



ECLC NEWS

A not-so-regular
Newsletter from the Head of School
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From Andy's Desk

As the new Head of School at ECLC I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the warm welcome that I have received from the ECLC parent community. It has made the beginning of the new school year a very enjoyable experience for me.

Being new I believe it is more important than ever to make every effort to communicate to parents whenever possible. While I see many of you at school on a regular basis I understand that there are others who do not have the luxury of stopping by the school to see what's going on. I hope this newsletter will serve as yet another way that ECLC can let the parents, its shareholders, feel that they are being informed about the school and the great program we offer our students. I am trying to make myself as accessible as possible to parents to listen to your concerns, ideas and suggestions.

Parent Workshop

I would like to offer a workshop for all interested parents entitled "Positive Behavior Management". It will be held on Saturday morning, November 14 from 9:00 am until noon at ECLC. More information will be forthcoming—including an overview of the workshop and an RSVP. Keep a lookout in your child's backpack!



New Teacher!

ECLC would like to welcome Jessica Hoggard to the ECLC family. She will be taking the place of Lenny Mullin in Galileo who will be taking maternity leave soon. We wish the best of luck to both!

Reading to Your Children

Research suggests that the one factor that can have the greatest influence on your child's success in learning to read is being read to by an adult.

In fact, reading aloud to children is the "single most important activity" for ensuring success in learning to read.

(National Academy of Education on Reading)



Children across all grade levels at ECLC have many opportunities to hear stories and experience reading at an age appropriate level. You can enhance these learning opportunities by taking time to read to your child at home. I encourage you to make an effort to see that this happens.

Reporting Student Progress

In addition to many informal opportunities, we have two primary ways to communicate a child's progress in school to his/her parents. Those are Parent Teacher Conferences and Progress Reports. They work in tandem by providing parents with a realistic accounting of where their child is in their social, emotional physical and cognitive development. Parents will be notified in early November of a date and time for their conference. Progress Reports will be sent home a few days previous to the conference.

School Footwear

At ECLC we do a lot of running, jumping, climbing and dancing. Please help us allow your child to participate fully in our program by sending them in shoes that encourage, rather than discourage, participation. At the right are pictures of footwear that makes it difficult for children to engage in many of these fun activities. Thanks!

