



## Marysville Early Learning Center - December 2019 Newsletter

# “Just Right” Learning

by **Jennifer Cassarino** School Principal

Dear Early Learning Center Families,

It's hard to believe it's already December, we are seeing our students making so much growth every day! It's amazing to see how much our students can do today that they couldn't do only a few months ago. For example, some are writing and recognizing their names, or are reciting the entire alphabet, counting and some have even figured out how to use a hula-hoop properly at recess. These tasks can take a lot of hard work, grit and determination to perfect; practicing and trying to get it right over and over again, even after having failed several times. I've seen our kids doing the hard work it takes to learn something new and how proud they feel when they've achieved a difficult task. It is wonderful to see a child's eyes light up when they can do something that was once a challenge. At the ELC our staff creates daily opportunities for a “just right” amount of challenge for each individual child (not too much and not too little) which is the key to keeping them engaged and excited about learning.

Our next parent **ELC Café** meeting is coming up December 6th from 9:30 - 10:30. We've had a good turn-out of parents each month who have come to hear more about our programs at the ELC, school district news and to plan future events while enjoying a cup of coffee and snacks with other parents. Childcare and a Spanish interpreter are available as well. This month we will focus on the topic of nutrition and the upcoming Winter Craft Night. We will also get your input on future events and classroom learning opportunities you'd like to see for your child and family at the ELC.

Coming up on December 12th from 5:30 - 6:30, we are looking forward to hosting our annual **Winter Craft Night**. In years past this has been a well attended winter event for ELC families. We will have several craft stations, snacks, a photo booth and other fun activities. This year, one of our classroom stations will be a sensory friendly room to support families who have children with sensory or other special needs and to create an inclusive “just right” environment for all. Our sensory friendly room will provide a less stimulating space where children can complete many of the same developmentally appropriate activities and enjoy a snack with 2 of our special education teachers. We hope everyone can join us this special winter event. Happy Winter!

# Kid's Corner

by **JoAnn Moffitt** ECEAP Manager

Did you know that ECEAP is monitored by the state of Washington in what we do within the classroom and throughout the day? We have outlined our curriculums for you in our Family Handbook and it is through our instruction that we are able to assess how your students are learning; we have shared this information with you at conferences and are always available to discuss their learning with you. Between January and February, we will be getting a “surprise” audit by University of Washington “Early Achievers raters” who will be looking at how our teachers teach, interact, encourage thinking and provide a positive climate for your students. While we are excited to “showcase” our staff and little learners, we are also wanting you to know that this is happening!

December is a short but busy month at school. With a holiday break upon us, please let us know if you are in need of resources or ideas for fun and learning to be doing with your children during these upcoming stay at home days.

We look forward to seeing you at our Winter Craft night!



## ELC - Two Programs, One Location

by **Jennifer Cassarino** School Principal

Developmental Preschool: If your child is enrolled in our Developmental Preschool program, it has been determined through an evaluation process that your child qualifies for specially designed instruction (SDI). Your child will have a current Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) that is overseen by a special education teacher.

ECEAP Preschool: The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a pre-kindergarten program free to families on a limited income with children ages three through four years. This program requires a pre-screen and questions can be directed to our Family Support Coaches at 360-965-0225.

## Upcoming Dates and Events

- Friday, December 6th 9:30 - 10:30 ELC Café
- Thursday, December 12th 5:30 - 6:30 Winter Craft Night
- December 20th - January 5th - Winter Break
- Monday, January 6th - Back to School

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