

# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## "MINI, BUT MIGHTY"

**MAY 2014**

*Read, read, read to your children, everyday...*

### "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD"

We want to thank ECC families, along with employees of the Granite City School District and community members, for their participation in our Week of the Young Child activities, April 7-11. Every day was a success, but we were especially pleased with the outcome of Guest Reader Day and Kite Day. Children enjoy being read to and they love doing fun things with their parents; the reading of a special story and the building and flying of a kite provided lasting memories for our young learners.

## **MAY THEMATIC UNIT: GREAT OUTDOORS**

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Another date has been added: Fri., May 9, at the Granite City Board Office, 1947 Adams St., from 6:30AM-1:00PM. (Flyer available on parent table, call with questions, 451-5836).

**SPRING RECYCLING DAY:** Sat., May 17, 9AM-11AM, bring your recyclables to Coolidge Junior High parking lot (shoes, electronics, aluminum cans).

**END OF THE YEAR "FUNDAY":** Children will attend classes as usual, same times; event times: 9-11AM and 12:45-2:45. All adults in attendance with their child must have an approved background check; students (and adults) will stay together as they rotate among the activities, all activities are outside, weather may be warm-dress appropriately. This event is planned for your preschooler, and we encourage you to join in, be active and participate in the activities (please do not bring brothers or sisters, of any age, to this activity). Because the groups of teachers and students moving from one activity to another can be large, we ask no more than two adults attend for each student. We will provide 5 activities and a snack.

## Important Dates

Wednesday, May 7.....NO SCHOOL, Screening Day

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 13-14.....Mobile Dentists

Tuesday, May 13.....Birth-to-Three: Picnic at the Park

Saturday, May 17.....Spring Recycle Day (Coolidge Parking Lot)

Friday, May 23....."ECC Funday" Event, Regular School Hours

Friday, May 23.....Last Day of ECC Student Attendance

Monday, May 26.....District Closed for Memorial Day

### **MAY CHARACTER TRAIT: COOPERATION**

**SCREENINGS:** Our next screening is Wednesday, May 7. Please keep this information in mind if you have younger children (3-4 years of age) and pass along to friends. Children are screened in the areas of: Vision/Hearing, Motor Development, Cognitive Development and Speech/Language. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 451-5836. Also a "screening packet" can be completed prior to the appointment day; this packet can be picked up in the office (it can reduce your time 30 minutes or more). Our school, which is grant funded, requires periodic screenings to identify children for enrollment in our pre-k program as well as children who may be in need of special early intervention services.

### **YEARBOOKS AND SPRING PICTURES WILL ARRIVE SOON!**

*As we begin to close out the 2013-14 school year, and...*

*On behalf of this incredible ECC Staff, I want to wish you all a fun-filled summer of activities, lots of wonderful memory making and quality time spent with family. Continue to read to your children, try to pass the time "slowly"...it truly goes by in a flash. To all our kindergarten-bound students, we send them off with anticipation and excitement for the coming year. Parents please stay involved, offer your support and encouragement; your children will need it for many years beyond preschool. Choosing to enroll them in preschool was a wise "first" decision; this staff has well prepared your child for learning and full participation in elementary school. Be safe, and remember the four R's for summer: Read, Relax, Recycle & Recreation!*

*Best Wishes to All, Stay Cool! Dr. Kibort*

