



Hello ELA families and friends,

We are continuing to prepare for students arrival later this month. The classrooms are beautiful, but we can't wait for the school to become lively with the sounds of children!

Please take a moment to look through the September newsletter for important ELA information as well as some fun activities for at home.

We hope you enjoy a few pictures of ELA as we get our classrooms ready.



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Upcoming Events



September Popsicle Date

Please join us for a popsicle playdate at the ELA on Friday, September 15th at 3pm. We'd love for our families to get to know each other and allow you some time to meet the staff!



Meet your Teacher

Classes are almost finalized and you will soon hear from your child's teacher via the Brightwheel app with information for our Meet the Teacher date.



School Highlights and Features

Brightwheel

Early Learning Academy primarily communicates using the Brightwheel app. Please make certain that all parents and primary caregivers have downloaded the app and you are signed up for notifications.

First Day Packet

All forms must be completed in order for your child to attend school.



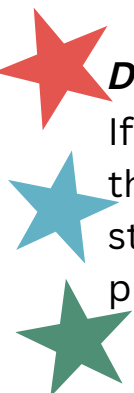
Yard Sign

We can't wait to have your child join us soon and we have ELA Yard Signs for all of our families as a way to say, "Welcome to the ELA". If you have not received one, please plan to pick it up at the Popsicle Playdate.



Drop off and Pick Up Schedule

If you have not had a chance, please complete the following google form so that we can anticipate our numbers throughout the day and maintain our student/teacher ratios. A consistent schedule helps your child to have a pleasant and more productive day.





At Home Fun and Learning

Ms. Alex shares some of her favorite books and an activity

September Reading List

1. **Stuck.** Written and Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)
2. **The Day you Begin.** Written by Jacqueline Woodson
and Illustrated by Rafael López
[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)
3. **Inch by Inch.** Written and Illustrated by Leo Lionni
[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)



Activity for home

Get ready for an exciting late summer activity that promises fun for the entire family - the Sunscreen Painting Science Experiment! All you'll need is a squeeze bottle of sunscreen, some creative minds, and black (or dark) construction paper.

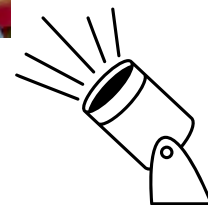
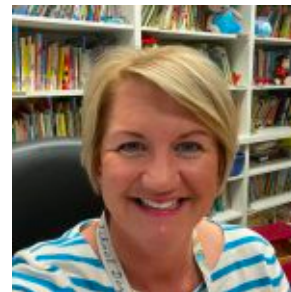
Encourage your child to explore sunscreen as a unique painting medium. Instead of just a paintbrush, why not try using a q-tip or even their fingers? Experiment with different textures and designs and inviting curiosity and creative ideas. Once your masterpiece is complete, place it outside in direct sunlight, securing the corners with rocks. Let the paper sit in the sun for a few hours, ideally two or more. Afterward, come back to observe the transformation. What do you notice? This fascinating science experiment encourages you and your child to think creatively and make predictions about what will happen. It's a playful way to emphasize the importance of sunscreen and introduce the idea of the sun as a form of energy and changing seasons while having a blast together. Enjoy this sunny science journey!





Staff Spotlight

Jenni Brown - Assistant Director



Favorite food: Seafood - especially any type of shellfish

Favorite hobby: I love hiking through the Great Smoky Mountains

Favorite Preschool book: So many to choose from! But I shared my most recent favorite one in the July newsletter - Ice Cream Face!

Favorite color: Blue has always been my go to color

Favorite place to visit: I love vacations that include salt water or mountain locations, but my favorite place to visit is my granddaughter's house ❤️

Fun facts: I love all things glitter! I keep it out of my house as it can be messy, but I sure do love creating things with it at school!



For more information on Ms. Jenni and other ELA staff members, please see our website.

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