



Community is our middle name.

“Tall oaks
from
Little acorns
grow.”



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Upcoming Events in the ECE program

October

- 1: Sukkot 1st Day; ECE Closed
- 3: ECE School Picture Day; Pictures begin at 9 am
- 8: Shmini Atzaret-Simchat Torah Eve; ECE Closed
- 15: Indianapolis Opera Ensemble: Rumpelstiltskin; 10 am in Laikin Auditorium
- 25: ECE Fall Family Dinner; 5-7 pm in Laikin Auditorium

November

- 6: McAxe and the Fire Crew; 10 am in BEZ Auditorium (Walking Field Trip)
- 9: Teacher In-Service Day; ECE Closed
- 14: ECE Thanksgiving Luncheon; 11:30 am in Laikin Auditorium
- 21: Thanksgiving Eve; ECE Closes at 5 pm
- 22: Thanksgiving; ECE Closed
- 23: Day after Thanksgiving; ECE Closed

December

- 10-14: ECE Winter Book Fair; East Lobby
- 12: Chanukah Program; 7 pm in Laikin Auditorium
- 24: Christmas Eve; ECE Closes at 3 pm
- 25: Christmas; ECE Closed
- 31: New Year's Eve; ECE Closes at 5 pm

From the Directors:

Dear ECE Families,

Welcome Fall! Please save the date for our ECE Family Fall Dinner on Thursday, October 25. We are excited to spend the evening sharing a delicious pizza dinner together. Our school pictures will be available for purchase during the event and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the ECE program. We look forward to seeing everyone on this special night!

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Mills & Mrs. Johnson

Infants 1

Andrew: turns round and round on his belly when on the floor.

Cooper: smiles as he is doing his “army” crawl towards the “bigger” infant toy area.

Gwyneth: rolls over from her stomach to her back and looks at everything around her when held upright.

Miriam: is crawling all over the classroom.

Nicholas: grabs and coos at the toys when he plays in the exersaucer.

Stefiann: laughs when she walks with the push toys.

Wilson: giggles when inside the colorful tunnel.

Zayne: is full of smiles and babbles after he eats.

Infants 2

“Busy is just the beginning in describing early autumn days in the Infant 2 classroom. Our babies like nothing better than to satisfy their desire for self movement and exploration. Each day their joy and confidence increases as they grow quickly and the fall leaves begin to turn.

Alex: scoots about the room quicker than any milk spills. He also rides our toy bikes with two feet. He is a most observant child and rushes

over to offer the other children hugs and kisses whenever needed.

Calli: is up on her hands and knees, rocking and ready to crawl. She loves to climb up and down the mat stairs. Calli loves to explore her voice and often demonstrates her new vocal abilities loud, louder and loudest until the whole room is full of her song.

Charlie: is another keen observer and enjoys laughing and sharing toys with the other babies. She especially enjoys toys that she can make roll or spin and rolling over to see herself in the mirror.

Charlotte: hosted a Painting the Afternoon Away Party as her birthday celebration. We all had such a great time. She already enjoys painting and coloring. Charlotte also loves to play in water and push the push toys up and down the long hall.

Emma: is a real cuddler who loves to rub her lovey doll and blankets. She enjoys singing and playing on the carpet with her new friends. Emma loves a toy with good musical sound.

James: has a giggle that will change your life for the better forever. (Huh huh huh huh) He already has a real interest in listening to stories and books read aloud. His favorite game is “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”.

Katie: just loves to travel and get in to everything. She jumps with excitement when she wakes up from nap and gets ready to play with her friends. Katie delights in taking turns and sharing the joys of a new toy or game.

Miles: is learning and loving the “Hokey Pokey”. He just loves the classics from “Peek A Boo” to “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”. His favorite game is to shake his head “yes yes” and “no no” with accompanying sign language. He says “bye”, “hi”, and “yay”!

Babies are wonderful human beings. To live with them and work with them never ceases to be wondrous.

Ones

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to this year! We've enjoyed getting to know each child over the summer. All the children have shown so much growth already. They are amazing! We'd like to share with you some of the new things the Ones are starting to do here at school:

Audrey: has been sharing more words with us, especially animal sounds.

Cecile: loves books, so it is not a surprise that she says a new word every day!

Clara: was hesitant to start swimming in the indoor pool, but now she is learning that it is as fun as a big indoor bathtub!

Edie: has also started talking more. She nods in answer to our questions and babbles in a conversational manner.

Emerson: frequently likes to help her friends, especially at lunchtime when she hands lost cups and spoons to them.

Liam H: uses his signs with his friends and teachers like a pro!

Liam W: wants to communicate! He babbles and signs consistently.

Rachel: recently learned how to climb on some of our playground equipment unassisted.

Silas: is our new Ones Room friend. He is really settling in well, getting into the routine, and owning his new "toddlerness". ☺

Toddlers

Alienor: plays dress up with our hats and scarves!

Ava: loves looking at our new Thomas the Train books!

Charlie: guesses animals and colors during circle time!

Eli: rides our new tricycles on the playground!

Everett: plays with our new Buzz Lightyear and Woody toys!

George: dances during music with Mrs. Mimi!

Jane: plays with our new sand toys in our classroom sensory table!

Rocco: bounced all over the bounce house during our pajama party!

William: signs his ABC's on his own after practicing every day during circle time!

Twos

Benjamin: keeps our Dramatic Play area clean by mopping it with the toy mop.

Dylan: made his crab, caterpillar, and cotton clouds for the letter "C".

Elaine: dressed up like a doctor and loved taking care of the "sick" baby dolls during "D" week.

Eli: glued paper to create his balloon art for the letter "B".

Henry D: loves to be the caboose on our walks.

Henry S: goes under, over and around on the climber in the classroom.

Jordan: made an apple tree for the letter "A".

Lucy: put together her daisy puzzle and painted her duck.

McElla: eagerly helps Miss Brittany pick tomatoes from our garden.

Meyer: jumps on the mats at gym with Mrs. Kim's help.

Nathan: sings and dances during Music class with Mrs. Mimi.

Sadie: favors making playdough and also loves making donuts to share with her family.

Yonatan: has fun throwing the ball to Mrs. Sally during swimming.

For the next few weeks we will be exploring the wonders of Fall. We will also continue learning the alphabet with the letters "E, F, and G" as our focus.

Aleph A

Audrey: can already recognize most of the letters of the alphabet.

Eliot: built a race track with the construction blocks and had a race with cars around the track during center time.

Elise: is very interested in Art and had a great time painting with grapes.

Evelyn: plays in the house on the playground in the morning and pretends to make pizza and ice cream for all of her friends.

Gabryela: loves to play with the barn and farm animals during center time.

Joci: enjoyed our week of learning about community helpers and had an exciting time in home living dressing up like them.

Lukas: had a fun time making cinnamon and sugar oranges during our fruit week.

Meg: uses the toys to make different shapes out of playdough during sensory exploration.

Nora: has started an Aleph A band and enjoys playing the drums and tambourine.

Rocco: is working on being the next game show host by playing his favorite color matching game.

Aleph B

Addie: made apple prints for the letter “A” and Rosh Hashanah. She laughed when she saw a star in the apple print. She called the other print “angel wings”.

Anna K: painted on our big easel in the art center. She loves to mix the colors to make a very creative painting.

Anna Y: gathered the tomatoes, onions, and basil from our garden to make and eat bruschetta for our first cooking class.

Bella: plays with the ponies. She makes them a beautiful castle and playground out of colored blocks.

Flori: loves our Library Center. She likes our variety of books and the ABC cards. She also enjoys the sorting games.

Gil: makes wonderful designs with the parquet blocks. He loved seeing Mrs. Bauer blow the shofar (ram’s horn) and was fascinated with the pictures of the rams that we found on the internet.

Hailey: is the class photographer. She uses her pretend camera to take candid shots of everyone in the classroom.

Honorine: loves to dress up in the Home Living Center and likes to pretend being the Mom. She makes elaborate dinners and has everyone sit down and try all the food.

Maggie: dresses up and becomes a pretty princess. She is very specific about which princess she will be that day and is our star actress.

Bet

We have had lots of fun these last couple of months! Here are just a few of the things we have been up to:

Aidan: drives the talking fire truck around the room checking on what his friends are up to along the way.

Amira: painted a colorful hot air balloon during letter “B” week. We made sure to hang it in a windy spot.

Avi: enjoyed digging in the sand table for dinosaur fossils and then burying them again.

Charlie: has fun in our classroom listening center. He especially likes listening to stories about Curious George.

Daniel: plays with cars and trucks. He likes to build long race tracks for the cars to race along.

Grant: loves to listen to stories during story time, especially the silly ones which he finds hysterical.

James: liked making doughnuts, cutting out the holes, and adding cinnamon and sugar.

Joey: tells long stories into the voice recorder and listens to his voice play back.

Joscelyne: really enjoys the magnifying glasses in the science center. She likes to examine things close up.

Josie: colors beautiful pictures with markers and cuts them into puzzles with the scissors.

Judah: drives his friends around in the “fire engine” on the playground. He makes sure to get them where they need to go.

Keziah: loves to make a picnic in the kitchen area and invite her friends to her party.

Micah: plays with the dinosaur toys and knows almost all of their scientific names.

Oliver: is a great soccer player out on the playground. He scores several goals per day.

Oscar: loves to play Green Eggs and Ham on the computer. He listens to the characters say silly things.

Reed: paints wonderful pictures and projects with as many different colors as possible.

Salome: really enjoys dressing up in home living and taking the baby dolls to the store.

Vivienne: likes to make shapes and objects with the fun dough. She especially enjoys making silly people.

Gimmel

Adele: spends her time role playing in home living with her friends.

Arthur: experimented with bubbles on the playground.

Brian: plays with marbles during centers and builds tall marble tracks.

Cameron: loved making and eating “ants on a log”.

Elliot: painted with a blindfold on during “B” week.

Holly: created an apple print masterpiece.

Illeana: has a great super girl swim with Mrs. Sally in the pool during swim instruction.

Jack: loved baking and tasting the chocolate chip brownies. He said they were so yummy!

Josie: is a master at coloring in the lines and making all of her pictures look beautiful.

Julianna: has made lots of friends and loves playing in home living with them.

Kendall: is such a great gymnast and loves going to gym with Mrs. Kim.

Kendra: is doing an awesome job writing her name and letters.

Lomont: enjoys playing soccer outside. He has a powerful kick.

Miller: loved making ants on a log. He guessed every ingredient we used.

Olivia: had a blast blowing bubbles with straws and other items.

Patrick: loves playing cars and trucks with his new friends.

Sade: made an amazing painting while being blindfolded. She said it was so easy to do.

Sheamus: really had fun painting with apples and making paint footprints.

Viviana: absolutely loves looking for acorns on the playground and playing with them.

Daled

The Daled classroom has been conversing about what field trips they would like to go on this school year. Here are some of the ideas they had to share:

Artem: “Maybe we should go to a cow farm, a zoo, or to see some dolphins.”

Elainah: “I think we should go on a Halloween field trip.”

Evan: “I think the pumpkin patch because we went in Aleph B.”

Finn: “We should do a jungle field trip!”

Grace: “I think we should go to the art museum again.”

Hale: “I think we should go to Evie’s Lake where they have horseflies that can bite and are waterproof.”

Hannah: “The farm.”

Henry Lehmkuhler: is looking forward to going on a field trip with his pre-kindergarten class.

Henry Lewis: “I think we should go to the Children’s Museum because it is fun there!”

Leon: “We should go to a clean farm.”

Madeleine: “We should go to the pumpkin patch. My grandma has pumpkins.”

Madolyn: “I think we need to go to the Children’s Museum with the carousel.”

Nora: “The Children’s Museum because it has a big carousel!”

Owen: “I think we should go hiking somewhere in the woods.”

Parsa: “How about the pumpkin patch because we need pumpkins for Halloween? We have to take a bus to get there.”

Rebecca: “We should go to the library because I went there when I was in Aleph B.”

Sophie: “I think a trip that has birds because the birdies sing songs really good.”

Willem: “I think we should go to the farm store because I don’t know what they sell there.”

