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Sitting" at the*

EDUCARE KIDS IN MOTION PROGRAM



Educare Learning Center Calendar of Events Fall 2011

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October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Unit of Study: <i>Fall Happenings</i>	26 <i>Johnny Appleseed Day</i>	27 Discovery Walk (PS 3) Parent Orientation 5:30 p.m.	28 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	29 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> Music Class (Rm 2 & 4) FCPS/PS3 Closed Moon Bounce (All Ages)	30 FCPS Dismiss 2 Hrs Early Popcorn Trolley	1 Monthly & Preschool Tuition Due
2	3 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due	4 <i>National Frappe Day</i> Discovery Walk (Rm 1a) FCPL Bookmobile	5 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) EFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	6 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	7 <i>World Smile Day</i> Discovery Walk (Rm 1b)	8 Parent's Night Out (EFA) 4-9 p.m.
9 <i>Fire Prevention Week</i> 10/3-10/7/11	10 <i>Columbus Day</i> Discovery Walk (Rm 4)	11 Photo Day (Rm. 1a, 3 & PS3)	12 NO MUSIC CLASS (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) Photo Day (Rm. 1b, 2, 4 & PS4)	13 NO Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Jefferson Fire Dept. Visit, 9:30 a.m.	14 <i>National Dessert Day</i> Tractor Visit, 9:30 a.m.	15 Monthly Early Bird Tuition Due
16	17 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Wendy Woo Woo's Pumpkin Patch, 9:30 a.m.	18 FCPS Open 4 hrs late No PS3 Cooking Fun (Rm. 3) Discovery Walk (Rm 2)	19 FCPS Open 4 hrs late No PS4 Cooking Fun (Rm. 4) Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, & 3)	20 FCPS Dismiss 3.5 hrs early Cooking Fun (SA) Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	21 ELC CLOSED (In-Service Day)	22 Trunk-or-Treat (EFA), 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
23	24 Discovery Walk (Rm 3) Cooking Fun (PS4)	25 Cooking Fun (PS3) FCPL Bookmobile Parent Orientation 5:30 p.m.	26 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) Cooking Fun (Rm. 2)	27 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Discovery Walk (PS3) Cooking Fun (Rm. 1b)	28 Discovery Walk (PS4) Popcorn Trolley	29
30 <i>National Candy Corn Day</i>	31 <i>Halloween</i> Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Fall Festival Parade (all ages), 10 a.m.					

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November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Unit of Study: <i>Food & Family</i> Month of November— EFA Uncle Ralph's Fundraiser, Dates TBA	Note: DISCOVERY WALKS will be held on our upper grounds	1 Monthly & Preschool Tuition Due Conferences (Rm 1a) Parent Workshop 6:30 p.m.	2 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) EFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	3 National Sandwich Day Conferences (PS3) Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Parade Wagon @ ELC	4 FCPS/PS4 Closed Parade Wagon @ ELC	5 Book Lovers Day
6 Veteran's Day Parade in Brunswick (EFA), Time TBA	7 Conferences (Rm 1b)	8 Discovery Walk (PS3) Discovery Walk (Rm 1a)	9 Food Groupies Review (Rms. 2, 4 and PS4) Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	10 Conferences (Rm 3) Discovery Walk (Rm 1b) Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	11 Veteran's Day Discovery Walk (PS4)	12
13 World Kindness Day	14 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Conferences (Rm 4) Food Groupies Review (Rms. 3 and PS4)	15 Monthly Early Bird Tuition Due Discovery Walk (Rm 4) Food Groupies (PS3) FCPL Bookmobile	16 Conferences (Rm PS4) Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	17 World Peace Day Discovery Walk (Rm 3) Conferences (Rm 2) Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	18 Discovery Walk (Rm 2) Cooking Fun for Thanksgiving Feast (all ages)	19
20	21 Cooking Fun for Thanksgiving Feast (all ages)	22 Thanksgiving Feast (all ages), 11:30 a.m.	23 FCPS 2 hr. early Dismissal Popcorn Trolley NO MUSIC CLASS <u>ELC CLOSES @ 5:30 P.M.</u>	24 <u>ELC CLOSED</u> (Thanksgiving Day)	25 National Parfait Day FCPS/PS4 Closed Discovery Walk (SA)	26
27	28 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Scholastic Book Fair (EFA,) (11-28 to 12-3)	29 Food Groupies (PS3) Parent Orientation 5:30 p.m.	30 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)			

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December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Unit of Study: <i>Celebrate!</i>	<i>DISCOVERY WALKS will be held on our upper grounds</i>			1 Monthly & Preschool Tuition Due Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	2	3 Holiday Festival, EFA 2:00-4:00 p.m.
4	5	6 <i>St. Nicholas Day</i> Discovery Walk (PS3) Discovery Walk (Rm 1b) FCPL Bookmobile	7 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) EFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Cooking Fun (Rm 4)	9 <i>National Pastry Day</i>	10
11	12 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Cooking Fun (PS4)	13 Discovery Walk (Rm 3) Cooking Fun (PS3)	14 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	15 Monthly Early Bird & Quarterly Tuition Due Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Cooking Fun (Rm 1b)	16 Discovery Walk (PS4) Discovery Walk (Rm 1a)	17
18 <i>Bake Cookies Day</i>	19 Discovery Walk (Rm 2)	20 Discovery Walk (Rm 4) Cooking Fun (Rm 2)	21 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i> Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	22 FCPS 2 hr. early Dismissal Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Cooking Fun (Rm 3)	23 FCPS/PS4 Closed	24 <i>National Chocolate Day</i>
25	26 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Kwanzaa begins <u>ELC</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	27 FCPS/PS3 Closed	28 FCPS/PS4 Closed NO MUSIC CLASS Discovery Walk (SA)	29 FCPS/PS3 Closed NO MUSIC CLASS Cooking Fun (SA)	30 FCPS/PS4 Closed Popcorn Trolley	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>

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Key: SA = school-age, PS = preschool hours only program, 1a = Room 1a/Infants Room, 1b = Toddlers, Room 2 = Two's program, Room 3 = Three's program, Room 4 = Pre-K/Four's program, EFA = Educare Family Association, FCPS = Frederick County Public Schools, FCPL = Frederick County Public Library

Mission Statement

Educare Community Mission Statement

We are dedicated to promoting positive development in children by:

- Providing dedicated staff who engage children in the joy and excitement of learning;
- Offering a quality curriculum using innovative and research-based teaching strategies;
- Building caring relationships through positive discipline offered in a safe and enriching environment;
- Establishing strong partnerships with parents/guardians; and
- Nourishing spiritual growth through modeling love and respect for each other and the world around us.

“Kids in Motion,” ELC’s School Year Curriculum Enhancement Program is in response to the “*Let’s Move*”* campaign and will offer a multifaceted experience in learning about nutrition and getting physical on our 22 acres. Activities will include fitness fun outdoor experiences, discovery walks on our extensive nature trails, nutrition and cooking activities, and on-site moonbounce days. Our 22-acre, wooded campus contains four nature-enriched playgrounds, nature trails leading to Catoctin Creek and Broad Run Creek. At Educare Learning Center kids are *moving all year long!*

The *Let’s Move!* Campaign: This campaign was started by First Lady Michelle Obama, has an ambitious national goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight. *Let’s Move!* will combat the epidemic of childhood obesity through a comprehensive approach that will engage every sector impacting the health of children and will provide schools, families and communities simple tools to help kids be more active, eat better, and get healthy. For more information www.letsmove.gov.

Glossary for Fall 2011 Calendar of Events (alphabetical)

Bookmobile

FCPL brings the bookmobile to Educare on regular cycle throughout the year. Our 3 and 4 year old classrooms hear a story and select books from the bookmobile. The program also selects teacher resource materials and Unit of Study books for each classroom to use.

Brunswick Senior Center

We have established a community connection with the Brunswick Senior Center. On specified dates, Senior Citizens play Bingo with our school-age children and collaborate with ELC for the Alex’s Lemonade Stand and the food bank community service projects.

Center Wide Events

- Fall Festival & Parade—Children celebrate fall with individual classroom parties and then participate in a costume parade around the center.
- Thanksgiving Feast—An all-center Thanksgiving meal is provided to children the week of Thanksgiving. Children who do not attend the center on the feast day are invited to participate. Each class will make a meal entree and the program provides chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese – a child’s ideal holiday meal!

Cooking Fun Days

Each classroom will participate in a weekly cooking activity to promote health and nutrition throughout the school year.

Community Outreach Activities

During the school year, several community projects are enacted to provide children the opportunity to participate in the experience of giving support to those in need. Examples of projects include: food bank donations (non-perishable food items are collected to take to local food banks), and Alex’s Lemonade Stand (children sell lemonade to support the cure for children’s cancer).

Curriculum Focus

Educare Learning Center uses The Creative Curriculum, a state approved curriculum published by Teaching Strategies. The focus of this curriculum is providing an environment that is predictable and supportive of children’s educational needs. Content areas of literacy, math, science, social studies and the arts are addressed through teacher-directed and child-selected activities.

Discovery Walks

Children will experience Discovery Walks throughout the school year. Children should wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Families are welcome to use the pathway by letting the front desk know when they are on site. If a walk is taken without a center guide, parents are requested to sign our disclosure form.

EFA (Educare Family Association)

The Educare Family Association (EFA) has the expressed purpose of supporting Educare Learning Center through planning activities that build a sense of community among families. Meetings are held at ELC the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:00. Child care is offered at no charge. EFA also oversees all fund raising activities and governs how the funds are used to enhance program offerings for children. All families are members of the EFA upon enrollment of a child in the center; EFA requires no fees for participation. For more information about the EFA, email efa@educatewithcare.com.

Emergency Closings

Educare makes every effort to stay open for scheduled program hours. When it is necessary to close during the day of operation due to weather, emergencies, or world events, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up children. In the event of inclement weather conditions existing prior to the center’s daily opening, parents/guardians may contact the center by 5:30 a.m. or check the website by 6:00 a.m. for information regarding delays or closures.

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Family Events

Educare coordinates periodic family events exclusively for Educare Families. This fall events to include:

- Trunk or Treat—This fall event includes families dressing up in child-friendly costumes and decorate their car trunks for children to visit. Pizza is provided by the EFA.
- Veteran's Day Parade in Brunswick—Educare families ride on a float in the parade to honor our U.S. Veteran's. Children have fun throwing candy and waving at parade-watchers along the street.
- Holiday Festival & Book Fair—Educare holds its Annual Holiday Festival. Activities provided include wreath-making, ornament painting, miscellaneous holiday arts and crafts, family photos and refreshments. Scholastic books are displayed in the hallway for families to purchase the week of the Holiday Festival; families may also purchase books to donate to their child's classroom. Each book purchased earns points for the school to use to "buy" new books for the center library.

Fire Drills

The program conducts fire drills once a month. The fire alarm is sounded and children exit the building to the school-age fenced-in playground. Once roll is taken, children return to the building.

Fire Department Visit

Jefferson Fire Department will visit ELC with their fire trucks and ambulance for a fire safety presentation. Children will receive a hands-on experience with the equipment and vehicles.

Fitness Fun A-Thons

Children will participate in special fitness focus activities such as walk-a-thons, jog-a-thons, and jump-a-thons. Families will be invited to support fitness at home by participating in the a-thons along with the children.

Funding Factory

EFA participates in a fundraiser entitled the Funding Factory. This program recycles ink cartridges and cell phones. Educare receives points from each item recycled and points are used to purchase equipment (such as flat-screen computer monitors and digital cameras) for the classrooms. Visit the link on our web site homepage www.educatewithcare.com/Educare to learn more about the program.

Holidays and Early Closings

Educare is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July (Independence Day), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on Saturday, Educare will be closed on the prior Friday. If the holiday falls on Sunday, Educare will be closed on the following Monday. The day before Thanksgiving the center closes at 5:30 p.m. so that staff can enjoy the holiday with their families.

On-site Field Trips

On-site field trips are provided throughout the fall:

- Moonbounce—a moonbounce will arrive at Educare for all children to enjoy throughout the day
- Willy Woo Woo & Friends—A local magician and children's entertainer will visit ELC with a petting zoo and pumpkin patch for children to enjoy.

Parents' Night Out

The Educare Family Association coordinates a Parent's Night Out from 4-9 p.m. for Educare Parents/Guardians to enjoy a "night off" and leave the children with us.

Parent Orientations

New families are requested to attend a parent orientation meeting to learn more about policies and procedures and to network with other families. An orientation meeting is scheduled once a month; families only need to attend one orientation.

Parent Workshops

All workshops are held at Educare from 6:30—8:00 p.m. at no charge to parents. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. for families. Childcare is provided for \$5.00 per child.

Photo Days

Donna Grimes Photography will be on-site at ELC to take classroom and individual photos of children. Families will receive the packet of information to order prints.

Popcorn Trolley

Once a month, the popcorn trolley finds its way to the main hallway, filling the building with the smell of freshly popped popcorn. Bags of warm popcorn are available to children and families free of charge.

Staff Development/In-service Days

Educare is closed to children on Staff In-service Days in order to provide staff with opportunities to attend training, make enhancements to room environments, prepare for conferences, and hold staff meetings. The program is closed to children on the following days this fall:

- Friday, October 21, 2011 (FCPS CLOSED)

Special Classes

Food Groupies by Ms. Mary is a nutrition awareness program, provide toddlers through preschool with information and experiences using the Food Pyramid/My Plate to make healthy choices for snacks and meals. A series of videos and mini-discussions help to support discussions on healthy development.

Music Class by Ms. Janice is provided as a weekly enhancement to the curriculum throughout the school year for infants-preschool.

Sprit Days

Children are invited to participate in monthly special days such as pajama day (wear your pajamas to ELC), sports day (wear your favorite sports team), and hat day (wear a hat to ELC)

Tractor Visit

A tractor will visit ELC for children to explore and experience close up.

Units of Study

Monthly units of study will be offered throughout the school year. Fall Units of Study: *Fall Happenings, Food & Family and Celebrate!*