

# **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

## **GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING**

**SIGN IN/OUT....** It is required by licensing that parents sign their children in & out. Please do not let your children touch the iPad or sign themselves in/out.

**TUITION PAYMENTS...** Tuition payments are due at the beginning of the month when you receive your invoice. If you have not paid your tuition by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month a \$15.00 late fee will be added to your account. If you have any questions concerning tuition or need your invoice resent, please contact Kellie at [kellie@mpbdenver.org](mailto:kellie@mpbdenver.org).

## **CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION**

All our classrooms have lead teachers who are qualified to teach preschool/pre-k through the state of Colorado. Please feel free to speak with either teacher if you have a question or concern. You should also be receiving an email, or message from your child's classroom every afternoon regarding any "news" of the day.

## **CONFERENCES**

This year the ELC will hold fall parent teacher conferences on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please look for a sign-up genius from your child's teachers to reserve a spot for your child's conference by Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **NUTRITION CLASS**

The ELC is excited to offer a nutrition class in November through Natural Grocers. The class is titled "Smart Kids, Smart Nutrition." The description of the class is "Your child's diet can help support healthy attention spans, give them stable energy levels throughout the day, and provide their body with all the important nutrients necessary for a healthy growing brain." The class will be offered by ZOOM on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30p.m. The class will last 45 to 60 minutes. A sign-up genius will be sent out by email in mid-October.

## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

### **ROOM 1**

We are off to a wonderful start to our new year. The concepts we have been working on are the letters A, B and C, the color red, circle shape and the numbers 0 and 1. We have gotten to know our new friends and are learning the classroom routine. October we will focus on learning the letters D, E, F and G, colors black and orange, triangle shape and number 2. Each kiddo will be practicing spelling and recognizing their first name. Our first off campus field trip to the Planetarium will be on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also be having our ELC pumpkin patch on Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> there will be NO SCHOOL as we will be having our first parent-teacher conferences. We are super excited for our annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. More information will be sent as these days get closer. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Ms. Barb and Ms. Laura

## **ROOM 2**

Welcome to our classroom! We have been working on spelling our names, the letters A, B, and C; the numbers 0, 1, and 2; the color red and the circle shape. Our class schedule is Music & Movement on Monday, Art on Tuesday, Music with Mrs. Garrett and the MPB Library twice a month on Wednesday, Religion and Reading Buddies with Mrs. Haling's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class on Thursday, Language & Literacy on Friday and going to P.E. with Ms. Simington twice a month. In Science we have covered Germs and Hand Washing skills, and the 5 senses.

In October, we will be focusing on the letters D, E, and F; the numbers 3 and 4, the color orange and the triangle shape. We will be covering the fall season, Fire Safety and Halloween, and Living Things, Pumpkins, Owls, Spiders and Bats for Science this month.

On Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our fun filled "Pumpkin Patch Day" at the ELC again this year. We will visit the MPB pumpkin patch to choose a pumpkin, and then decorate it. We will have a "Creepy, Crawly Story Time" and learn about insects and spiders with the Butterfly Pavillion! We will top it off with a special lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend that day.

We have a great class that works well together, and we think it will be a wonderful year.  
Ms. Regina, Ms. Jenn, and Ms. Dawn

## **ROOM 3**

The beginning of the school year is always an adventure. It is filled with new friends, new teachers, and new things to learn. We have worked hard on learning the rules so that the classroom will run smoothly, and everyone will have fun learning. We have also spent September learning about each other and how to care for one another along with all the other things that come along with going to school.

During September, we studied the letters A and B, and C and have done some fun letter themed activities. We have talked about feelings, friends, and fall.

In October, our focus will be on grandparents, fire safety, construction, Halloween, and more on fall and community. We are off to a great start and all the kids seem to be settling in and eager to learn. Please feel free to talk to either of us with any questions or concerns you may have.  
Ms. Tracee and Ms. Tess

## **ROOM 4**

Hello Pre-K families! The first weeks of school have centered on getting to know one another and learning all about our routines in the classroom. We are working hard to learn important skills to successfully function in our classroom community such as using our words to express our feelings and needs to our friends, "being in charge of ourselves" and making our own decisions and working as a team by doing class jobs. Some of our jobs include prayer leader, sweeper, librarian, plant helper, and door holder. Our hand washing skills are improving. So far this year we have explored "All About Me, My Family, My Friends" and tracing our names and numbers.

Overall, Room 4 is a room full of interested, curious and friendly students. We hope that they will continue to enjoy coming to school each day. As we move into the new season, we will begin learning more about Fall, apples, pumpkins, and leaves.  
Ms. Jill and Ms. Julia

## **ROOM 5**

Greetings Room 5 families! We have had a great start to our learning so far this year as we have focused on getting to know our classroom, routines, class jobs, teachers, and friends. We have been practicing new social-emotional skills such as talking about our feelings, learning the first Leader in Me Habit, I am in charge of me, and learning how to be “bucket fillers.” In addition, we have explored learning about friends, families, and our five senses!

In the upcoming months, we will be continuing our learning adventure as we learn about our community, Fall, harvesting, pumpkins, hibernation/migration, and of course Halloween. We are also excited to go on our first two field trips, walking the community and visiting a farm.

We have had a fun time getting to know one another so far and we are excited to continue our learning with our new friends!

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Aryana

## **DENVER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM/COLORADO SHINES**

Did you know that our Early Learning Center is part of the Denver Preschool Program? The Denver Preschool Program (DPP) is the result of a voter approved initiative to provide tuition credits for parents, and quality improvement grants to preschools. DPP is open and voluntary for all Denver children the year before they are eligible for kindergarten. Tuition credits are awarded to all Denver families regardless of income. If your child is in Pre-K and you have not yet applied, please go to [www.dpp.org](http://www.dpp.org) for more information. We look forward to you joining the Denver Preschool Program and the movement of quality early childhood education!

To be part of the Denver Preschool Program our center gets rated every three years by Colorado Shines. During the 2022-2023 school year our center was rated in five areas: Workforce and Professional Development, Family Partnerships, Leadership, Management and Administration, Learning Environment, and Child Health. The classrooms were rated using the Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-3) which also looks at space and furnishings, personal care routines, language, and literacy, learning activities, interaction, and program structure. As the Director I am required to create a comprehensive quality improvement plan in the Colorado Shines data system. Our quality improvement plan is in a notebook in the front lobby. Please feel free to check out our QIP if you are interested. The Colorado Shines rating process is incredibly involved and requires extra hours of work by the staff. We did very well on our rating and received four out of five stars! We were a half point away from getting five stars! The Colorado Shines website is [www.coloradoshines.org](http://www.coloradoshines.org).

## **HALLOWEEN**

This year our Halloween parties will be held on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please have your child here no later than 8:30 with their costume on and a Halloween bucket handy. At 9:15 the classes will take turns walking through the “Trunk-or-Treat” in the ELC parking lot. To keep the kids safe, we will be closing the parking lot completely at 8:30. Parking will be a little crazier than usual on Halloween morning (you may need to park along the street). The classroom parties will be going on during the “Trunk-or-Treat.” If you volunteered to host a trunk, please look for an email with more information by mid-October. You may also contact any member of our advisory board if you have any questions. Our 2023-2024 board members are Mackenzie DeBoer, Kathryn Jost, Brittany Kindgren, Meg Mann, and Dan Young.

Kellie Peterson  
Director MPBELC