

## Early Childhood Center

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### EC Kindergarten Staff:

Melissa Barnes	Alice Buckner
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## Republic R-III Early Childhood Center School News, November 2009

### EC Mission:

As early educators, we pledge to accept each child at where he or she is in the developmental process. We will utilize all available resources in an eclectic, team-based approach to emphasize the child's strengths. We will set high expectations for personal potential in our students and ourselves in order to aid the children during their journey toward first grade.



### Our mission into practice with students ~

With the close of October, comes the end of the first quarter and the excitement of kindergarten students receiving their very first school grade cards! The preschool and kindergarten teachers have met with parents individually at school conferences or through home visits to discuss student progress in both academic and personal skills.

## An Evaluation of Student Progress KINDERGARTEN

Republic R-III School District  
720 N. Main  
Republic, MO 65738

Student:

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Teacher:

School Year 2009 - 2010



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10/30/09 EC student enrollment:

362 attending kindergarten

157 attending preschool

Average class size of 20

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### Our mission into practice in professional growth ~

Many of the kindergarten teachers are learning about the components of the literacy instruction models Readers' Workshop and Writers' Workshop. Some EC staff already attended the Comprehensive Literacy Conference in Little Rock October 10-13, and other EC teachers are planning to attend the Missouri Association of Reading Recovery Educators Conference in St. Louis November 10-12.

We are also honored to work with early childhood teachers from across the Southwest Missouri region again this year. Groups from Ava, Galena, Joplin and Aurora have all come to tour EC, and we have received phone inquiries about our program from Seymore school district and Marionville school district.



### Our mission into practice in our community ~

The annual EC Scholastic Bookfair and Fun Night was October 8<sup>th</sup>. EC families came to school on Thursday evening to enjoy a chili supper to benefit Relay for Life, educational activities for ages 0-6, and visit the Bookfair. Our many thanks to all of the families who participated - the Bookfair brought in nearly \$2,000 and the Relay team earned over \$725.

**Hooray!**

In preparation for the holiday season, EC is once again participating in the peanut butter and jelly food drive for People Helping People. Our goal is to collect one unopened jar of either peanut butter or jelly from each student attending EC...519 jars in all for distribution through the People Helping People food baskets. You may send plastic jars to school in your child's backpack or drop off glass jars at the front office starting Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### Other news to note ~

Although school attendance has been an issue at times throughout the district due to flu-like ailments, EC has continued to have great student attendance. The classes with the highest percentage of daily attendance for each of the months we have been in school this year are:

- August ~ Chrissy Lawson's kindergarten class with 98% attendance
- September ~ Carissa Thomas' kindergarten class with 97% attendance
- October (four-way tie!) ~ Jill Clock's kindergarten class, Carrie Davis' kindergarten class, Shelly Holt's kindergarten class, and Lisa McCroskey's kindergarten class all with 94% attendance. *Congratulations!*

Parents: Please remember school calendar information is available through the main school website or on the EC website at <http://www.republicschools.org/pages/buildings/ec/index.html>



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