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Outrageous October at EVCS!

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Greetings!

Greetings EVCS Parents!

We are excited to share news and happenings with you and let you know what's coming up ahead! This bi-weekly E-newsletter will be a great way for us to connect with you on a regular basis!!

EVCS Pursuing Full Licensing

EVCS is embarking on an exciting journey in pursuit of becoming fully licensed by Community Care Licensing Division of California. As you know, our school has been under exempt operating status, but we are entering a brand new phase! This will be both an interesting and challenging process.

Ultimately, this change will allow for growth in the scope of our program and more learning opportunities for your children.

In the midst of, and upon completion of obtaining a full license you will notice a handful of changes here on campus. For example, parents will no longer need to re-enroll children every twelve weeks. Only one enrollment application will be required at the beginning of each school year. You may also notice some temporary changes in the roles and titles of our staff, as we adhere to strict regulations.

Your patience is appreciated as we are learning this process, and acclimating as we go!

Connect With EVCS on Facebook!



EVCS is now on Facebook and we would love to connect!

Check in regularly for school news and updates. We will also be posting about upcoming events, enrichment days and photos of school happenings.

Click on the image or quick link to the left to connect!

Parent Pager System



Thank you for your continued patience as we settle into routine check-in with our new biometrics system.

We are happy to be able to offer an increased security measure to ensure the safety and well-being of your child during the school day.

Parent pager systems are located near both classrooms, and EVCS staff members are more than happy to help with any questions you may have.

Weekly Themes & Bible Story Topics



	<u>Happy Trackers</u>	<u>Trailblazers</u>
Week of Oct 4 th :	Bugs	Insects
Week of Oct 11 th :	Animals on the Farm	Farming with Animals

Reminders



Safe and Secure Shoe Choices

Please help us reduce the number of "ouchies" this school year by sending your child to school wearing shoes that remain securely on his/her feet. Open toed-shoes, such as girls' sandals, are acceptable as long as the shoe is kept securely on the foot. In our experience, flip-flops and other slip-ons create hazards for running children!

Potty Praise

We'd like to thank you for your kind consideration and follow-through of our "potty-break-upon-arrival" routine. By having your child make this potty stop *before* the day begins, you are helping us insure that your child is getting the most out of his/her morning learning time! In addition to special requests, all students receive bathroom breaks at approximately 10:15am, and again if needed, at about 11:30am. Thank you for your ongoing support with this!

EVCS Menu's

If you have not already done so, please pick up your copy of the months breakfast and snack menu at any check-in kiosk.

Family Time!



Make a trip, make a memory! Share *your* excitement for learning by visiting one or more of these great locations to further enrich your child's learning...

The Oakland Zoo!

Did you know that a membership to the Oakland Zoo gets you a 50% discount on many family-friendly museums throughout the Bay Area as well as a 50% discount at the newly renovated Happy Hollow Park & Zoo?! While you're exploring the zoo, ask your child to teach you about some of the animals and their homes/habitats. Marvel in God's creations...plant life, animal life, and family time!!

Long Marine Laboratory and Aquarium

This inexpensive aquarium experience is a nice alternative to the pricey (yet wonderful!) Monterey Bay Aquarium. They have a bit of everything! The kids will enjoy the touch pool, full-sized whale skeletons, and even a couple of research pools with dolphins available for viewing! Be sure to sign-up for their guided tour to learn all kinds of interesting facts on whales!

Admission is as follows: Adults \$6 Children (4-16) \$4

More resources

See **celebrate-family.com** for many free and very affordable events happening in our community and throughout the Bay Area. Events are listed daily and make great additions to your families' week day or weekend fun!

Recess Fun

PLAY
TIME

We've introduced "ready-set-go" games such as Races and Duck, duck, goose. The tricky part is getting your child to wait and listen for the "Go!" or "Goose" *before* starting. Waiting is a wonderful social skill to build-on at home and at the park. After all, waiting to do it *with* friends is half the fun!

Mark Your Calendars



Let Enrichment Tuesdays begin!!

Now that your kidlets have had some time to acclimate to their peers and are learning to accept teacher direction, we're ready to begin our enrichment days!

Except for months with special holidays, plan on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month for these events. We are making an attempt to alternate in-house visitors and special activities on one Tuesday and then a "Family Field Trip," the next time. These events will always be related to the learning theme of the

week. Please look for updates on these activities in our newsletter, as well as a flyer located at your check-in kiosk. Please see Corrina or Lisa with questions.

We will be embarking on our first official enrichment Tuesday on October 12th at [Emma Prusch Farm](#) in San Jose - see flyer for details.

Announcements



Preschool Portrait Day!

Lil' Angels Photography Studio will be on campus Wednesday, October 13th for student portraits!! Each child will be photographed but there is no obligation to buy. The studio has guaranteed delivery in time for Christmas, too!

Psalms 139:13-14 - "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Love and Blessings,
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