

Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism,
they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility,
they learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule,
they learn to be shy.

If children live with shame,
they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement,
they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance,
they learn patience.

If children live with praise,
they learn to appreciate.

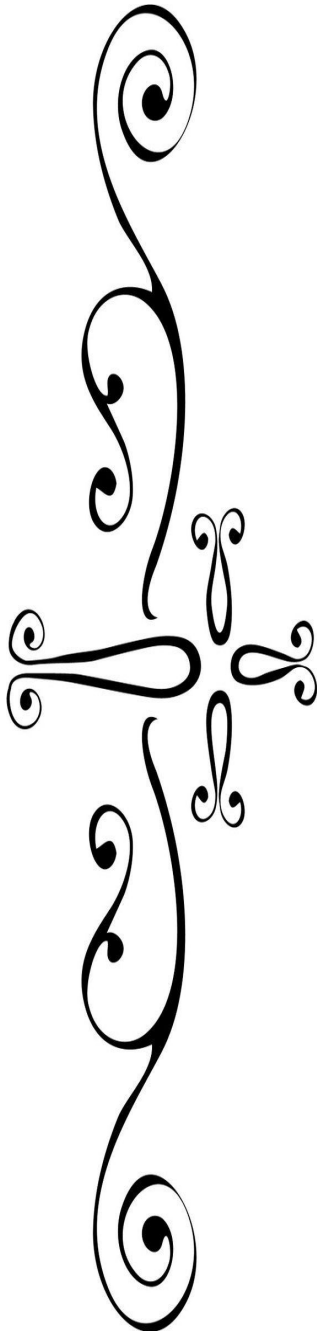

If children live with acceptance,
they learn to love.

If children live with approval,
they learn to like themselves.

If children live with honesty,
they learn truthfulness.

If children live with security,
they learn to have faith.

If children live with friendliness,
they learn the world is a nice place to live.



May 25, 2023

Dear families of DEC,

We have reached the end of the school year. The children and staff have persevered together and grown stronger as a result. Parents, guardians and caregivers have been there every step along the way to support their children and school staff. It has definitely been a team approach that has allowed the school community at DEC to maintain focus as we all acclimate to a post pandemic way of life.

As we wind down the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our transition students a warm farewell and success as they advance on to kindergarten. Thank you, parents for participating in the transition planning meetings and helping with the decorations for the transition ceremony.

Best wishes to families who will be moving away and leaving our school community. It has been an honor to have your child in the program.

We cherish our volunteers and policy council members. You are a significant resource in helping to create a supportive and welcoming environment.

For staff who will be leaving DEC at the end of the school year, I wish you all the best. Thank you for the lasting impact you have had on the children and staff at DEC.

As we prepare for the next school year, we are excited to get back to the level of normalcy that we grew accustomed to in years past which will allow us to thrive together in SY 23_24.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully and with gratitude.

Ruth Hidalgo

Director



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 1—Encinal & Seama Classroom Field Trip

June 2—Paguete Classroom Field Trip

June 5—Laguna Classroom Field Trip

June 7—10:00 am Policy Council Meeting (temp/check-in at front office. Wear a mask while on site)

June 9—Transition Ceremonies @ LES gym

-10:00 am Paguate

-12:30 pm Laguna

June 14—Flag Day

11:00 am Family Service Providers Parent Education (temp/check-in at front office. Wear a mask while on site)

June 18—Father's Day

June 21—First day of summer

June 23—Last day of school



Parent Reminders

Covid safe practices for DEC (with the exception of testing) remain in effect until the end of the school year. Please remember all individuals 2 years and older must wear a mask while on DEC campus.

Please drop-off/pick-up your children at/from school on time. EHS begins at 8:45 am and ends at 3:30 pm. PHS begins at 9:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm.

Breakfast ends at 9:15 am for EHS and 9:30 am for PHS.

Sunnyside Classroom

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**6/1 Tie-dye Day
STEAM ACTIVITY**

6/9 Father's Day Activity

6/12-16 Spirit Week

6/15 Nutrition Activity: Summer fruits/vegetables

6/20 PHS Transition Ceremonies

NEW WORDS TO LEARN

Sandals, sneakers, clogs, rain/snow boots, ballet, tap, slippers

Cultural Vocabulary:

Wild tea, cedar, all the colors

Color of the month:

Tye-dye



Classroom News!

We are down to our last month for the year. It has been great getting to know the children and families. I want to thank all my families for a great program year and giving me the opportunity to share in the growth of your child(ren).

I want to thank the fathers for the demonstration and information on planting. Thank you for the gardens by the classroom and planting our corn around our classrooms. The children are watching the corn grow.

The children have had a wonderful time picking up, touching, and looking at the different rocks we have found. We painted rocks to put around our gardens.

The theme for the month of June is shoes. The children will have an opportunity to have hands-on exploration of the different shoes there are. Learning how to put on/take off our shoes and how they get us around. At home, you will explore the different kinds of shoes you have: describing, touching, putting on/taking off, and learning how they get us around.

The Culture theme is Wild Tea/Cedar. The children will have an opportunity to observe and taste.

The Health Theme is Summer Safety. The children will learn about summer safety and activities they can do for the summer.



ACHIEVEMENTS/ MILESTONES

The children have adjusted well to the changes in the classroom, welcoming a new teacher and a new friend into the classroom.

The children's gross motor skills have grown. Two of the children are running, three are using a hurried walk, and one is in the process of walking. All the children are climbing on the furniture.

The children are interested in books, pointing and looking at the pictures.

DATES TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY AA - 6/9

June 23, 2023 Last day of school

HAVE A SAFE & FUN SUMMER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 01-Tie-Dye Day
- June 09-Father's Day
- June 12-16-Spirit Week
- June 15-Summer Fruits/
Vegetables
- June 23-Last Day of School

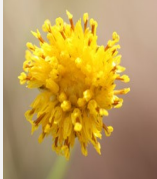
Classroom News!

Our Creative Curriculum theme for this month is "Shoes". We will focus on what shoes look like, how to take them off and put them back on, how our shoes are the same and different, how shoes help us and lastly compare shoe sizes. Our Health Focus is: Summer Safety: We will read and look at pictures of summer safety. Cultural Lifeways Curriculum will focus on Wild Tea and Cedar. Children will identify wild tea. Our babies will use tea for sensory: smell, touch and feel bags and laminate tea.

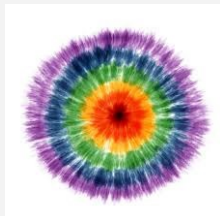


NEW WORDS TO LEARN IN

**May:
Wild Tea
Cedar**



**Color of the month:
Tie-Dye**



Achievements/ MILESTONES

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude and say thank you to our parents who have participated in our activities throughout the school year. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules to have spent time with us. Parents, thank you for sending your child/children to school all year and keeping that 85 % or better for their attendance. It has been a privilege and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your child's teacher. We have grown tremendously in our overall developmental and growth areas together especially in our social-emotional development, physical, and communication skills. I know it was very tough and hard to separate from our families (parents/guardians'/grandparents) however, we have done it and that shows how we've all grown to trust, have that sense of belonging, care and love for each other.

DATE TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

June 19- J.M.
June 23-Last Day of School



Turquoise Springs

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/1 STEAM
6/1 wear something Tye Dye
6/9 Father's Day Activity
6/12-16 Spirit week
6/20 PHS Transition Ceremonies



NEW WORDS TO LEARN IN June:

Wild Tea
Wild Cedar
Sun
Water
Watermelon
Squash
Flower



Classroom News!

Cultural Curriculum: We will study the "Wild Tea/Cedar", take a walk around campus to pick the Tea, take back to the classroom to bundle and wait for it to dry. We will boil the Tea and drink it. We will use the Cedar to paint pictures.

Creative Curriculum: Our study for the month will be about "Shoes". We will look at different types of shoes, different colors, and textures.

Nutrition Activity: This month we will talk/observe summer fruits/vegetables; paint with the fruits/vegetables; taste/eat and make a chart of which one we liked best.

Health Activity: The topic will be focused on "Summer Safety", the uses of sunscreen, wearing a hat, and sunglasses. Look out for all the creatures that have been in hibernation, along with insects. Stay hydrated when out in the sun.

ACHIEVEMENTS/ MILESTONES

With the Program Year coming to a close, we would like to Thank the parents and families who took the time to bring your child to school so he/she could learn, make friends, and have fun. Your participation in your child's education helps them to grow. During the time off continue to read books and have conversations about the book, it expands their vocabulary. Sing songs, count items, name colors, and shapes even when driving in the car. Continue to encourage your child to use their self-help skills (when using the restroom, pulling down their pants/pulling it back up, washing their hands, throwing their trash away, wiping up small messes and picking up their toys. We used the words "you try first or help me please" and they learned to follow through. Again, thank you for sharing your child with us, it has been a great year! See you around.

Go for walks, play at a park, have a picnic, play in the mud/water....Have Fun!

DATE TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday A. G.

Last Day of School 6/23/23

CASA BLANCA

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/1 Tie-Dye Day STEAM activity
- 6/9 Father's Day activity
- 6/12-16 Spirit Week
- 6/15 Summer fruits/vegetables nutrition activity
- 6/23 Last day of school



NEW WORDS TO LEARN IN JUNE:

- Sandals
- Clogs
- Sneakers
- Boots
- Rain boots
- Slippers
- Flip flops



Classroom News!

Our study for the month of June is "Shoes"! Keep your eyes watching for any activities we will ask of families this month; such as, bringing slippers to wear at school or bringing a pair of rain boots. This is only if you have these kinds of shoes at home. Rain boots are kind of unnecessary in an arid climate.

Also, we teachers would like to encourage families to get involved with the parent committee. Although the school year is coming to a close, we can plan for the next year to be more inclusive of our families. Every year is filled with holidays and celebrations that I would like to see more memories made with our EHS families.



ACHIEVEMENTS/ MILESTONES

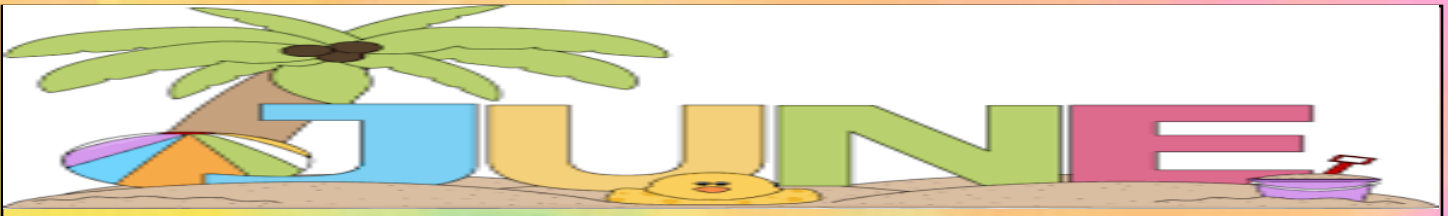
Throughout the school year, your children have practiced self-regulation skills that have helped them be able to wait to play with a favorite toy or find something else to play with; learn classroom rules (although running in the classroom is still more fun than walking); and, demonstrate that they have confidence in meeting their own needs.

Our classroom rules followed guidelines from the Conscious Discipline and Creative Curriculum, Watching Eyes, Listening Ears, Quiet Voices, Helping Hands, and Walking Feet. Reminders may be needed, but as long as the rules are simple the children will remember! Feel free to use these reminders at home, in your car, or at the store.

DATE TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

*Happy Birthday, RP! He's turning three this month!
We also have 4 children turning three in July! Happy Summer Birthdays to MM,
MM, EE, and DPJ!*

They've been talking about riding the school bus all year long!



Encinal Classroom

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st- Wear a Tie-Dye shirt
 June 1st- Encinal Classroom Field Trip to the zoo
 June 9th- Father's Day activity. TBA
 June 6th-16th- Spirit week

Classroom News!

Parents, we would like to say thank you for allowing us to be in your child's life. We enjoyed every learning moment and every wonderful learning experience we had with the children.

Thank you for encouraging your children to come to school and learn.

Thank you for participating in all the events we had this year. We appreciate all your help and support.

You are all wonderful parents. Thank you :)



Words to learn in English and Keres Language:

- Wild Tea/Cedar
- Yellow Flour
- Color of the month
- Tie-Dye
- (all colors)

Children will identify wild tea in the community and its uses.

Wild tea can be used to dye yarn and eggs.

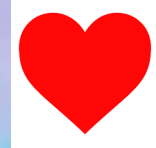
Children will learn how to pick tea and tie

Cedar is used as medicine to clean the stomach

Children will taste and smell Cedar

ACHIEVEMENTS/ MILESTONES

Achievements: Yay we made it!!! We have achieved another school year. We are so proud of the Encinal Classroom. They have come a long way experiencing separation from family, to becoming very independent. Children have learned new vocabulary words in English and Keres. They have learned their letters and letter sounds of the alphabet. They have learned social emotional tools by breathing and expressing their feelings. It has been an awesome school year and we ended with a BIG BANG!!! Now it's time to enjoy the summer with family.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day of School June 23rd

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

We had a wonderful School year!

Teacher Bee, Ms. Yvonne and teacher Kai-mani wish you well and we hope to see you next year. Have a wonderful summer.



Seama Classroom

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/1 Trip to Albuquerque Zoo/Tie-Dye Day/STEAM
6/9 Father's Day Activity TBA
6/12-16 Spirit Week
6/14 Flag Day
6/15 Summer Fruits/Vegetable
6/18 Father's Day
6/20 Transitions Paguate/Laguna Rooms
6/21 Summer Begins
6/23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!



NEW WORDS TO LEARN IN JUNE:

June: Aachini Daawaatra
Color of the Month: all colors
Indian Tea: skaa wah
Cedar drink: K'ani
Summer: Kistrati
Dad: n'aishdiya
Grandfather: Girls-baaba'a/

Classroom News!

In the month of June, Seama Room will be learning about **WATER (ziitzs)! In this lesson we will learn sources of water, the water cycle, the importance of saving water, and keeping the water resources clean and safe. Water is the liquid that makes life possible.**

Objectives: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

- learn what are the different sources of water.
- know the uses of water.
- learn what is the water cycle.
- know about evaporation, condensation, and precipitation.
- understand the importance of saving water.
- come up with ways to reuse water, and have fun using water.
- understand the importance of keeping the lakes and ponds clean.



ACHEIVEMENTS/MILESTONES

We had lots of fun in the month of May. We learned the parts and different types of insects and yucky bugs. We also learned how to say some of the insects in our Keres language. We went on a bug hunt, we were able to gather some grasshoppers, beetles and ants. We know that some insects are helpful to us. Bees give us honey to eat with fry bread and to bake with. Bees also help other plants germinate so they can keep growing through pollination.

Our Classroom children have grown throughout this school year. Our children have learned to sign their first and last name, they have learned to rote count up to 50 and more. They have learned to recognize more letters of the alphabet's upper and lower case letters.



DATE TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

*Seama School trip to the Zoo.
Father's Day Activity
Last Day of School!!*

Parents continue to have your child practice their name writing and colors.

HAPPY
Father's Day

Paguate Classroom

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/1—Tie Dye Day

6/2—S.T.E.A.M. Activity

6/12-16—Spirit Week

6/15—Nutrition Activity: Summer Fruits/Vegetables

6/22—Last Day of School

Culture Vocabulary

Wild Tea

Cedar

Review of all vocabulary from the year

ACHIEVEMENTS/MILESTONES

The children in Paguate classroom have achieved and reach many milestones. Here are just a few:

- *Work cooperatively in groups and maintains friendships for long periods of time.
- *Learned new games such a Red Rover, dodge ball, and duck, duck, goose.
- *Produce the correct sounds of 10-20 letters.
- *Give a rhyming word when given a word.
- *Identify and name 11-24 uppercase and lowercase letters when presented in random order.
- *Accurately write names using uppercase and lowercase or a combination of both.

CLASSROOM NEWS!

This month the children will explore the topic of water. The children will engage in hands-on exploration to learn the different ways we use water at home and school, how water changes, and how water helps people and the environment. A study of water offers a meaningful way for children to use literacy, math, and arts to investigate and represent their understanding of important concepts related to physical development and science. Cultural Lifeways is wild tea and cedar, which the children will focus on identifying wild tea and cedar and their uses.

DATE TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

***Birthday Wishes to J. Garcia (June) and B. Martin (August)**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

***Transition Ceremony, June 9, 2023 at Laguna Elementary School**

***Paguate Room @ 10 am**

***Laguna Room @ 12:30 pm**

***SPECIAL THANK YOU TO W. ROUGHSURFACE FOR SENDING HER CHILD EVERYDAY!!**



THANK YOU!

Laguna Classroom

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/1—Tie Dye Day
6/1– STEAM Activity
6/5 - EOY Field Trip
6/9– EOY Transition Ceremony
6/12 –6/16 - Spirit Week
TBA– Mini Feast

WATER WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I SEE YOU TRYING
KEEP GOING
YOUR GOING TO GET IT
THAT'S RIGHT
KEEP PRACTICING
YOU DID IT.
I SEE YOU ...



Classroom News!

Hello families,

We hope that you are all doing well. We have reached the end of the school year. It has been a joy and pleasure to prepare your children for the next steps in their educational journey. It has been a joy watching your children grow physically, emotionally and mentally. Every time we send children on to the "big" school, as you the parents would, we feel nervous and only want them to have a good school year.

Thank you for a great school year. There have been some challenges along the way, especially with the pandemic. However, we made it through and are looking forward to a better future.

Teacher Kailyn and I have stressed to the children to help one another out. Should they see their friend, say "Hello" to them. Going to a new place is scary, be a friend and say hello. Be helpful and most of all be KIND.

We encourage you to continue showing support in your child's education. Make time to listen to what they did for the day. Let them see that what they are learning in school is important to you as well. Always send them to school with words of encouragement.

Thank you for a successful school year. We look forward to watching them grow

Sincerely,

Teacher Kailyn and Ms. Deutsawe

ACHIEVEMENTS/ MILESTONES

We are moving to Kindergarten
Congratulations!!

DATE TO REMEMBER/ STUDENTS CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
SUMMER BIRTHDAYS
A. L., S. G., AND K. R.



JUNE

Family Service Providers

We would like to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to all parents who have joined us in Parent Committee, Parent Education & Fatherhood. Whether it was via Zoom or In-Person with all your great ideas, suggestions and comments, we are grateful for you all!

Looking forward for next school year, we are hoping to have all **IN-PERSON** events and meetings. We will continue to meet once a month for each group, we hope that you all will continue to join us!

Family Service Providers will continue to make contacts through the month of June.



Family Involvement Events:

June 07 Fatherhood @ 10am
**June 14..... Parent Committee
& Parent Education @11am**
June 23..... Last Day of School

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Family Service Providers continue to provide services to all families, your involvement is very important to us. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events, we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!



Laguna Division of Early Childhood

Parent Committee & Parent Education



Date: June 14, 2023

Time: 11:00am

Location: DEC PRC BLDG

Please contact Kathleen or Tiffany with any questions.

552.6544

Education Manager



Laguna Division of Early Childhood



Family Activity:

Help your child continue to learn anytime and anywhere. Play "help me find the number" or "look for the letter A" at the grocery store. You can do this throughout the summer.

Thank you, families for being apart of our DEC school family. Wishing you a great summer ! Stay safe.

Upcoming Events

DEC Transition Ceremony June 9, 2023, at LES gym.
Paguete Classroom at 10:00 am
Laguna Classroom at 12:30 p.m



Field Trip

Seama/Encinal Classroom-Zoo June 1, 2023
Paguete Classroom- Park Above June 2, 2023
Laguna Classroom - Park Above June 5, 2023





Parents/Guardians,

We are nearing the finish line for this school year and what a year it has been! A couple of reminders:

- Enrollment for PY 2023-2024 is now open – applications can be found on the Laguna Department of Education – Division of Early Childhood website or you may stop by the front office and pick up an application. Be sure to get your child's application in early, EHS classrooms are limited to 8 children.
- Child care will be offered once school starts
- Current enrollment: PHS – 60 enrolled; EHS – 23 enrolled
- Child care enrollment: PHS – 4 children; EHS – 6 children



For the months of March and April 2023 the following children had perfect attendance:

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| • H. Garcia | J. Gallegos |
| • D. Pacheco-Juanico | K. Sarracino |
| • D. Lorenzo | K. Reid |
| • C. Waconda | T. Coin |
| • K. Gallegos | J. Garcia, Jr. |
| • T. Yawea | J. Chinana |
| • D. Garcia | A. Talahaftewa |
| • C. Aragon, Jr. | L. Day |
| • L. Garcia-Sanchez | |

THANK YOU parents/guardians for sending your child/children to school every day!!

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN – FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, ATTENDANCE FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN WAS AT 81.79% - OUTSTANDING PARENTS!!

Patricia Charlie – DEC ERSEA Coordinator/Child Care Manager





Disabilities Services Coordinator Margaret Mascareñaz

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Hello wonderful Division of Early Childhood Families/Parents:

We have come to the end of our 2022-2023 program year! I would like to take this opportunity to express how wonderful it has been to work and play with all the children who are in our Laguna DEC program. For children and families who have spent four or five years at our DEC program from babyhood, through the toddler and pre-school years, then transitioning to “the big school” is a time of mixed feelings. As staff, we are grateful to families for giving us the privilege of providing early childhood services to your children these past years.

Congratulations to all those transitioning children going to kindergarten next year.

To all our current DEC families, we want to express our genuine and enduring gratitude for partnering with DEC staff to provide early childhood services for all enrolled children this year. The children have been a delight to work with. They have grown and developed so much. Thank you again for the privilege and honor of working with your children.

Have a wonderful, fun and safe summer break.

LEARNING TO PLAY AND PLAYING TO LEARN

Keep your young child/children “school ready” by **playing!**
Play is learning and it is a natural process all children do. Often adults will say “ok, play is happening, but I need to make sure that there’s learning happening too”, as if it is a separate thing. It is not a separate thing. It is where infants, toddlers and preschoolers have the opportunity to practice and try things out in a safe environment. It is so important. Not just for healthy **brain** development but healthy **body** development, too. Another great thing about play is that it has the ability to grow with a child. Especially for children with disabilities or suspected delays but also children at every developmental level, play is an activity that children can engage in at whatever level that they are at the time.

TIPS:

TIPS/IDEAS:

- *There is no right way to do it.
- *Follow your child’s lead (remember to keep play safe).
- *Make it fun-play comes in many forms: messy play, outdoor play, rough and tumble play.
- *Enjoy playtime with your child. Talk and have conversations about the play.

HAVE LOTS OF FUN PLAYING THIS SUMMER!



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Healthy Snack

Non-churn Strawberry ice cream

Only a few ingredients and less than 10 minutes working time, no ice cream maker required.

Ingredients:

- 350 g strawberries
- 250 ml heavy cream
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract



Instructions

1. Chop strawberries: keep 2-3 strawberries, chop and puree the rest. It's ok if there are some small chunks left, puree the strawberries as finely as you like.
2. Combine: whip the cream until stiff peak form. Mix the sweetened condensed milk, vanilla extract, and strawberry puree. Carefully fold in the whipped cream and chopped strawberries.
3. Transfer: pour the mixture in a loaf pan lined with plastic wrap film or a larger plastic container. Cover the mixture with cling film, making sure that the cling film sits directly on top of the mix, thus preventing it from getting icy on top.
4. Freeze for 8 hours or until firm. Let thaw slightly at room temperature (about 20-30 minutes) before serving.

Summer Safety

Some tips for you and your child(ren) during the summer time.

- Sunscreen with SPF 15 and 50 thoroughly to their skin at least 15 minutes before sun exposure to prevent sun burn. Keep babies under 6 months out of the sun.
- Breathable, light clothes: dress your child in breathable, light colored clothing, a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses with 99 percent UV protection, especially at the pool. Recommended clothing with UV protection; check for a UPF rating on the label. Avoid bright colored or floral printed clothing and scented soaps or lotion, which can attract insects.
- Sturdy shoes: kids should wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes when playing outside or hiking.
- Car seat safety: never leave a child unattended in a car. Vehicles can heat up by as much as 19 degrees in 10 minutes.
- Water bottles: make sure your children have access to water and are drinking it regularly throughout the day, particularly when playing outside.
- Water safety: never leave a child unsupervised near water. Remember that very young children can tumble head first.



Fun activity to do with your child DIY sidewalk foam paint

Supplies:

- 2 4oz bottles of washable school glue
- 1 cup of flour
- 4-5 cups plain shaving foam
- Food coloring drops
- 1 gallon
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. In a gallon size plastic zipper bag, add 1 cup of flour.
2. Pour both bottles of washable school glue on top of the flour.
3. Spray about 4-5 cups of shaving foam into the bag.
4. Close the bag and knead it for a few minutes until everything is totally mixed.
5. Snip one corner of the big bag and squirt into sandwich size zipper bags to divide it up per color.



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Greetings Families and Friends,
I hope this finds you in good health and spirits.

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to thank all the parents, families and friends for all the time, efforts and sacrifice you have given to make it possible for your children to attend school. It has been a very challenging year confronting the Flu, RSV and most of all Covid-19 and all its variants. With your cooperation, along with the routine the children developed with the teachers guidance, we have been able to minimize illness across our campus. I commend you all for a job well done.

DEC will maintain Covid safe practices, with the exception of testing, through the end of this school year June 23, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me.

- ◇ All individuals 2 years of age and older (this includes parent/guardians and any family members) must wear a mask at child drop-off, bus stops and while on DEC campus.
- ◇ Up-to-date Covid cards are still required for any person you wish to add to your contact list. All individuals must have an Omicron booster to be considered "up-to-date".
- ◇ If your child is experiencing symptoms: Keep them home (call the school to let us know your child will be absent), give them a rapid test, if positive take them to get a PCR test, get them seen by their Physician and follow the orders (provide the school with the doctor's excuse) .
- ◇ DEC will continue with temperature scans and screening questionnaires at child drop-off and bus stops.
- ◇ DEC will continue with the sanitization of classrooms and buses daily. Fogging of campus will continue weekly.

We appreciate your enduring efforts to keep the children safe until school is out. Your children are precious to us and we want to protect them as best as we can while we still have them.

In closing, I want to wish all of the transitioning students and graduates across the pueblo, well as they take their next step in their educational journeys. May all the children have a wonderful, fun-filled summer. Lastly, to all the fathers out there; **THANK YOU**, for all you do for family, enjoy your special day!

Best Regards,

Iris Gallegos, Program Assistant/Covid-19 Records Keeper





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"Congratulations"

*The Laguna Division of Early Childhood
congratulates
all our transitioning children
in the
Laguna and Paguate classrooms.*

*We will miss you here at DEC but wish
you well at "The Big School",
we look forward to seeing and hearing
great things about you.*

GOOD LUCK in Kindergarten!!!