



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the ELA Newsletter! We are thrilled that you and your child are joining our school as we embark on this educational journey together. Our staff is dedicated to providing a nurturing and enriching learning environment where your child can flourish and develop a lifelong love of learning. As we prepare for the Grand Opening this fall, we want to share some essential information with you along with some fun activities to try at home.

Should you have any questions or require information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the Marymount ELA.

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ELA Highlights and Features

Curriculum and Learning Approach

At the Marymount ELA, we believe in a holistic approach to early childhood education. Our curriculum, The Creative Curriculum, focuses on fostering social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Through engaging activities, play-based learning, and hands-on experiences, we aim to ignite your child's curiosity and love of learning.

Qualified and Caring Educators

Our team of experienced and passionate educators is dedicated to creating a supportive and nurturing environment for your child. We will all guide and facilitate their learning journey, ensuring personalized attention and fostering a love for exploration and discovery.

Safe and Inspiring Facilities

Our preschool boasts state-of-the-art facilities designed with your child's safety and well-being in mind. From bright and spacious classrooms to age-appropriate learning centers, we have created an environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and independent thinking.

We are still under construction, but here is a sneak peak of the ELA:





ELA TOURS

We plan to open our doors in August. While we need to spend the month of August preparing for your arrival, we will still be able to welcome visitors to tour our site. Please contact our office by emailing ela@marymount.edu to set up a tour.

Enrichment

In addition to our core curriculum, we offer various enrichment programs to enhance your child's learning experience. These programs include art and music appreciation, language development, physical education, and nature exploration. We believe in providing a well-rounded education to support your child's growth in all areas.

Enrollment Information

Enrollment Period

Enrollment is open and ongoing. We would like to encourage you to spread the word and help grow our program! We offer currently enrolled families \$250 off of one month's tuition for recommending a friend who applies and enrolls their child. Applications are available on the [ELA website](#).

Forms/Tuition

Details regarding additional forms that will need to be completed and signed will be sent to you this summer via the [Brightwheel](#) platform. In addition, tuition bills will be sent through [Brightwheel](#). Please be sure to keep your information up to date in this system.





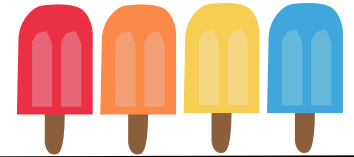
Upcoming Events



Summer Popsicle Playdate

We are planning our summer popsicle playdate for the beginning of August. It will be an excellent opportunity for parents and children to connect, socialize, and get to know each other before the school year begins. The ELA Staff will be there to greet and get to know you as well.

STAY TUNED for the date! We can't wait to meet you all!



At Home Fun and Learning

Reading List

These can be found at your local library or you can use the links to purchase or watch and listen.

1. **Ice Cream Face.** Written and Illustrated by Heidi Woodward Sheffield.

[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)

2. **Ten Minutes to bed, Little Mermaid.** Written by Rhiannon Fielding and Illustrated by Chris Chatteron.

[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)

3. **I See Summer.** Written by Charles Ghigna and Illustrated by Agnieszka Malgorzata Jatkowska.

[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)



Activities

Use the links for "how to" information



- **Sidewalk Chalk Paint.** Incorporating a little early science and art while having loads of outdoor fun!
- **Seasonal Fruit Smoothies.** Although an adult should use the blender, your child can help pick out and prepare the fruit that goes into their nutritious snack. Cooking with your child fosters early math and science skills.





Supporting the Family

As you prepare for your child's first experience at school or starting a new school, we are happy to provide information and assistance for a positive and successful transition. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.



13 Tips for Starting Preschool

Written for NAEYC by Diane Tunis, Rhonda Kleiner, and Fredda Band Loewenstein.



Staff Spotlight



Alex Coronado - Lead Teacher

Favorite food: It has to be a tie between pizza (pepperoni and pineapple) and tacos (potato and egg)! I could switch between those two meals every day for the rest of my life.

Favorite hobby: I love gardening in the summer. I am still a new gardener and learning as I go, but I love working in the garden and the feeling of eating something that I have grown. I also love cooking and baking!

Favorite Preschool book: This one is so hard to narrow down, I absolutely love reading and learning about new children's books. I am greatly looking forward to learning about even more amazing books from my students and families this year. That being said, my favorite books are Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev and The Bad Seed (and related book series) by Jory John.

Favorite color: I have had many years to think this over with my classes of quizzical kiddos, and have finally settled on green.

Favorite place to visit: I will always have a soft spot for my hometown, San Diego. Not only do I love spending time with my family, but you can't beat the palm trees, sun, and water.

Fun facts: A fun fact about me is that I love learning about nature! Since moving to Virginia, I have greatly enjoyed learning about all of the local birds, trees, flowers, and wildlife. I was very excited to find out that chipmunks, praying mantises, and cardinals are regular visitors here!

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