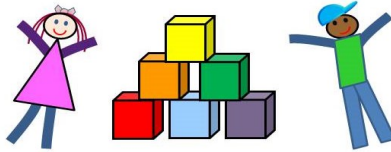


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Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that we have been reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for five more years!!! During the course of 2017, the staff of First Church Early Learning Center spent many hours preparing information for our NAEYC portfolios with details about the learning environment we have here at our school. First Church Early Learning Center has been accredited since 1986 and we are proud to continue to serve and provide our families with a quality educational experience that is rated nationally!

A special welcome to Ms. Anissa! Ms. Anissa will be spending time in our Half Day as well as Full Day classes. We are happy to have her as part of our staff!

Our parking lot has a little construction that needs to happen once the weather gets a bit warmer. In the meantime, please try to park as close to the building or curb as you can to allow other cars the ability to pass by. We appreciate your help in keeping our parking lot a traffic-free zone.

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

Events

March 2 — Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 11 — Daylight Savings Time —
move clocks ahead 1 hour

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day

March 20 — Spring Begins

March 28 — Family Math and
Science Night

March 30 — FCELC CLOSED in
observance of Good Friday



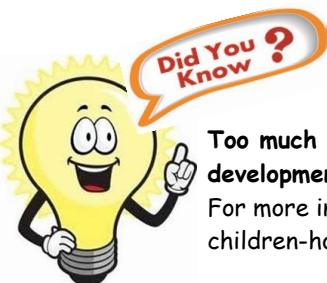
Family Math & Science Night

Please join us for a night of
Family fun with our exciting
Math and Science night!

When: March 28, 2018

Time: 6:30 — 7:30 pm

Where: Nelson Hall



Too much iPad use is known to have a negative effect on children as it relates to their fine motor skill development. Here at FCELC we have the children build on these skills and hope you do at home as well. For more information visit this article: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2516624/Generation-iPad-children-hold-pencil-Playing-touch-screen-devices-means-youngsters-struggling-learn-basic-motor-skills.html>

Towards the end of February, Day Hill Dental came to visit First Church Early Learning Center to speak with the children about their dental health.



Dr. Chu discussed ways that healthy and unhealthy foods can affect our teeth. He also explained to the children why it is so important to floss and brush our teeth for at least two minutes a few times each day.

During this writing activity the children practiced using their three point grasp to make letters. 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 2:* Sustains attention to task/goal that child has set out to accomplish, *Physical 2:* Uses coordinated small muscle movements, and *Cognitive 14:* Uses writing to convey meaning

ELDS: *Cognition: Strand A*— Early learning experiences support children to develop effective approaches to learning, *Cognition: Strand C*— Early learning experiences will support children to strengthen executive function, *Physical Development & Health: Strand B* — Early learning experiences will support children to develop fine motor skills, and *Early Language, Communication, & Literacy: Strand G* — Early learning experiences will support children to convey meaning through drawing, letters, and words