

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
A Ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

SANDBOX NEWS
October 2017

We have experienced a great beginning! The children are adjusting beautifully and we look forward to an exciting year of learning and fun. **Please remember to sign your child in and out each day! It is a state law requirement. It is also very important to check your child's classroom folder each day and to take the contents home.**



We understand that it is not always an easy thing to do, but we must ask you to make every attempt to bring your child to the classroom *no later than 8:30 a.m. each morning*. Each morning, from 8:00-8:30 a.m., children have the opportunity to greet teachers and friends in a stress-free and happy way. **Circle time begins at 8:30 a.m.** Circle time centers around the formal start of the day, as teachers and children discuss thematic concepts and the foundations for artistic experiences. This learning process creates a preschool event rather than a day care experience.

SAFETY GATE

Thank you for your patience using our security gate. Please remember that **only adults** should push the release button for our security gate. Please do not allow your child to push the release button even if you are holding your child. Once they are allowed to push the button, the children believe they can push the gate release button on their own. If we all reinforce the security rule that “only adults may push the button,” the children will know not to try to push the button on their own.

Kindly take a few seconds to make sure the gate closes securely after you have passed through. We will answer your ring as quickly as possible. We need your patience if we do not open the gate at the very moment you ring the bell. **Thank you!**

PARKING

Parking Lot congestion is a problem at drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember that we share the parking lot with the church. **We also need to be considerate of the church members who need the handicap parking spots and leave them open AT ALL TIMES for their use.** Please be considerate to your fellow “parking mates” and exit your space as soon as possible. As always, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.



PICTURE DAYS AT THE ECC



Picture days will be **Tuesday, October 10th**, and **Wednesday, October 11^h** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We are using **LIFETOUCH PRE-SCHOOL PORTRAITS** . **Please remember there is never any obligation to purchase them.**

Please read the following information carefully. Thank you!

TUES. Oct. 10th	Rooms 2 & 5 M-F & Tues/Thurs. Rooms 3,4 & 6 (Tues/Thurs. children only)
WED. Oct. 11th	Rooms 1, 3 ,4 & 6 MWF & M-F Room 2 (MWF children only)

Clothing on Picture Day(s):

Please note: As we are striving for a fun, realistic representation of your child at play during preschool, please dress your child in their everyday school attire. Thank you!

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION REMINDER

Please make sure to activate your Parent Portal accounts. This is how we contact you in case of any emergencies or special events. If you are having any problems activating your account, please contact **Judy Barry (818) 763-5434 ext: 130.**

LAUREL HALL/ECC HOMECOMING – Friday, October 20th

Join us if you can for HOMECOMING. Information regarding activities will be coming soon.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28th from 3-5 p.m. Games, snack, etc. Information to follow.

ECC HALLOWEEN CLASSROOM PARTIES – Monday, October 30th & Tuesday, October 31st, plus costume parade at Laurel Hall. Information will be posted in the classrooms. Please join us if you can.

ECC & LAUREL HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 3rd FOR FALL HOLIDAY.