



SITE REPORT: EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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WHO WE ARE



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide every child and family with a high quality, holistic early childhood experience. We strive to create a collaborative, safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment, which fosters individual needs. It is our goal that children will possess confidence in their abilities and establish lasting relations with adults and peers, which will prepare them to become responsible citizens in their community.





POINTS OF PRIDE



POINT OF PRIDE: NATURE-BASED PLAY

Increased Focus on Nature-Based Play

- Expanded Outdoor Mud Kitchen at ELC
- ECFE-based Nature Courses
- Field Trips to Parks, Nature Centers, Outdoor Spaces



POINT OF PRIDE: ECFE REORGANIZATION

ECFE Reorganization

- Added a Community Outreach Parent Educator/Preschool Teacher
 - Increased outreach by going to our families through home visits
 - Creating partnerships
 - Continue to offer classes at both Pilot Knob and the Early Learning Center



POINT OF PRIDE: PARTNERSHIPS

- Wentworth Library
- Alden Pond
- Apartments at 15 Butler
- Nature Pathways
- Augustana Church





LOOKING AHEAD



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NEW CURRICULUM

We are trialing 2 new general education curriculums and 1 special education curriculum

- Frog Street: Preschool Curriculum
- Creative Curriculum for Preschool
- Teach Town: Special Education Curriculum



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MN EARLY LEARNING CORPS

We will have 3 Early Learning Reading Corps tutors this year



LOOKING AHEAD READY FOR RIGOR EQUITY TRAINING

All staff, including paraprofessionals, will be participating in Ready for Rigor Equity Training.





THANK YOU!

