

# EACN NEWSLETTER!

April, 2013

Dear Parents,

There is a lot of talk in the field of Early Childhood about "Developmentally Appropriate Practice." According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, DAP "focuses on educational practices that are most effective when they are attuned to the way children develop and learn. Several decades of research clearly demonstrate that high quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood programs produce short and long term positive effects on children's cognitive and social development..."

At EACN we are working to individualize our curriculum. The teachers develop open-ended art activities and work to tie in all of the content areas into their plans. At the same time, we are aware of the Kindergarten curriculum and will make sure your children are ready for that environment.

One of the principals of DAP states that "play is an important vehicle for children's social, emotional, and cognitive development, as well as a reflection of their development." (NAEYC, 1997). At EACN, we value play and want children to experience and learn through meaningful play. We also work to foster a child's self confidence and their ability to get along in a group situation.

The teachers will be completing assessments on the children in June with parent teacher conferences available on June 5th, 6th and 7th. Teachers will discuss how your child is doing developmentally in his/her classroom. Although there are set times for conferences, please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime with questions about your child's growth. We have many experts in the building!

Sincerely,

Karie Kelchlin

Executive Director

## FUNDRAISERS PROVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL!!

Thanks to all who participated in the Niagara Chocolate fundraiser. We raised over \$2,000!

In addition, EACN sponsored the movie "HOP" at Easter time for the community at the Aurora Theatre. This great event was well attended and raised some additional money for the program. These fundraisers are a vital piece of our overall budget, providing support for special programming, field trips and supplies. Your participation is so much appreciated!

## BASKET RAFFLE AND "POT OF GOLD"

\* Tickets will be available for the baskets from April 29th - May 10th. 1 sheet of 25 for \$5, 5 sheets for \$20.00. The drawing will be at 2:00 pm on the 10th.

\* In addition to the basket raffle, we are holding a "Pot of Gold" with the winner taking home \$1,000 and the runner up at \$350. If each family buys or sells just one ticket, we will meet our goal! Tickets are available at the front desk and only 100 will be sold!

## REFER A FRIEND PROGRAM!

Should a child be enrolled as a result of your referral, the \$50 registration fee will be waived for the enrollee and after the referred child(ren)'s first month of attendance, a \$50 credit will be given to you.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 27th - Memorial Day, program closed

June 19th - 6:30 pm Graduation

June 28th - Last day school session

July 1st - First day of summer program



This month, EACN opened our second infant room. If you or someone you know is in need of infant care, please know that we are here!

The infant programming revolves around loving hands-on care. Infants are held, rocked and talked to. Our staff give respect to each child as an individual who will develop at a rate unique to him or herself. Staff provide plenty of "tummy time," interact on-on-one and give eye-to-eye contact. Music and stories are an integral part of the program. At EACN, we want to support what parents have established for their baby. We will provide a safe and nurturing environment with many opportunities around the room with different interactive spaces.