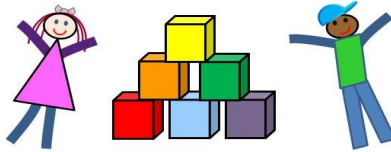


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Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who joined us at our Family Math and Science Night! We had a great time exploring and testing out how to build with marshmallows and straws, orchestrating and watching how magnets interact, and trying to figure out how many drops of water could fit on each type of coin!

During the month of April, we will celebrate the Week of the Young Child! The children will participate in Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. There will be fun activities planned on each day including an exciting school-wide project planned for Work Together Wednesday! Later in the month, the children will be waiting for the caterpillars to arrive to experience the life cycle they go through to become beautiful butterflies!

Registration for our 2018-2019 school year is now open to all families! Each family currently attending First Church Early Learning Center must reregister their child/children for next school year to attend our school. As a reminder, enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Mrs. Slate or me if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elith Howard

Windsor Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

3:00-5:00 pm

HERE AT FCELC!!

In collaboration with the Windsor Office of Family and Community Partnership, you will have the opportunity to sign your child up for kindergarten, ask questions you may have about kindergarten screening, etc...

We hope to see you here!!!

Events

April 9-13 — Half Day **CLOSED** - No classes for Ms. Sanborn/Mrs. G./ Ms. Anissa's class

April 16 — **April 20** — NAEYC Week of the Young Child!

April 18 — Windsor Kindergarten at FCELC from 3-5 pm

April 20 — Scholastic Book Orders Due

April 22 — Earth Day

April 30 — **May 4** — Our Annual Screen Free Week Contest where the children will spend time away from different electronic devices and READ!! (more information to come)

SAVE THE DATE!

Mini Olympics field trip to Northwest Park

May 23 — Mrs. Sherman & Mrs. Pitter's & Ms. Sanborn/Mrs. G./Ms. Anissa's class

May 24 — Mrs. Mitton & Mrs. Drangenis' & Ms. Sanborn/Mrs. G./Ms. Anissa's class



Shaving cream is not just for shaving!



During this sensory activity the children were able to smell and feel shaving cream as they used their fingers and hands to manipulate it in different ways. They were observed meeting performance standards and benchmarks from the CT State Department of Education Preschool Assessment Framework (PAF) and the CT Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS).



Benchmarks observed include:

PAF: *Personal/Social 1:* Shows self direction with range of materials, *Personal/Social 2:* Sustains attention to task/goal that child has set out to accomplish, *Physical 2:* Uses coordinated small muscle movements, and *Cognitive 1:* Engages in scientific inquiry, *Creative Expression 1:* Builds and constructs to represent own ideas

ELDS: *Cognition: Strand A*— Early learning experiences support children to develop effective approaches to learning, *Social and Emotional Development: Strand B:* Early learning experiences will support children to develop self regulation, *Physical Development & Health: Strand B* — Early learning experiences will support children to develop fine motor skills, *Creative Arts: Strand A* — Early learning experiences will support children to engage in and enjoy the arts, *Early Scientific Inquiry: Strand A* — Early learning experiences will support children to apply scientific practices, and *Early Scientific Inquiry: Strand B* — Early learning experiences will support children to engage in the process of engineering