure fairness amongst the gifts received, we ask that the value of the gifts do not exceed 20,000 - 25,000KRW.

Who are you giving to?

On the tree, there will be two sets of ornaments - color-coded **pink** for girls and **blue** for boys. The STAR ornaments will be going to an orphanage comprised of about 40 children, ranging in age from 0 to 4 years old. If you select a baby ornament (0 months to 1 year), we ask that you give baby clothes in the appropriate size as they are in need of clothing. The BALL ornaments will be going to an orphanage comprised of about 70 mentally and/or physically impaired children and young adults, ages 6 years and up. A gift suggestion for the older orphans is a large photo album as they use these albums to keep mementoes and photos. Next to the tree, there will also be a box for donations of diapers (size newborn to 6 months), formula, baby wipes, washcloths, and infant over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen. The ESWS also cares for newborns that stay with them for a short time and are in desperate need of basic items such as these.

Returning the gifts to school

Once you have bought your gift, please wrap it and if you wish, encourage your child(ren) to make or write a card to go with the gift. **Please ensure that you attach the ornament to the gift and place it under the tree no later than Friday, December 9.** Please do not wrap donations for the newborns.

Thank you for your kindness and support,

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