

JULY 2017

Eternity Christian Pre-Kindergarten Prodigy Silver and Prodigy Gold

Daily Activities:

Tuesday- Water Day Children are to have bathing suits under clothing when they arrive in the morning and please send a towel and additional clothes in a plastic bag. Ages 3-5 only Weather Permitting

Wednesday- Field trips for Ages 5 ONLY

Thursday- Book Reading Circle Day may bring a book from home for the teacher to read to the class. Must be age appropriate.

Fall Classes Are Filling Fast!!!

If you have friends and family members who would like their child(ren) here at ECS. Please have them register for fall class NOW!!! We are filling up quickly.

Additional Items:

- 1) All Daycare payments are to be made on Mondays. Late Payment fee is \$20.00 per week. No exceptions!!
- 2) Please have an extra change of clothes here for your child!
- 3) If your child is going to be out of daycare for the day, please call the office that morning.
- 4) NO SANDALS

CLOSED

Tuesday July 4, 2017 Independence Day

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Parenting Tips Corner:

Promoting Independence

While 3- and 4-year-olds still need plenty of parental help, our preschool experts agree that kids are typically able to do more than many of us think. Here's how you can encourage them:

1. Expect more. Most people have a way of living up (or down) to expectations -- preschoolers included. "At school we expect the kids to pour their own water at snack, to throw away their plates, to hang up their jackets -- and they do," says Jennifer Zebooker, a teacher at the 92nd Street Y Nursery School, in New York City. "But then they'll walk out of the classroom and the thumb goes in the mouth and they climb into strollers." Raise the bar and your child will probably stretch to meet it.

2. Resist doing for her what she can do herself. While it may be quicker and easier to do it yourself, it won't help to make your child more self-sufficient. Quick hint: Appeal to her sense of pride, suggests Donna Jones, a preschool teacher at Southern Oregon University's Schneider Children's Center in Ashland, Oregon. "Whenever I'm trying to get kids to dress, put jackets on, sit on chairs during meals and so on, I'll ask them: 'Do you want me to help you or can you do it yourself?' Those words are like magic," promises Jones. "The kids always want to do it for themselves."

3. Don't redo what they've done. If your child makes her bed, resist the urge to smooth the blankets. If she dresses herself in stripes and polka dots, compliment her "eclectic" style. Unless absolutely necessary, don't fix what your child accomplishes, says Kathy Buss, director of the Weekday Nursery School, in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. She will notice and it may discourage her.

4. Let them solve simple problems. If you see your child trying to assemble a toy or get a book from a shelf that she can reach if she stands on her stepstool, pause before racing over to help. "Provided that they are safe, those moments when you don't rush in, when you give children a moment to solve things for themselves, those are the character-building moments," says Zebooker. "It's natural to want to make everything perfect, but if we do, we cheat kids of the chance to experience success."

5. Assign a chore. Putting your preschooler in charge of a regular, simple task will build her confidence and sense of competency, says Buss. A child who is entrusted to water the plants or empty the clothes dryer is likely to believe she can also get dressed herself or pour her own cereal. Just be sure the chore you assign is manageable and that it's real work, not busywork, since even preschoolers know the difference. The goal is to make your child feel like a capable, contributing member of the family.

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