



Hello ELA families and friends,

What a fun time we all had at ELA's Halloween parade! We are super excited to continue having more of these fun events that can include our students' parents, caregivers, and families and friends. Stay tuned!

ELA students enjoyed that our resident mascot, Bernie the St. Bernard, tried out different costumes over the weeks leading up to Halloween. Take a look:



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Upcoming Events

Early Learning Academy will be closed the following upcoming dates:

Friday, November 10 - Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 22 - Monday, January 1 - Winter Break

Click [here](#) for the complete 2023-2024 school year calendar. It can also be found in your Brightwheel app under Documents.



For staff planning purposes, please click [here](#) and complete the Google form survey indicating your schedule for the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 22.



You are invited to our *Winter Sing a Long* on **Wednesday, December 20**. Classes will be performing on the stage (upstairs) in the Reinsch Auditorium. Please arrive by **4:15PM**.



Discovery Toys are coming to the Early Learning Academy

DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 3:30 – 5:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 8 – 10:30 AM

Shop the BEST in award-winning educational toys, books and games for the children in your life. FREE DISCOVERY TOYS WILL BE EARNED FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM based on sales or you can donate a toy on the TEACHER'S WISH LIST.

Preview the catalog in advance or place an order at:

<https://bit.ly/earlylearningacademytoys> by Thursday, November 16 or call Cindy Connors at 703-868-8697 or e-mail CindyToys@aol.com.



School Highlights and Features

Family-Teacher Conferences

We are anticipating conferences in late January after formal assessments early in the new year. This is due to our delayed opening this past fall. Just a reminder, any time you wish to speak with your child's teacher, you are encouraged to reach out to them to schedule a meeting.



The Parent Directory on Brightwheel is now available

Stay connected with other ELA families with a directory of contact information available from both the web and mobile app!

If you do not want to share your information, you have the option to opt out of sharing your email address or phone number via your web profile.

For more information, click [here](#)



New Faces

As ELA continues to grow, we are seeing new faces. Not just new students, but new staff!

We are excited to have recently welcomed

Mikayla Carter, a graduate student at Marymount University to work with us in the afternoons. And soon, we will have Flor Pena and Karen Marchese added to our growing staff of Assistant Teachers.

ELA is also pleased to be hosting a select group of Marymount University Volunteer Students for this Fall Semester as part of the vision of ELA as a lab school. These students are being advised by ELA Staff and have been happily welcomed by ELA Students into the classrooms.





At Home Fun and Learning

Ms. Eve shares some of her favorite books and activities

November reading list



Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie dePaola

This wordless book is fun to read with your little ones to work on storytelling and connecting pictures to stories. These are important pre reading skills.

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

The Book With No Pictures by B. J. Novak

Try reading this silly book with your little one and watch them laugh until their bellies hurt. They will want to read this book again and again!

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

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

I know we can all be a little worried when trying new things just like Wemberly. Maybe a new friend is waiting for us who is also worried and can help those worries melt away.

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

Activity for home

Art: Popsicle Painting

Our ELA students just love to paint! Have they ever painted with a paint popsicle though? Squirt some paint into ice cube trays and stick a popsicle into each one. Stick the tray in the freezer overnight and allow them to melt just a little bit before the fun begins. Your child will have so much fun gliding their popsicle around their paper to create their masterpiece!



Staff Spotlight

Kimberly Rodriguez - Assistant Teacher

Favorite food: Italian/Strawberries

Favorite hobby: Reading

Favorite Preschool book: If you give a Mouse a Cookie

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite place to visit: the beach

Fun facts: I am a huge Taylor Swift fan and I absolutely love a good cup of coffee!



For more information on Ms. Kimberly and other ELA staff members, please see our [website](#).

Supporting the Family

“As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we may find ourselves reflecting more often on how to raise a thankful child”. Enjoy the article, [Raising a Thankful Child](#), written by Julie A. Riess.



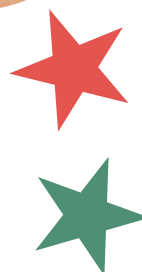
MU Happenings

Friday, December 8 at 5:30PM

Marymount University invites you to their annual Christmas tree lighting with caroling and hot chocolate on the front lawn.



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