



The Preschool Press

Important Dates

4/25	Early Release Pick up 12:30
5/16	Child Find
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5/25	Last Day of School
6/4	Summer Program Begins

End of the Year Celebration

We are changing the format of our End of the Year Celebration! Each teacher will be having an end of the year celebration in their own classroom. Please look for save the date notes in your child's folder.

Summer Program: June 4 - July 27

Our Summer Program is right around the corner! We will have lots of fun with arts and crafts, science projects, water exploration, and of course academics. There will be a kindergarten prep class for children going to kindergarten in the 2018/2019 school year! Sign up flyers will go home on April 16, 2018. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Kameron at 520-876-0045.

Reminders

- * A change of clothes should be kept in your child's backpack. As the weather becomes warmer, please take some time to change out the winter clothes for shorts and t-shirts. Remember to have a change of underwear in the Ziploc bag.
- *Please make sure that your child's name is on all clothing items, back packs and lunch boxes.
- *Water bottles are allowed on campus. No milk or juice can be in the water bottles.

Facebook

The ECLC now has a Facebook page! Starting in May, we will begin posting important information regarding our school. One of the first things we would like to do is pick a mascot! Check out our page to get involved!

KAMERON'S CORNER

WOW! Look at what your children have accomplished this year. Some of them will be going on to kindergarten and we wish you and your family nothing but the best. Others, we get to keep for a little while longer and we are so grateful for the time they spend with us.

Registration for next year has begun and we look forward to offering a wide variety of early childhood learning experiences to your little ones.

ECLC Family Communication

The Casa Grande Elementary School District is pleased to announce SchoolMessenger is here! This new communications platform allows us to communicate quickly with you for emergencies and general announcements. Please be sure to keep your contact information up to date by contacting your child's school.

SchoolMessenger App

The SchoolMessenger App, available on the web, iPhone, and Android, allows you to receive messages and update your communication preferences through the app. To sign up, download the app, or for more information, please visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>.

Voice-Message Opt-Out

When receiving a voice message, you may press "5" for opt-out options. We process these requests on a regular basis, but may not be immediate. Please send your request again should you feel it is not being processed in a timely manner. Opt-out requests only apply to the number on which you submit the request and only apply to voice broadcast messages, not SMS Text or Email.

Please call the school if you wish to be opted back in or feel your number has been opted out by mistake.

SMS Text Opt-In

Text message notifications for emergencies and important notifications are coming soon! Please be on the lookout for information that will be coming to you with instructions for opting-in.

Home to School Connection

April

In this unit, your child is learning about plants and nature.

- Invite your child to help you make a snack of celery and carrot sticks. Talk about how carrots and celery are vegetables that are parts of plants. This discussion will help your child better understand the science concept of plants.
- Help your child put the carrots on one side of a napkin and the celery on the other side. This will help your child to understand similarities and differences.

In this unit, your child is learning about things that grow in the spring.

- Talk with your child about how plants have different parts. If possible, point out a flower, stem, or leaf as you walk outside. Discuss how plants need water, light, and soil to grow.
- While at a nursery or garden center, talk with your child about how plants are living things. Show him or her different types of plants, flowers, stems, and leaves.

Focus Letters Yy, Zz

Unit Theme Plants

May

Some classes will be working on:

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

In this unit, your child will review all they have learned. Things we would like for your child to know before going into kindergarten are their letters and some sounds, recognition of numbers 1-10, be able to write and recognize their name and be able to cut with scissors. It is also important for them to be able to follow directions and to have the ability to express their feelings.

Other classes will be working on:

Dinosaurs

In this unit, your child is learning about dinosaurs. Your child will explore how dinosaurs are alike and different. Below are several great dinosaur books you might be able to find at your local library. These books make great read-alouds and can spark discussion about what your child is learning.

- *Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones* by Byron Barton
 - *Curious George and the Dinosaur* by H. A. Rey and Margret Rey
 - *Digging Up Dinosaurs* by Alike
 - *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?* by Jane Yolen
 - *National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs* by Catherine D. Hughes and Franco Tempesta
- You might also take your child on a virtual field trip to the American Museum of Natural History <http://www.amnh.org/plan-your-visit/self-guided-tours/dino-tour> or enjoy fun dinosaur songs such as "Dinosaur Alphabet" available on youtube.com.

Meet Eric Carle

In this unit, your child is learning about popular writer and illustrator Eric Carle. Your child will explore how Eric Carle's books are alike and different. Your child will also learn how authors and illustrators make books. Below are several great Eric Carle books you might be able to find at your local library. These books make great read-alouds and can spark discussion about what your child is learning.

- *From Head to Toe*
- *The Grouchy Ladybug*
- *Little Cloud*
- *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

You might also take your child on a virtual field trip at Eric Carle's Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Massachusetts: www.eric-carle.com and www.carlemuseum.org. In addition many videos of Eric Carle creating and talking about his work are available on youtube.com.