

EARLY CHILDHOOD PREP SCHOOL

December Newsletter

A WORD FROM ELIZABETH

Is it Christmas season already? Where did 2018 go? We are quickly approaching the year 2019! Our school is so thankful to all who brought in treats for our Thanksgiving Feast. We will be asking for treats for our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 12th. We will also have a Happy Birthday Jesus day full of activities about his birth on Tuesday, December 18th.

We have a lot of Christmas activities involving giving, charity and fun. Read through this newsletter and feel free to inquire within for more information.

The Early Childhood Prep. School will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day so that your family, as well as ours', may celebrate Christmas and ring in the New Year. As always ECPS will be putting out a sign up sheet for care needed during the holiday weeks and our hours of operation will be determined by that list. Be sure to sign up

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Special Events

this month:

- ☉ Elf on the Shelf Day- 3rd
- ☉ St. Nick's Day-6th
- ☉ Mr. Saxophone-10th
- ☉ Christmas Party - 12th
- ☉ Happy Birthday Jesus - 18th
- ☉ Christmas Movie & Jammie Day-19th
- ☉ Shelter Friends Adoption Day- 20th
- ☉ Green Day - 21st

BOOK EXCHANGE REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder that our Christmas Party includes a classroom book exchange. Please bring in one GENDER NEUTRAL WRAPPED BOOK that is AGE APPRO-

November Content Areas

Dramatic Play: Firefighter Puppet, I'm a Little Indian, The First Thanksgiving, Pajama Day

Group: Thanksgiving Feast, Pilgrim Presentation, Parade of Thanksgiving Characters

Large Muscle: Life on the Mayflower, Turkey Trot, Fall Fun Dancing

Language: Letter Matching and Sounds, Thanksgiving Vocabulary, Story Starters, Rhyming Words

Art: Family Puppets, Turkey Placemats, Mayflower Art, Brown Day Activities, Leaf Coloring Fun, Thanksgiving Art

Mathematics: Fall Graphing, Number Matching, Thanksgiving Mathematics

Musical: Turkey Day Songs, I'm A Little Indian, Friendship Song, Pilgrim Presentation



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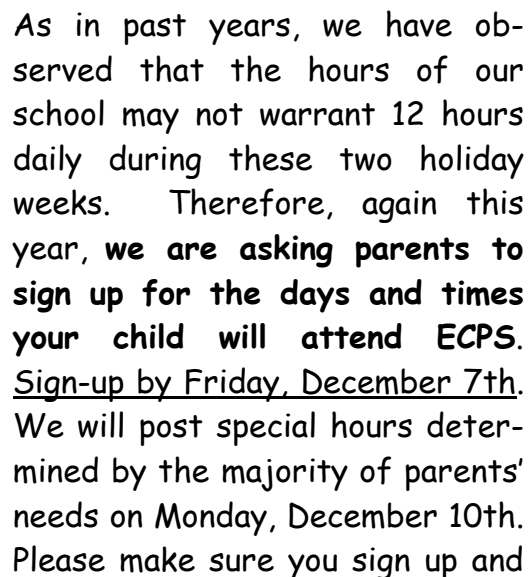


December Calendar of Events

- Elf On The Shelf Day** Monday, December 3rd- We have a day planned of fun activities to introduce Elf on The Shelf in EACH of our classrooms. We will also watch The Elf on The Shelf Movie.
- St. Nick's Day** Thursday, December 6th - Join us for a day where we learn about St. Nicholas and the beginning of the Christmas Tradition. The children will also be participating in the St. Nicholas Tradition during naptime.
- Mr. Saxophone** Monday December 10th- Please join us for Fun Christmas Music put on by Mr. Saxophone. Please **Bring in \$3.00** for the music program.
- Christmas Party** Wednesday, December 12th - 10 - 12:00pm - This party will include a visit from the man in RED himself! He will be telling our favorite Christmas stories and giving each child the chance to tell him what they would like for Christmas. Please sign up for treats and our special Christmas lunch. ***** Also remember that our Christmas Party includes a book exchange. See information on front door for more details as we get closer.*****
- Happy Birthday Jesus** Tuesday, December 18th - Join us for a day of celebration and learning as we discuss the birth of Jesus! We will sing Happy Birthday Jesus and will celebrate with Jesus cupcakes. Look for a sign up sheet in the office. Our day will be filled with the love of Jesus.
- Christmas Movie & Jammie Day** Thursday, December 19th-Please join us for a Christmas Movie Day. We will Be having hot chocolate, cookies and other goodies! Be sure to wear you favorite Christmas Pajamas for our fun Movie Day Extravaganza.
- Shelter Friends** Thursday, December 20th - 10am- Our friends at Shelter Friends will be bringing doggies



Shorter Holiday Hours



As in past years, we have observed that the hours of our school may not warrant 12 hours daily during these two holiday weeks. Therefore, again this year, **we are asking parents to sign up for the days and times your child will attend ECPS. Sign-up by Friday, December 7th.** We will post special hours determined by the majority of parents' needs on Monday, December 10th. Please make sure you sign up and

ECPS GIVING TREE

ECPS is happy to announce this year's giving program will support **Shelter Friends of St. Charles**. We want to remember our area's furry babies this Christmas as they are often over looked this time of year. Look for a note that will be going home.

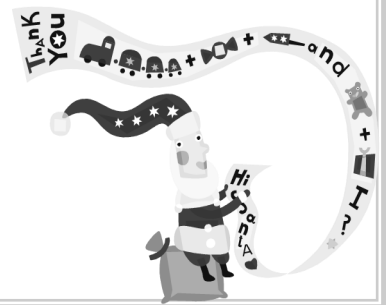
Again, this year the staff of ECPS has made a wish list of donations for each classroom. Both the furry animal gifts and classroom gifts will be on ornaments on the Christmas trees in your child's class or near their door. ~Matthew
22:35-39



Donations & Thank Yous!!!!

What great examples of giving you showed this month! Our parents have been so helpful! We appreciate all of your efforts. Thanks to all the families who brought in food items for our Thanksgiving Feast and items for our paper drive, who may not be listed. We also appreciate the families below who donated the following items to the school last month.

- The Lillard family donated diapers.
- The DiCianno family donated diapers.
- The Layne family donated paper products.
- The Eiceman family donated paper products.
- The LeClair family donated paper products and canvas bags.
- The Bisges family donated books.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to O.A.S.I.S Food Pantry.
- Thank you to everyone that donated to our Thanksgiving Feast.
- The Saunders family donated paper products.
- The Portell family donated paper towels.
- The Flynn family donate clothes.



Gymnastics on Wheels and All Star Sports

Gymnastics

The Gymnastics on Wheels program is Thursday mornings. We have three classes scheduled. Ask your child's teacher what time your child's class is scheduled. Children 18 months and older may participate. This program is year round and is a child favorite. Don't miss out. Look in the lobby area for details.

All Star Sports

This fun Sports program comes on Fridays. This class has a different sport each week. The kids enrolled love this class. You pay only for the classes your child attends. The classes are can be paid weekly or monthly. See the lobby area for details on the fun. This is also a year round activity.



Final Thoughts...

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above... ~ James 1:17

May your CHRISTmas be filled with blessings from above.

Merry Christmas!
From *Elizabeth and David Sparks*
And the faculty and staff of
The Early Childhood Prep. School



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Lady Bug Preschool Curriculum

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Elf on The Shelf Movie And Craft Day And Number 5 Week Letter H Week	4 5 Little Snowmen Book, Christmas Crafts, H is for HoHoHo	5 Letter H Coloring, Christmas Vocabulary, Christmas Puzzle, And Number 5 Counting	6 St. Nick's Day Celebration and Learning Activities	7 Letters to Santa, Letter H Recognition, And Number 5 Coloring
10 Christmas Fun Week 1 Rectangle Week, Letter I Week ***** Christmas Mr.Saxophone 10 a.m. \$3.00 Per Child	11 Reindeer Day! Reindeer Activities, Art Projects, And Make Reindeer Food! I is for Isaac Rectangle Recognition	12 Christmas Party!!! Santa Arrives at 10 AM <u>Bring Wrapped Books</u> & Sign Up for Treats!!	13 Christmas Tree Project, Trace Rectangles, And Color Letter I.	14 Red & Green Are Christmas Colors, Objects That Are Rectangles, Words That Start With Letter I.
17 Letter J, Christmas Fun Week 2 And Jesus Birth Week	18 Happy Birthday Jesus Morning Celebration!! Learn About His Birth!! Letter J Coloring	19 Christmas Movie Jammie Party Day!!! ***** J Is For Jesus	20 Learn About Mary And Joseph And Letter J Words	21 Green Day!!! Wear the Color GREEN for a Full Day of GREEN fun!
24 Winter Activity Week, Christmas Eve Crafts and Activities, And Shape Review	25 ECPS Is CLOSED In Observance Of Christmas!	26 Let's Learn about Kwanza! Kwanza Stories and Projects	27 Winter Skater Puzzle, Winter Skater Coloring, And Shape Recognition	28 Winter Wonderland Snowman Number and Sizing Projects, And Clothes We Wear In Winter.
31 Happy New Year Projects And Activities!	January 1st CLOSED For New Year's Day CLOSED For New Year's Day CLOSED For New Year's Day			

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Caterpillar Preschool Curriculum

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Elf on The Shelf Movie And Craft Day And Number 5 Week Letter H Week	4 Poinsettia Color by Number, Big and Little Letter H, Number 5 Math, and Gift Dot Art.	5 Number 5 Recognition, Letter H Is For Hymn, And Cutting Practice.	6 St . Nick's Day Celebration and Learning Activities!	7 Letters to Santa, Number 5 Tracing, Letter H Identification, And Which is Different?
10 Christmas Fun Week 1, Letter I, Rectangle And Number 6 Week ***** X-mas Mr.Saxophone 10 a.m.\$3.00 Per Child	11 Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Projects And Reindeer Food Letter I Words, Rectangle Project, Number 6 Recogniton	12 Christmas Party!! Santa Arrives At 10 AM <u>Bring Wrapped Books</u> & Sign Up for Treats!!	13 The Twelve Days Of Christmas Booklet, X-mas Number 6 Math, Rectangle Review, Letter I Tracing	14 Little I, Big I, Presents Can Be Rectangles, Count to 6, And What Comes Next
17 Christmas Fun Week 2, Letter J Week, And Birth of Jesus Week	18 Happy Birthday Jesus Morning Celebration!! Learning About His Birth!!	19 Christmas Movie Jammie Party Day!!! ***** J is for Jesus	20 Uppercase J And Lowercase J, Learn About Mary And Joseph, And Elf Dot Art	21 GREEN DAY!! Wear the Color GREEN For a Full day of GREEN Fun!
24 Winter Activity Week, The Nativity Story, Christmas Eve Crafts and Activities, And Number 5 &6 Review	25 ECPS Is CLOSED In Observance Of Christmas!	26 Let's Learn About Kwanza! Kwanza stories And projects, Number 5 & 6 Recognition	27 Shadow Matching, Number 5 & 6 Tracing. And Gingerbread Dot to Dot,	28 Winter Clothes Matching, Which One Is Different, and And Color Number 5 And 6
31 Happy New Year Projects	January 1st CLOSED For New Year's Day CLOSED For New Year's Day CLOSED For New Year's Day			

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Butterfly Preschool Curriculum

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Elf On The Shelf Crafts And Movie, Number 5 Week, And Letter C Week	4 Upper and Lowercase Letter C, Number 5 Math, And Letters to Santa,	5 Letter C Is For Christmas, A Shape With 5 Sides, And The Nativity Story.	6 St. Nick's Day!! Celebration and Learning Activities!!	7 Letter C Words, Number 5 Review Gift Dot Art, And Gingerbread Project.
10 Christmas Fun Week 1, Letter R Week, Rectangle Week, ***** X-mas Mr. Saxophone 10 a.m.\$3.00 Per Child	11 Rudolph the Reindeer Song And Stories, And Reindeer Food, R is for Reindeer, And Rectangle Tracing	12 Christmas Party!! Santa arrives at 10 a.m. <u>Bring Wrapped Books</u> & Sign Up for Treats!!	13 Letter R Handwriting, Objects That Are Rectangles, And The Twelve Days of Christmas Booklet,	14 R is for Rectangle, Christmas Tree Crafts, And Which One is Different
17 Christmas Fun Week 2 Letter J Week, Number 6 Week, And Jesus Birth Week	18 Happy Birthday Jesus Morning Celebration!! Learning About His Birth!!	19 Christmas Movie Jammie Party Day!!! ***** Jesus starts With Letter J.	20 The Three Wise Men, And Baby Jesus, Big J and Little J, Number 6 Tracing, And Learn About Christmas Trees	21 GREEN DAY!!!!!! Wear the color GREEN For a full day of GREEN fun!
24 Winter Activity Week, The Nativity Story, Christmas Math, And Christmas Traditions	25 ECPS CLOSED In Observance Of Christmas!	26 Let's Learn about Kwanza! Kwanza Stories and Projects	27 Winter Is Our New Season, Christmas Letter Review, And Practice Cutting	28 Characteristics of Winter, Christmas Shadow Matching, And Winter Crafts.
31 Happy New Year Projects	January 1st CLOSED For New Year's Day CLOSED For New Year's Day CLOSED For New Year's Day			