



## Good News Gazette

### Dear Parents:

In this issue we'd like to take a moment and recognize our teachers who are taking time out of their busy schedule to pursue their career in education. Some of our teachers are taking a course in the CSFEL training and others are taking the CDA course! Also in this issue there are some spring time books for you to read at home with your child/children and some rainy day craft ideas. Don't forget April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth day; take a moment in your day to help do one good deed for our planet!



### Horary for spring!!

Here are some fun outdoor activities to do with your children around the area.

- ❖ Swan boats at the public garden in Boston open April 16<sup>th</sup>!
- ❖ Southwick Zoo in Mendon, MA! Perfect for children, has lots of fun sights to see and a perfect size for those little walkers!
- ❖ WWI memorial park in Attleboro, MA. Petting Zoo, playground and lots of land to run around! IT'S FREE!
- ❖ Edaville USA Railroad. Carver, MA. Fun children's rides and lots of trains to look at.

### Teacher in the Spotlight: Sarah Ricci

Sarah began working for the ELC in April of 2010. Prior to working at the ELC, Sarah earned her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education in 2006. During this time she made Deans List 6 out of her 6 semesters. This is the dedication that we at the Early Learning center see on a daily basis. Sarah arrives early and leaves late. She is now back in school and is currently attending Bridgewater State College to earn her Bachelors Degree. Sarah has been working with children for over six years and this experience is apparent in all she does. Sarah has an immense amount of patience and guides children to make good choices during their day. Children enjoy working with Ms. Sarah individually as well as in small groups. She can really relate to them and finds out what is needed to get them engaged and actively learning.

The Preschool 2 classroom enjoys the songs that Sarah has brought to their classroom. One of their favorites is "Weather Watcher" which we hear on a daily basis. Sarah takes the time to read to children every day, interact with them at free play and she always gives clear warnings before a transition. The Cole-Harrington Early Learning Center is lucky to have her as part of our team.

Thank you Ms. Sarah for all your hard work!

### Comments from children:

- "I like when she gives us a prize" - Sarina- 4 years
- "I like to play with Ms. Sarah" - Katherine 4 years
- "She's a Happy teacher" - Marko 4yrs



## Some good stories to read to your child during those spring time showers.

- Dig, Plant, Grow: A Kid's Guide to Gardening  
By Felder Rushing
- Spring Is Here  
By Lois Lenski
- A Nest Full of Eggs  
By Priscilla Belz Jenkins
- Clifford's Spring Clean-Up  
By Norman Bridwel

FYI:

Here is a good website for some indoor rainy day craft ideas:

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com>

Earth day Cont'

Something's you and your child can do to help our planet Earth is:

- Recycle your plastic and paper products
- Please throw your trash in barrels and not on the ground that is called polluting!
- Save water:
  - turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
  - collect the water used to wash vegetables and salad to water your houseplants.

## Staff Notes:

Take a look at our ELC teachers who are taking courses to help pursue their career!!

- Angela, Craig and Sarah Ricci are attending the CSFEL\* training hosted by our very own Gail Brown.
- Stephanie C., Jen and Shannon are currently taking the CDA\* course.
- Ms. Shannon our Infant teacher will be leaving on maternity leave. She is due with her daughter Cali on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish Shannon the best of luck and can't wait to meet Cali. Liz will be working the closing shift for Shannon and Angela will be opening in the infant room.

\*What is CSFEL you ask: CSFEL stands for Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning. Log onto, <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu> to learn more.

\*CDA stands for Child Development Associates

## Earth day is Friday April 22, 2011

To help your child learn about Earth day here is some information you can share with them, which I found on this website:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/kids/earthday>

Earth Day is a Birthday!! Just like a birthday is a special day to celebrate a person, Earth Day is a special day that celebrates the Earth. Earth Day was born on April 22, 1970, in San Francisco, California. Every year, America and over 100 different countries join together in the celebration of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. On Earth Day, we remember to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect our environment. Find ways that you can help keep the planet clean and help protect our environment!



## Upcoming Events at ELC:

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	70's day
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Closed - Patriots Day
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	PJ day
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	80's Day
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Closed - Memorial Day
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Field Day