# **EACN NEWS**



### December, 2016

Dear Parents.

As the days grow shorter and we prepare for the winter weather, I want to remind you of our weather policy for play. If the temperature is below 20 degrees with the wind chill, we will not go outside. Please be sure your children are ready for the outdoors! Fortunately for us, we have a gym for those inclement days.

Fisher Price Facilities has asked me to remind you to turn off your car in the parking lot. Please do not leave any child unattended in a car in the lot. I would also like to stress the importance of letting the teachers know when you are taking your child from the playground or classroom. Just that simple wave or I have "Suzie" will ensure our sign-out system is secure. When leaving the premises, please be sure the gate latch is secured in place.

Also, we realize that the weather can be challenging, but please be aware that the program closes promptly at 6:00 pm. Please leave ample travel time to get to EACN on time. If possible, make arrangements with neighbors, extended family or friends to pick-up your child if

you get caught in traffic. Another reminder regarding traffic: Fisher Price let's out between 5-5:15, so come before or after that time, otherwise you will be required to wait. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Lastly, I would like to extend many thanks for all of your support with our two fundraisers (Pie Sale and Coloring Night). We were able raise a little over \$1,100.00 which went directly to the classrooms for much-needed classroom supplies and special projects.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday! Sincerely, Karie Kelchlin Director, EACN

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO CLOSINGS DUE TO WEATHER

If EACN needs to close the Center, the closing will be posted on Ch. 2 WGRZ and Ch. 4 WIVB. EACN remains open if the East Aurora School District closes. We close only if there is a driving ban in the Town of Aurora or if we feel blizzard conditions will threaten the

safety of the children and our staff. Please check our website at <a href="https://www.eacnchildcare.com">www.eacnchildcare.com</a> for upto-date closing information. Thank you!

#### AMAZON FOR EACN!

For all of you who shop at Amazon, EACN is participating in Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), a program which pays a percentage back to the charity of your choice. Please see the link for directions on how your shopping can benefit us!

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-1133503

Please remember to designate East Aurora Community Nursery. Happy holiday shopping!

# REFER A FRIEND & THE VALUE OF EACN

The trust and confidence you, the parents, place in us each and every day means a great deal. The highest compliment one can pay is the referral of family and friends. Should a child be enrolled as a result of this referral, the \$50 registration fee will be waived for the enrollee and after the referred child(ren)'s first month, a \$50 credit given to you.

#### AT EACN YOU WILL SEE...

- A full-time nurse to ensure the health and safety of the children in addition to the security provided by Fisher Price
- Frequent, positive, warm interaction among adults and children
- Planned, hands-on learning activities appropriate to children's age and development
- Kindergarten readiness
- Enough adults to respond to individual children
- Many varied age appropriate materials
- A healthy and safe environment.
- Regular communication with parents
- Special programs
- Effective administration



# HEALTH AND ILLNESS REMINDERS!

Please air on the side of caution when trying to decide to send your child to school. Children must be able to function well in normal school activities including outdoor play. We are trying to protect well children, so your cooperation with our policies is appreciated.

- Fever free for 24 hrs. without fever reducing medication.
- May return 24 hrs. after last vomiting episode.
- May return 24 hrs. after diarrhea has resolved.

#### REMINDER:

December 23rd, 26<sup>th</sup>-EACN is closed for Christmas; and closed on December 30th & January 2nd for the New Year.

#### CHILD ASSESSMENTS

By now, you have all received your child's assessment. We are working hard to provide you with information on your child's development. Please know that if you ever have a concern about your child's progress, we have therapists in several building that we can consult Children of all ages with. sometimes need support for a variety of reasons. Intervention is key to success for young children. We are here to help in any way, so please do not hesitate to ask!

### LIMITING STRESS FOR CHILDREN DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Here are some tips to destress your family time, so everyone can have a wonderful and magical time.

- Don't make your kids sit on Santa's lap. If they are afraid, don't push it. There's always next year!
- Remember the importance of routine - do everything you can to get your kids to bed at their normal time!
- Be mindful of what the children are eating.
   Between all the extra sugary holiday snacks and the lack of time to sit down to regular meals, it can be easy for kids to miss healthy meals.
- Get your child moving!
   Taking play outside can make a day with your children fun and special!

