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#### Welcome to a new year of preschool!

On behalf of our ECNS Staff I want to welcome you to our 2022-23 school year. Our goal at ECNS is to provide our children with a safe environment in which they can explore, gain a sense of self, play with peers, build self-confidence and independence while having fun. In choosing ECNS for your child you have shown an invested interest in their future learning.

Looking forward to our year together! Kathy Horning, Director

# NAEYC NOTES: PLAY BASED LEARNING

ECNS is a play based preschool where children spend the majority of their morning playing. Check out this article from NAEYC to discover what this means, why it is so important, and how your children are learning.

10 Things Every Parent Should Know About Play



## FAMILY TIME:

#### Kid Friendly Fall Activities that our ECNS staff loves to do, we hope you will try some too!

**Mrs. Horning** loves to go on hikes, find leaves to press them in a book, and share them with her class! She can't resist a pretty leaf!

Mrs. Elicker loves to find pumpkins of all shapes and colors and hosts a pumpkin carving party with her Mom, Dad, 2 sons, husband, and any other relatives who join in! Mrs. Dearborn loves watching sports of any kind with her family! Fall is soccer season so she spends a lot of time watching her son play. She thinks it is a great way to spend time together!

**Mrs. Vizcaino** loves sitting out by her family's fire pit on a chilly evening making s'mores and spending time together.

Mrs. Stoddard loves looking at the changing leaves.

Mrs. Schramm loves sitting around the fire telling stories with her family!

**Mrs. Gartley** enjoys hiking as a family in the fall. She also likes to go apple picking and make homemade applesauce.

**Mrs. Reigle** likes to make greeting cards with stamps of fall leaves. She sends them to friends and family at Thanksgiving.

**Mrs. Ellison** says she loves to "hibernate" (snuggle under a big blanket) and she likes to cook over a fire.

**Mrs. Lighty** likes to take fall walks and collect leaves; her family likes to see how many different shapes and colors they can find! She is always looking for chipmunks too, and her kids like to point them out to her.

Mrs. McQuiddy loves a good campfire

**Mrs. Leilous** likes to go on a fall scavenger hunt with her family. They like to find: squirrels, acorns, leaves of each color, pinecones, nurse logs (plant & animal home logs), animal burrow holes, bird nests, berry bushes, spider webs, & moss. Once home they make leaf rubbings and leaf collages with the different colored leaves they find! **Mrs. Worman** remembers going on a fall hike in the woods when her kids were little. Now she likes to go apple picking with her grandkids and making applesauce. In November, she never misses the free Open House at the Eastland Alpaca Farm!



## **ECNS Board News**

#### **Fundraisers & Events:**

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our first fundraiser. We sold 868 subs and pretzel sandwiches—raising \$2,069.50 for our school! What an AMAZING job!

Throughout the school year, we will be offering a variety of fundraisers and events. Below is our tentative plan. Our hope is that you participate in the ones that interest you and your family while comfortably sitting the others out.

October 27 - 3pm to 4:30pm - Sub & Pretzel Sandwich Pick-up at the church portico

November (with delivery in time for Christmas) - Lancaster County Coffee Roasters Sale

January - Bowling at Clearview Lanes March - Teddy Bear Portraits March (with delivery in time for Easter) - SKH Spring Flower Sale May - Dutch Wonderland Ticket Sale May - Ice Cream Social Your support is INVALUABLE to us. Thank you!

#### You are able to support ECNS anytime with Weis 4 School and Amazon Smiles:

When you shop at Weis and use your Weis Rewards card, you can help ECNS earn money through the **Weis 4 School** program! Simply register your Weis rewards card, and every time you shop, you will accumulate points that will be distributed as cash to ECNS at the end of the school year. There is no additional cost to you.

Register your Weis Rewards card online using the following steps:

#### 1. Click here.

2. Enter your Weis Rewards card number.

3. Select "Elizabethtown Community Nursery School" (87695). Double-check the wording/number as there are a few schools with a similar name.

4. Click "Submit."