



Hello ELA families and friends,

It was so exciting to open our doors and finally welcome the first ever Early Learning Academy students on Monday, October 2nd! There were many smiles as the ELA staff did a great job guiding Marymount University's youngest learners into their new environment. We look forward to many great days ahead of learning and growing while having fun!



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Upcoming Events



You are invited to the ELA Halloween Parade - Tuesday, October 31 @4PM

All students may bring in their Halloween costumes on Tuesday morning, but we ask that small pieces be kept at home so they don't get lost. Plenty of pictures will be taken and shared if you cannot make it to the parade.

School Highlights and Features



Social Media

Now that the ELA is open, we ask that you help us share the word by following and sharing our social media accounts. You can find us at:

[instagram.com/marymountela/](https://www.instagram.com/marymountela/) & [facebook.com/marymountela/](https://www.facebook.com/marymountela/)



MU Library Access

ELA families have library privileges at the Reinsch Library, which is located in the same building as the ELA. You may go to the main library desk and let them know you are an ELA family to be able to check out books.

New Faces at the ELA

We are happy to share that we have additional experienced staff that are excited to be a part of your child's day at the ELA.



Kimberly Rodriguez joins ELA as an
Assistant Teacher



Julie Luncher joins ELA as a
Substitute Teacher



At Home Fun and Learning

Ms. Katrina shares some of her favorite books and activities
October Reading List

Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin, Jr. & Eric Carle
Fun to review colors and animals. I have fond memory of my nana reading it to me. [Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)



Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlings
Enjoy learning with Fletcher about the changing of the season.
[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams
Fun to learn that you can brave just like the Little Old Lady.
[Amazon](#) [Youtube](#)

Activities for home

Summer may be a distant memory, but Fall can be just as fun! We may not be able to go to the pool, but a hike in the woods, a fall picnic or staying in to bake can be just as enjoyable. Put on your sweater or light jacket and head out to explore the changing of season and enjoy the tastes that come with Fall!

A. My favorite STEM activity (and messy fun) is **Oozing Pumpkin**. For this one, you will need a pumpkin (small works best, but large one is fine, just will need more to watch it ooze out). Carve out the top of the pumpkin and then clean out the inside, and/or you can carve a face in your pumpkin. Before you add the vinegar, ask your child what they think will happen.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- A small pumpkin
- Baking soda
- White vinegar
- food coloring
- Dishwashing liquid soap

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At Home Fun and Learning continued....



WHAT TO DO:

1. Remove the top of the pumpkin and hollow it out by removing all of the seeds and loose pulp. Carve a face or other design if you like.
2. Place the pumpkin on a tray or protected surface because this is going to get messy.
3. Pour about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of baking soda inside the pumpkin.
4. Squirt some dish soap over the baking soda.
5. Add a few drops of food coloring to a cup of vinegar.
6. When you are ready, pour the colored vinegar into the pumpkin and enjoy the show.



You can repeat this as many times as you like.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/blog/how_to/how_make_pumpkin_volcano

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/pumpkin-cano-sensory-science-activity/>

Once you are done, turn your pumpkin into an outdoor planter. Fill it with soil. Add seeds of your choice or small plant. I do recommend leaving this outside.

B. Baking is one of my favorite activities to do on a cool crisp fall morning. Baking incorporates so many skills, but most of it is fun to do together. Nothing says fall like apples! Try making these Easy Apple Turnovers!

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/apple-cinnamon-turnovers/w53uz7r9>

C. I love being outside! This is a great activity to get everyone out to take in all the beautiful colors of the fall. Making **nature art** is a wonderful way to observe our environment, get out to move and use our creativity to create something beautiful.

Here is one of many nature art activities you can create when collecting the materials. Go out on a walk. Tag a bag to hold onto the nature treasures you have collected.

<https://www.learningandexploringthroughplay.com/2020/10/nature-collage-boards.html>

Go out on a walk. Take a bag to put in the nature treasures you have collected.



Staff Spotlight

Katrina Brubaker - Lead Teacher

Favorite food: Seafood/Italian/Blueberries

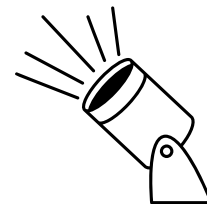
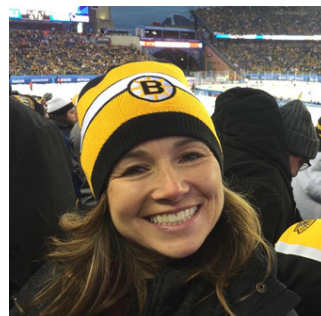
Favorite hobby: Fitness/Travel

Favorite Preschool book: Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Favorite color: Red

Favorite place to visit: Hilton Head, SC

Fun facts: I qualified and ran 2 Boston Marathons



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

Supporting the Family

Check out this article detailing a book for parents written by local authors, 10 Essentials for 'Raising a Kid Who Can', written by Stephanie Kanowitz.



MU Happenings

Food Drive October 1-27

You are welcome to contribute to our food box located in the ELA lobby. Canned fruit, meat, and vegetables along with boxed food will be accepted for the food insecure. Marymount University is participating in this food drive on behalf of the APTA Day of Service.

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