



Principal's Newsletter

September 2010 * St. Ann's Early Learning Center

"Given the right condition, all children can learn"



ELC Happenings

- Aug 27 First Day of School
- Sept. 6 Labor Day - Holiday
- Sept. 13-17 Heritage Week
- Sept. 15 First School Mass
8:15am in Church
Launch & Kupuna Day
- Sept. 17 Aloha Week Begins
Aloha Attire
10:45am ELC Prayer
- Sept. 22 12:30 Early Dismissal
Please be Prompt!
6:30pm OPEN HOUSE
- Sept 24 Aloha Attire
10:45am ELC Prayer
- Sept. 30 ELC Birthday
Celebration
- Oct. 1 SCH/ELC Fundraiser
Begins.
10:45am ELC Prayer
- Oct. 4 St. Francis of Assisi
Blessing.
- Oct. 6 SCH/ELC Accreditation
Work Day. No School
- Oct. 7-12 Aloun Pumpkin Farm

Welcome to the ELC!

We would like to welcome all our children and their families back for a wonderful new school year! Now that the summer is behind us, it's time to settle down and prepare for a wonderful school year. We have many new and exciting experiences in store for our keiki. The children are already adjusting to their new school environment with enthusiasm and energy. The children are discovering new things about their school environment, their teachers, their new friends, and of course, themselves. We hope that your child has shared these new experiences with you and thank you for choosing St. Ann's Early Learning Center.

Reminders

* ELC Parking: Please remember to park in the big Church/School parking lot and walk your child to the ELC. Please do not walk through the construction zone. **This is for your safety.** Also, only employees of St. Ann's are allowed to drive on to campus to park. Again, please use the front parking lot for your parking needs.

* No Outside Food or over the counter Medications are allowed in the mailboxes or cubbies. All food or over the counter medication items found in the mailboxes or cubbies will be automatically discarded. Please help us to comply with DHS and Federal Food program rules and regulations.

* Excursions. All children must ride the bus when we go on our excursions. Please be on time. Should your child miss the bus you will be asked to take them home. Children will not be released from excursion site. All children must return to school on the bus. Parents may sign them out at classrooms.

* Parent Representatives will have a class listing of your name, child's name, email address and phone number. This is so that they can keep you informed and up to date with school and class activities and events. This information will only be given to the parent representative. Please stop by the office if you do not want to have your information on the list. Thank you!

Meet the ELC 2010

Dinosaurs

Mrs. Yamada, Ms. Dalire, and Mrs. Chun are very excited to begin a new school year with our dinosaur ohana. Aiding the teachers are Mrs. Goodhue and Mrs. Larrison. This will be a monumental year of growth for both you and your child. We look forward to partnering with you in this new chapter of your child's life. Know that we are always here to answer any questions that you have so please feel free to come and see us.



Dolphins

Our 4 year old program has the most amazing and talented individuals. Mrs. Elena Navarro, Mrs. Cindy Achong, and Mrs. Kimberly Funn have been teaching for many years. Together we've been nurturing children for a total of 71 WHOPPING YEARS, 30 of which we spent here at St. Ann's. By our sides, Ms. Jennifer Maili, Ms. Jenna Aton, and Ms. Rosary-Joy Saavedra support us in our daily adventures. Together, we form the most unique and "FUNN-loving" team any school could ask for.



Bears

Here at the ELC we have two Kindergarten classes, the Blue Bears and the Green Bears. The Blue Bears are led by Ms. Audrey Tim and aided by Ms. Napua Bagano. The Green bears are led by Mrs. Kehau Bugado and aided by Mrs. Lisa Bastatas. Floating between the two classes is Mrs. Margaret Aton who works with those who might need a little more care. Ms. Tim has been with St. Ann's for many years and is one of the first teachers to help open the ELC 21 years ago. Mrs. Bugado comes with a multitude of experience in various age groups. Mrs. Bagano, Mrs. Bastatas, and Mrs. Aton have been with us for several years. They are undoubtedly important to our program and without them we would not be as successful as we are. We are looking forward to working with the children of the ELC and watching them bloom in God's beautiful garden, THE ELC.



Meet Our New Faculty 2010

This year we are happy to introduce to you two new aides in our Dolphin groups.

Rosary Joy Saavedra



Ms. Saavedra is a 2003 Castle High School graduate and recently graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Ms. Saavedra was an assistant student helper in the Kaneohe Library and is excited to join our faculty. Ms. Saavedra attended the Teaching Academy during the summer and presented an excellent lesson plan. She will be working with Mrs. Funn this school year as her aide.

Jennifer Haili

Ms. Haili is a 2008 Castle High School graduate. She was our long-term substitute last school year in the 4 year olds as well as our summer afternoon aide in the Kindergarten class. She also attended the Teaching Academy and presented an excellent lesson plan on how to build a square with pretzels. She will be working with Mrs. Navarro this school year as her aide.



September Bookshelf



Fall has now begun & we're all getting used to the school routine. Now is the perfect time to establish or start a regular reading routine with your child at home. Visit the public library together – make it a weekly treat! Here are a few great stories you can borrow & take home to share today!

Mama Loves You

by Caroline Stutson

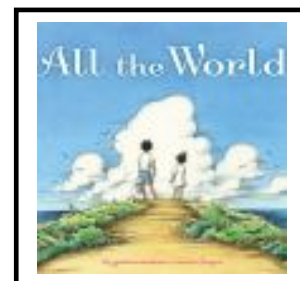
In this cute little book we see how Mamas love their little ones – even in the animal kingdom! Every kind of Mama from Porcupines to Ladybugs love their babies. You KNOW how much your Mama loves you, right!



All the World

by Liz Garton Scanlon

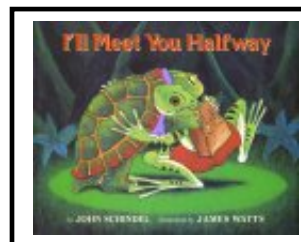
This is a simply illustrated poem that shows children how we are all part of the world and how the world around is part of us, too. It's a Caldecott Honor Book for lots of excellent reasons! Each picture also opens up wonderful conversation opportunities between you and your child.



I'll Meet You Halfway

by John Schindel

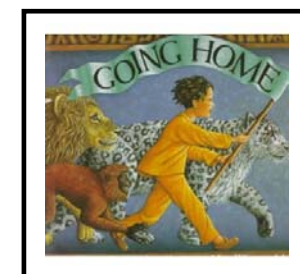
Titus Turtle and Fuller Frog are best friends. They agree to meet each other halfway between their homes to visit. Each one brings along a special present for the other. You'll never guess what happens along the way!



Going Home

by Margaret Wild

Hugo is a sick boy staying in a hospital right next to a zoo. He's getting better and wants very much to go home. While he's there, he imagines traveling to Africa, the Amazon – all over the world with his animal friends from the zoo. When he gets to return home, he shares his special secret with some other children in the hospital!



Blue Rabbit and Friends

by Christopher Wormell

There was a blue rabbit who lived in a cave in the middle of a dark forest. He didn't like his home & decided to find somewhere better to live. He sets off on a journey meeting new friends along the way. The friends exchange their old houses for new ones that are just perfect for them – all except Blue Rabbit. He finds something even BETTER!

