



November 7, 2014

Happy Fall ECI Families!

Should you have the opportunity to stop by the Klamath Falls City Schools' district office, take a quick peek in the boardroom. It is decorated with artwork from our ECI classrooms!

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and with that, school schedules include days off. If your child attends either **Ferguson** or **Head Start**, school is not in session during the week of November 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child attends **Mills**, they will be in school on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, but will be off November 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

A representative from the Rotary Club visited ECI on Monday. As in past years, the Rotary Club has graciously offered to provide our preschool students with a holiday party at the fairgrounds in December. We are working on a specific day and time, but the staff is looking forward to the annual celebration! The Rotary Club will bring a gift for each preschooler and provide a snack and beverage to all. Our team has coordinated with a community member who is bringing a horse and carriage so that student may take a ride, if they would like! We will have arts and crafts too. It should be a day of fun and excitement for our students as well as for the Rotary Club. The representative was excited that we wanted to continue with this tradition.

Best Regards,

*Dena Haudenschild*

# **Building Early Literacy Everyday**

*All information from the website:*

<http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-literacy/building-literacy-every-day>

Every time you read a book, write a note, sort the laundry, check the TV listings, or recount the day's happenings, you are using skills young children need to have to be ready to learn to read and write. Here are some simple activities you and your child can do together.

## **Learning New Words**

### Name Games

Play simple naming games with your child. You can ask, "What is This?" or "Where is he/she going?" when you go to the grocery store, go on a walk, or sit and look out the window.

### Everyday Words

Talk to your child as you do everyday tasks such as sorting the laundry or thinking about what to cook. Explain the piles of laundry, for example, "Here are the dark clothes and here are the white clothes." Show your child the ingredients you have for making a meal and name them together.

### Read

Read and reread books about topics your child is interested in. Learn the names of animals, vehicles, plants, and games together.

### Field Trips

Take your child on short trips to new places, such as a florist shop or a park. Talk about what you see along the way and what you see when you get there. When you get home, have your child draw a picture of something he or she saw. Write a caption for the picture.

## **Parent Liaison Corner: Families of Children with Special Needs**

Written by Valerie Smith, Family Liaison

Come join us as we talk about ways to help our children. Please think about discussions/topics that would be helpful to you and I can find speakers or info for those topics.

If you will need **child care** please let me know by **November 12th** so I can make sure that we have enough coverage for all the children. Hope to see you:

November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Early Childhood Intervention Office, 3125 Crosby Avenue

For more information, please contact Valerie Smith  
klamathspecialfamilies@gmail.com

## **Reminder**

If your child will be absent from school and they are transported by school bus, please contact the **Classroom** to notify the teacher of your child's absence and the **Bus Shop** providing transportation for your child (County 541.883.5013 or City 541.883.4716) so that they may adjust their route. When your child is ready to return to school, please contact the Bus Shop to resume bus pickup.

If your child will be missing a scheduled appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so that our staff can make appropriate adjustments to their schedule. Our number is 541.883.4748.

## **Technology**

Just a reminder...ECI has a webpage at <http://www.kfalls.k12.or.us/departments/eci.asp>

The webpage will have explanations of the services ECI provides, ECI newsletters, links to the ASQ screening tool that you may complete during regular check-ups at the pediatrician's office, and other program information.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please send your email address to [haudenshildd@kfalls.k12.or.us](mailto:haudenshildd@kfalls.k12.or.us)