



March 2022

Happy March everyone!

There is a lot to look forward to this month at EASCA. Let's get started with a nice recap of what the kids were up to in each room for February!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROOM

- We observed many of the kids building new friendships, being thoughtful with one another, and showing great leadership skills.
- Mason, Brooklyn, and Eliana were building structures with Legos and blocks for the kindergarten children in the room. They were even organizing games for others in the room too! They are showing how to be great leaders, how to be kind to one another and accepting of everyone in their play.
- Many of the children were showing caring and persisting dispositions. They were reminding others about washing hands, helping each other clean during transitions, and showing what it really means to be friends with one another.
- Many of the activities that the children were into were melt beads, Lego, and dramatic play in the “flower shop”, “homemade EASCA fitness gym,” and “dinosaur cave”.
- This is only a small bit of what we were up to in the Rocky Mountain Room. We are looking forward to what March will bring us!

Enchanted Forest Room

- The kids in this room are much more interested in movement! They love it when the staff have set up activities where they can throw basketballs, ping pong balls, or other objects at targets. But its not so easy when the staff set up obstacles!
- Some of the children have been so interested in getting to know the world and learning about the countries of the world. We were AMAZED that Oliver and Bruce can look at almost any flag of the world and they can tell you which country its for! And they are only in kindergarten! :o
- Some of our older girls are really into quieter activities where they can focus on drawing and listening to music. This month we are planning on creating a music playlist for the kids to listen to at EASCA.
- Isabela has been teaching Amelia how to play piano on our keyboard. It is amazing listening to them play and learning something new.

Kinders

Amrita and Kanchana have put together a detailed learning story on what they have been up to...keep an eye out for an email from Crystal on more information!!

dates to Remember

- March 3-4, Teachers Convention, EASCA is open.
- March 17, St. Patrick's Day, make sure you wear green.
- March 28-April 1st, Spring Break! EASCA is open all week

Thank you everyone who participated in the survey for which fundraiser we will do in this month!

Little Caesars took the lead, and we are excited to kick it off as early as this week. We have our flyers and will distribute them today!

I will be sending out an email with more information and cool thing about this is there is an online ordering option too!

There will also be a prize for the family who has the most pizza sales! There will be more information in the email later today. All funds that we raise goes straight back to EASCA. Where we can continue to provide all the materials and games that they kids love to do and play with while in our care.



March 5, Jesse C: my birthday wish is to have a good day!

March 5, Herman L: I wish for a nerf gun! Any kind of nerf gun!

March 15, Mahira K.: I wish for my birthday to be a magical day!

What is happening in the world and what are our kids watching

It is hard to ignore what is happening in the world right now. As adults, we can hardly keep up or try to understand so many things happening at once. Can you imagine being a child and trying to process all this? Children listen to a lot of different conversations from so many places like at home, at EASCA, in class, on their sports teams...etc. and let's not forget their tablets, chrome books, cell phones and T.V.s.

We at EASCA want to provide a safe and welcoming environment where the kids can share what they are thinking. There are BIG things happening around us and when the children want to talk about it, we will always accommodate it. Although, there are certain topics that are better left for parents or guardians to talk to them about. If the children say something alarming or concerning, we will always contact parents/guardians so that you are aware and can have a conversation with your child(ren).

In saying so, we have heard a few of our kids talking about what is happening in Ukraine and Russia, what is on Netflix, or what they talk about with friends on chat in Minecraft, Prodigy, Roblox, and in Discord. I hope you are all having a discussion with your children on internet safety and to be mindful of what they can access, see, and who they may be talking to.

We have found some cool child friendly websites that you can visit with your kids and learn about what is going on in the world.

- <https://teachingkidsnews.com/>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/>



I know it is early! But we have had many new parents looking for summer care with EASCA and for next school year. Crystal has an ever-growing waitlist for both! If you know if your child will be at EASCA this summer, please let us know sooner rather than later. If you don't require care in the summer but require care during the school year, there will be a holding fee for your spot.

If you have any questions or would like more information, email Wendy at executivedirector@easca.org or Crystal at mleasca@easca.org