

Dear ECLC Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. I am looking forward to another amazing year at the ECLC. With our full day schedule for all of our students comes advances in curriculum, related arts classes including physical education, STEAM, art, and music, and many more opportunities for learning through play in preschool.

Our school actively supports the district's vision of ensuring that all students will be leaders of their own learning who are actively engaged and curious members of a global society. The staff guide students in achieving this vision by embracing and fostering an environment of personalized learning in all of our classrooms. Our classrooms are technology rich and support the curious learning and exploring that is wonderful and unique about preschool.

The Early Childhood Learning Center utilizes the Creative Curriculum as the basis for classroom instruction. Student readiness skills are assessed and taught through small group centers in a play-based model. In our classrooms, you will see students engaging with the teacher and support staff in small group learning activities, engaging with their classmates and learning materials, and exploring and playing together. You can learn more about the curriculum at the [Creative Curriculum website](#) and review more resources for families [here](#).

I encourage you to take time to explore our school's website as it contains a wealth of information and highlights many of the amazing opportunities for students here at ECLC. Also, our school welcomes and encourages parent involvement through your child's preschool experience. An important way to become involved is through the PTO. This organization is essential in supporting the efforts of our school and creating meaningful and fun events for ECLC families to share while enhancing the preschool experience for all. The PTO also facilitates a variety of fundraising efforts to support programs and events at our school. Please take time to reach out to the school and ask how you can be involved with the ECLC PTO or email the PTO directly at ECLCfreeholdPTO@gmail.com.

I look forward to a wonderful year filled with learning and exploring for students, staff, and parents. Together as a school community we can create a foundation for learning that will last our students a lifetime.

Thank you,
Rebecca W. Montgomery