

PARENTS' POST

ELP of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church Feb. 2019

From the Director

Dear ELP Families,

We hope you know how much we love you and your children! In the past few days, we have thoroughly enjoyed this very special conference time with you all. We absolutely love bragging on your precious children, and we love discussing their growth and development with you. Just like a proud parent, ELP teachers all love to talk about their students. We are honored to share our experiences with you and express the many ways we love your child! As a director, I could not be prouder about the fact that our teachers here care so deeply about your child.

“Love One Another” (1 John 4:7) As we celebrate our friends and the ones we love this February with Valentines, our children at ELP will be engrossed in multiple opportunities to share and experience their LOVE for each other. Everything we do focuses on love; the way we work, play, and even resolve conflict. Giving your child these precious opportunities in these preschool years is so valuable! Thank you for allowing US at ELP to share Jesus’ love with your child!



Thank you for allowing
Gindy

Register for 2019-20

The Registration Packets for ELP 2019-20 have already been distributed to our in-house students and are encouraged to be returned now. The deadline for in-house registration is **Friday, February 8, Noon.**

Class Confirmations and Admission Forms will be distributed by backpacks the end of March.

Current WCPC members can priority register February 11 & 12.

Alumni Registration will be Wednesday, February 13, by 3 PM

Public Registration Lottery will be held Wed., February 13, 6:30 P.M.

Tours are offered every Wednesday at 10:00 AM, or by Appt.

Quick! Tell your Friends!

Mark Your Calendar

Thur. Feb. 7

All Ears! Family Night, 6 PM

Tue.-Thur., Feb. 5-7

Parent Teacher Conferences-
No Regular ELP class

*Friday is A REGULAR DAY

Fri., February 8, Noon

2019-20 In House Registration
Forms Due !!

Feb. 11 & 12

WCPC Early Registration

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Alumni Registration

Thur., Feb. 13, 6:30 PM

Public Lottery Registration

February 26, 27 & 28

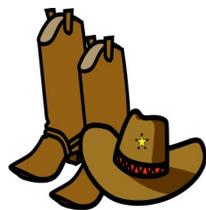
Go Texan —Dress Western

March 11—15

Spring Break

March 26, 27, & 28

Road Rally



RODEO WEEK!!!

February 26, 27, & 28 will be Texas Rodeo Week. We will have a hootin,’ hollerin’ good time with Miss Shelley. She brings the Rodeo theme to life on the side yard. We will be milking the cow, branding the bulls, lassoing and lots of other fun Rodeo activities.

Miss Shelley will have rodeo *motor movement* classes on the side yard and the ELP Rodeo will be in full swing!

**Dress Go Texan on your
Motor movement day!**

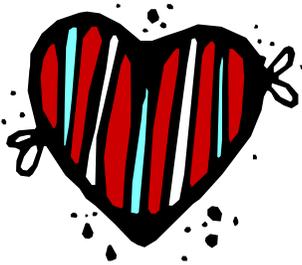


February Bible Verse

“Love One Another”

1 John 4:7





Valentines

Don't forget your valentines!
Classes are sharing valentines, February 12-14. Watch for notes from your child's teachers. It is not too early to have your start making cards!



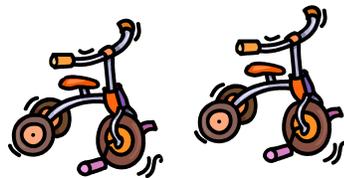
ELP Road Rally

ELP Road Rally is coming up in **March!** (3/26-3/28)

Children need to bring their bike, trike or favorite riding toy, and helmet.

We will rope off part of the parking lot so that the children can Go, Go, Go!

Watch backpacks for a schedule. Don't forget, we also post schedules on Facebook. Friend Us! (at The Early Learning Program)



FAMILY NIGHT

Everyone, please join us at Family Night on **February 7th at 6:00** in the CHEB building. For Childcare Please contact: Shelley Mathay: shelley@allearscenter.org

FUN RUN

Please also join all ELP friends at the Family Fun Run on Feb. 16! Super easy, no preregistration needed! See you at the Track! The Woodlands high School- 11 AM

Child Safety at Dismissal

The hallway at ELP can get crowded, especially at noon due to AM and PM dismissal and arrival overlaps.

If you are not using carline, we ask that you please plan to pick up your child promptly at 11:55.

If you arrive on foot later than 11:55, please pick up your child under the awning next to car line.

It is very important that we have a less congested hallway so that children exiting and entering with their teachers are not mixed into the wrong classes. It can be confusing to them.

Once 11:55 passes, please meet your child under the awning. Please do not take your child out of line or from a class in route. Teachers must sign out each child and cannot do so safely while walking and monitoring their group. Thank you!!!

CHAPEL TIME!

This month we will begin our springtime, school wide chapel theme of the Fruit of the Spirit, as outlined in Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Every week for the next 9 weeks using stories, games, and music, we will explore each aspect beginning with love and ending with self-control. It just makes my heart smile when I see how each year God has blessed this particular theme throughout our school. Without a doubt, the Fruit of the Spirit is flourishing with abundance at ELP! Through the years these kids have truly embraced and internalized what it means to have a bountiful harvest of our Lord's fruit.

But, maybe you're wondering, "What is the Fruit of the Spirit?" You see, all believers of Christ already have this fruit available to us. We don't even have to ask God for love, joy, or peace, etc... we already have it! However, as we mature in our walk with the Lord, our yield of fruit becomes more and more plentiful. I mean, seriously, who wouldn't want more peace and patience in their life? While some of these attributes are easier to achieve than others (even at 54, I'm still working on that self-control one!) it is impossible to experience a full yield without knowing and trusting that God has our backs, fronts,

sides, tops, and everything in between. Moms and Dads of precious little ones, I encourage you to embark on a journey to nourish your mind, body and soul with His wisdom. Let our Heavenly Father guide your steps along the path that He has ALREADY set for you. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future..."-Jeremiah 29:11. I promise your life will reap a harvest rich with blessings, just as God intended.



Reminder!
Blood Drive
Feb. 10 at WCPC

Please come!
Contact Jennifer Robinson
If you have questions or for info:
hitholiday@yahoo.com

Unplug Your Children

Is the TV or computer constantly in use or background noise in your home?

Does your child sit hypnotized in front of the "TUBE" or the computer?

Do you use one of these to keep your child occupied so you can do something independently?

These questions are important because televisions and computers have become surrogate parents and teachers for millions of American children.

There is much to be learned from televisions and computer games but there is concern about the excessive amount of usage and the developmental stages of children exposed.

Marie Wimm, author of *The Plug In Drug – Televisions*; believes that while TV viewing makes life easier for parents, it is disadvantaging their child.

These children do not learn to use their own time effectively, they do not learn to be active doers, and even do not learn how to work.

Instead they are passive observers and become hyper focused, learning by watching someone else rather than directly and personally acquiring new skills and relationships.

When children sacrifice playtime for televisions, they miss out on the make-believe play that is an outlet and resolution for anger, jealousy and fear.

There is no social involvement, or problem solving practice, or team work when viewing TV or computer programs.

Televisions and computers may substitute for genuine family companionship, the reading aloud of storybooks and sharing of ideas and experiences, some families manage a type of togetherness because there is only one TV in the house.

On the other hand, so many families own more than one set that it isn't even necessary to negotiate or engage in compromise which programs are watched. The family splits up and each person chooses his or her own program.

To stop the alienation that excessive TV and computer usage promotes, parents must agree about a television viewing and then vigorously set rules for themselves and their children.

LET'S START LEARNING AND HAVING FUN!!

Right from Wrong

Developmentally, a child under 3 has no real ethical ability. In one study, psychologists made an interesting discovery. When they told toddlers to sit in a room alone but not peek at the toy behind them, they were *not* able not to peek. What I find really fascinating is this: When they asked each child, "Did you peek?" none of them were able to lie!

By age 5, however, most children would not admit they peeked. Now aware of the rules and the repercussions of knowing right from wrong, they often chose to do "wrong" and say they hadn't.

What does this mean to a parent? It means that building a conscience takes years. No child was ever civilized by one well-chosen phrase of correction. No child was ever civilized without many, many repetitions of both words and deeds by his parents, who set the tone and expectation of knowing right from wrong.

The single most important way a parent can raise a principled child is through example. In parenting we call this *modeling*. Although this sounds obvious, sometimes in practice it may be harder than we think.

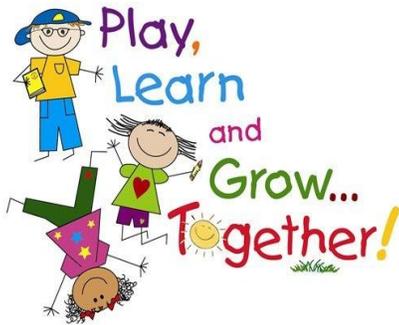
From *Big Lessons for Little People* by Lois Nachamie Quoteworthy



Check it Out

Don't forget to check your child's classroom blog/ Shutterfly on a regular basis. Teachers post classroom happenings, upcoming events and well as great photos!





Why Is Early Childhood Education So Important?

At ELP, we are especially passionate about SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, and feel that it is one of the main reasons why preschool is so important.

Many parents will be asking as they take tours of our program and visit us in conferences, "what are your teachers doing to get our child ready for Elementary school?" We love this question, so please ask!!!

Here's one of the many answers you are sure to hear:

Our preschool offers children many diverse opportunities to communicate and interact. Today, many children are not prepared in this area of development and research shows a direct correlation between academic success and social and emotional development. Children at ELP build self confidence in a child-directed, play based program. Curiosity and confidence is developed by your child taking interest in others and in the world in and outside of his home. Our children learn self management skills and the ability to cooperate and communicate with their peers in our classrooms settings and our large outdoor classroom!

According to Libby Ethridge, President of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, children who attend early-learning programs demonstrate higher levels of school achievement and better social adjustment than those who have no formal early education.

When you choose to place your child in a language rich preschool that is full of play based experiences, you are making a decision that will last a lifetime!

Every Day I have My Child To Raise Over Again

Every day I have my child to raise over again.

I will build self-esteem first, and the house later.

I will finger-paint more, and point the finger less.

I will do less correcting and more connecting.

I will take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.

I will care to know less and know to care more.

I will take more hikes and fly more kites.

I will stop playing serious, and seriously play.

I will run through more fields and gaze at more stars.

I will do more hugging and less tugging.

I will be firm less often and affirm much more.

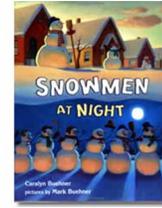
I will model less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.



Parents, YOU can teach your preschooler **prewriting** and **writing skills**! Don't wait for *only* the teachers to do it because it's quite simple!

Writing your child's dictated sentences has a huge value! You are teaching them that written print has meaning and that it is important. You are modeling writing and are actually "teaching" prewriting and prereading skills, try it!

Once your child gains confidence, you can then have a "shared pen" experience next! Oh the possibilities!!!



REAL SNOWMEN SIGHTINGS!

In The Woodlands, TX.

Listen to what some of our PreK 4's in the Penguin class said when asked what a snowman does all night: Some of these will *melt* your heart!

"At Night my snowman...."

"Goes ice skating and eats all the cookies." Major

"Sleds like I did on snow day!" Case

"Would play with a kitty cat." Rylan

"Sleeps, and has sweet dreams with unicorns." Isabel

"Puts his stuff down. His mittens, scarf, and hat so he could sleep." Rylie

"Eats candy and ice cream, and plays the Wii!" Maris

"Goes sledding with Penguin Pete!" Megan

"Goes ice skating, has snowball fights, and slides down on a sled." Cora

"Would melt. He would play with snowballs." Hazel

TAKE A PARENT QUIZ ON THE NEXT PAGE!

Answer Key to Parent Quiz
HONEST KIDS (pg.5)

1. B
2. B
3. A

BUILDING CHARACTER IN YOUR KIDS



3 Surprising Tips for Raising Honest Kids

greatschools.org

Want your child to tell the truth? Here's what research shows really works-and common mistakes that actually encourage lying.

First, take this test and see how you fare: (find answers on page 4 of this newsletter)

1. Telling kids one of these classic stories reduces lying: Which one is it?
 - A. The boy who cried wolf
 - B. George Washington and the cherry tree
2. Does punishing kids for lying make them more honest?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
3. If you ask kids to PROMISE to tell the truth, will they?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

How did you score? Don't feel bad, you aren't alone! We are in this together!
Read what the research says about these answers and why:

1. Studies show that this story inspired kids to be truthful because it was about honesty and a positive reaction.
2. Research shows that punishment does not encourage kids to tell the truth. Harsh punishment makes kids become better liars. To encourage honesty, recognize when your children are honest and show that you value it!
3. Having kids promise to be honest before asking them the question makes them more likely to tell the truth. Showing the YOU value honesty and by POSITIVELY REINFORCING it will help raise honest kids.



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Parent/Teacher Conferences No Classes			Registration Due at Noon	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Public Registration 6:30 PM			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Holiday No School					
24	25	26	27	28		
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