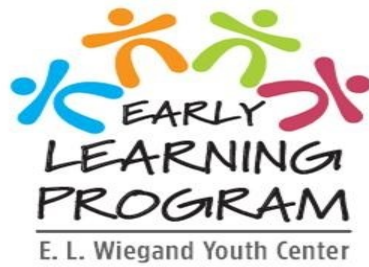


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Director's Corner

Happy New Year!

We had so much fun this year, it's wonderful to see the growth both physically and socially in all our children. I want to thank all of you who took time to show their appreciation to our teachers through cards, pictures and gifts. All teachers have a tough job and I know each one of the teachers at the Early Learning Center truly love what they do and your children.

Did you know;

*Each child in the Early learning program is informally assessed each month to ensure they are meeting age appropriate milestones

*These assessments are used to create individualized lesson plans to challenge each child

*Each child has their own portfolio which follows them from class to class, these portfolios are used in our semi-annual parent teacher conferences

*Meals are served family style, where kids learn table manners, how to set the tables, and how to be self reliant.

*There will very soon be an online portal to fill out your ASQ's.

*Children are taught to respect and value others unique differences, to problem solve, to work as a team, to help others through our Character Counts program

We look forward to another wonderful year with you and your children!

-Kim Stevens

Center Director

Shape of the Month

Square

Numbers of the Month

0-10

Color of the Month

Blue

Letters of the Month

F I G J

Tumbleweeds

Wow how exciting to start a new year and be able to look back on this last year. What a blessing it is to watch your children grow up before our very eyes. All the excitement that come along with them learning to roll over, sit up, eat cereal for the first time and yes even their first crawl. Thank you again for trusting us with your babies and all the great memories of looking back on their progress. Happy New Year, Lori, Mary, Alex, Elizabeth, and Kamryn

Blue Birds

Welcome to 2015! We are very excited for the New Year! We welcome Noah, Wesley, Hunter and Victor to our room. This month we will learn about animals in winter, Nevada and Martin Luther King Jr. Our Baby BlueBirds will be taking their first steps any day now. All of the milestones they are making are very exciting! We are working on using our utensils while eating and drinking out of cups! We are very excited for this month!

-Miss Emily, Britnee, Yavli, and Mia

Wolves

Happy New Year from the Wolves! We're so excited to start our year off on an amazing note. Our kids are going to be learning so much this year, and the biggest activity that they are enjoying is being able to write out and draw all of our words that start with the letter of the week and interacting with them by coloring and saying the words! Your Wolves are coming a long way, in the short amount of time that we've been a classroom! Be sure to watch our weekly board to see all of our special events that are going on!

- Kayla, Kacidee

Rattlesnakes

The Rattlesnakes have really enjoyed all of the wonderful Holidays! Our main goal this month has been practicing how to walk up the stairs and string beads onto a rope. We have also had some great changes in our class with the new move and are looking forward to all the great things to come. Thank you to all the parents that came to the Christmas concert, the kids really enjoyed the audience. We are ringing in the New Year 2015 with a big bang and can't wait to learn and make new friends.

Miss Merri, Cookie, Steph, and Selena



Foxes

Our Foxes are starting off the New Year strong as they are improving notably in their recognition of the alphabet, numerals, letter sounds, shapes, patterns, and rhyming words. The kids are also impressing us daily as they are learning to work amazingly as a team and working very well independently. It is truly wonderful to see each of them grow. We would like to thank our families for the cards, pictures, and gifts you all gave over the holidays. As the time for kindergarten rapidly approaches we are going to be working extra hard in class to ensure that we are well prepared. Going over homework with your child and having a conversation with them about what they are learning in school can also aid to their kindergarten preparation at home. Let's make 2014 an awesome year for our awesome foxes!

- Miss Amber, Teri, and Holly

Kindergarten

Happy New Year Kindergarten families! Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! We will jump right into adding and subtracting in math. We will focus on reading new words and practicing writing sentences. I look forward to seeing all of you on the 12th refreshed and ready to learn.

Miss Tate

New Year's Eve Chocolate Covered Ice Cream Cone Hats

Ingredients: Sugar cones, ice cream, chocolate chips

Instructions:

1. Spread melted chocolate chips over each sugar cone with a small spatula. Let the chocolate harden for about 1 hour (or 20 minutes in the refrigerator).
2. For chinstraps, use icing to attach the ends of a fruit strip or a length of shoestring licorice inside of each cone.
3. Use icing to decorate the hats and attach nonpareils.



Mustangs

Happy New Year's! We have seen your children grow leaps and bounds, reaching for the stars is what we encourage every day. Now its time to reach higher than we have had to in the past! We have had many changes in the center this past year. Changes are good; it just takes time, patience, and understanding to accept change. This does enable the center to provide endless learning love and compassion to our children. So in this New Year lets continue to work together and lets be a positive role in the time we have left together. We would also like to give a sad goodbye to Miss Wendy wishing her the best.— Miss Carolina and Miss Katherine

January

Snow Review week				1	2	3
4 <i>Animals in Winter</i> F	5	6	7	8	9 Backwards Day	10
12 Nevada Week I	13	14	15	16	17 Everyone wear Nevada colors!	18
19 <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i> G	20 MLKJ B-day	21	22	23 Spirit Day	24	25
26 Shadows & Light J	27	28 Crazy Hair Day	29	30	31 Chinese New Year	