

## Early Childhood Center

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### 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 ~

The kindergarten teachers have been tracking their students' achievement in several pre-reading skills. To date, nearly every student recognizes all of the alphabet letters - both capital and lowercase; has developed the ability to hear rhymes; and knows the sounds that letters make. After the January round of assessments, we were very pleased to find the majority of students are able to recognize many of the basic sight words as well. To build on this, the kindergarten teachers have introduced the use of beginning-reader books into the daily schedule now that so many of the students are ready to read.



#### Our mission into practice in professional growth ~

For many teachers, the month of February brings the annual PLAY conference (Professional Learning about Youngsters) in Lamar. Featured speakers at the PLAY conference include Priscilla Howe, Dr. Brad Mears, and Dr. Larry Deaton. Breakout sessions presented this year will include EC teachers Laurie Ruckman and Melanie Miller. Congratulations, ladies!



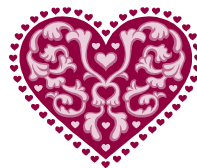
#### Our mission into practice in our community ~

For the students, though, the month of February all about special activities! February 1<sup>st</sup> was the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, Groundhogs' Day on February 2<sup>nd</sup> helped forecast the winter weather, February 12<sup>th</sup> marks the PTO-sponsored "Friendship Party," and classes will be cancelled on February 15<sup>th</sup> for teachers to participate in school improvement activities. Whew ~ what a busy time!



#### Other news to note ~

Congratulations to the students of Mrs. Rogers' kindergarten class! They had the highest average daily attendance rate for the month of January, with 96%. Way to go!



#### EC student enrollment:

367 attending kdg  
162 attending preschool

Average class size of 20

“...encouraging *E*ach *C*hild's potential.”