



Newsletter



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February Events

- Feb 2: EDS Open House - 7 - 8PM
- Feb 2: Pre-K class to Storybook Theatre in Kirkland
- Feb 2: Ground Hog Day
- Feb 4 & 5: **No School:** EDS Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb 9: **VOTE!**
- Feb 10: 4's class to Storybook Theatre Kirkland
- Feb 12: Valentine's Day Parties at EDS
- Feb 15 & 16: **No School:** President's Day Holiday
- Feb 19: Mercer Island School District Kindergarten Registration early deadline.

February Birthdays

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| Piper N | 2/10 (5) |
| Sarah H | 2/18 (5) |

A note from the Director...

This month I am tremendously grateful to the parent board and teachers for their help with the Marketing and Registration. Over the last six weeks, everything from our website, to our brochures and posters, were updated. EDS teachers and parents gave their time to staff a booth at two Preschool Fairs reaching families on Mercer Island and surrounding communities. If you or a friend would like to learn more about next year's programs please attend our **Open House, Tuesday February 2nd, 7-8PM.** Parents can tour the school and talk to teachers in an informal setting. As incentive to register early with EDS, we will waive the \$75 registration fee for families who signs up that night! - Leslie

Parent -Teacher Conferences February 4th & 5th



Please sign-up to conference with your child's Teachers. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the classroom and openings remain on both Thurs Feb 4th and Fri Feb 5th. Childcare is available for conferences scheduled between 9am-3pm. At conferences the Teachers will share formal and informal observations of your child at school. They will gladly answer your questions and give you a recommendation for placement next year. **Please note school will be closed Thursday, February 4th and Friday, February 5th** so both your child's teachers can participate in the meeting.

Valentine's Day Parties

Valentine's Day is a very important preschool holiday! Here's what you need to know about class parties:

- 3's classes:** Party on Thurs Feb 11th and Fri Feb 12. Please bring an signed and non-addressed Valentine for each class member. Thursday's class has 7 students, Friday's class has 12 students.
- 4's class:** One party on Friday Feb 12th. Please bring a signed but non-addressed valentine for each class member. Friday's class has 12 students.
- Pre-K/Enrichment:** One party on Friday, Feb 12th. Please bring a signed but non-addressed valentine for each class member. Morning class has 11 students. Afternoon class has 7 students.

Your Teacher will work with the room parent to arrange snacks and beverages. Parents are welcome to attend Valentine's Day parties!



Emmanuel Day School Open House February 2nd, 7-8pm

Come meet the teachers, tour the school, and ask your questions in an informal setting. Bring a friend!



Mercer Island School District Kindergarten Registration & Visitation

The early deadline for 2010-2011 Kindergarten registration in the Mercer Island school district is

Friday, February 19, 2010

If you enroll by this date the school district will notify you of school placement in late March. Parents can next tour any of the three Island elementary schools on

March 25, 2010
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Please call MISD at 236-3330 with any questions regarding enrollment.



Kindergarten Readiness

summarized by Teacher Talina

In January Emmanuel Day School hosted two lectures on kindergarten readiness. One was a coffee for parents, and another was a meeting sponsored by the Mercer Island Pre-school Association for preschool Teachers and Directors. Each event was lead by Elementary school Principals and Kindergarten Teachers.

Here is what we discussed:

Being ready for kindergarten is more than alphabet recognition and counting, though those are important. As one teacher put it “it’s having all four wheels on the road.” A child entering kindergarten needs to be ready socially, physically, academically, and they need to be ready to follow the rules of the classroom and school independently.

Social Readiness. Is your child comfortable initiating play with other children? Can he/she stand up for themselves in a situation of social injustice?

Physical Readiness. For early entrance children you may need to consider your child’s size. Can your child run, climb, and maintain balance while playing?

Academic Readiness. It would be helpful if your child enters kindergarten already knowing how to write his/her name, can identify letter sounds and letter name, can rote count 1-20, and can use one-to-one correspondence for the numbers 1-10.

Rules and Independence. Can your child walk to the bathroom and return alone? Is he/she able to follow directions given by a teacher? Can he/she sit attentively for more than 10 minutes while a teacher is leading?

The state of Washington has learning standards, called the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRS) that all elementary schools must use to direct their teaching. Mercer Island elementary schools are no exception, however, the principal we spoke with said that typically kindergartners are hitting the targets and going beyond grade level by the end of the year. Emmanuel Day School’s 49 Learning Targets were created to build an academic foundation for preschoolers, because we want to do everything we can to help get your child ready for kindergarten, and excited to learn.



EDS Wish List

- Box of Kirkland brand Baby Wipes
- 2 large jugs of hand sanitizer
- Wooden Puzzles
- Costumes for the 3’s class: Superheroes, Animals, Any dress-up
- Free standing white Board (3’s class)
- 2 small vinyl covered bean bag chairs for 3’s class
- Costco gift card for 3’s class photo dev.
- Box of Multi-System white paper for printers and copy machines.
- PC computer that can support Office Professional 2007

Rita’s class needs broken machines for an upcoming machine unit. Cancelled postcards, stamps, envelopes for an upcoming Post Office unit. Materials are appreciated but cannot be returned. Thank you!

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