# HELC NEWS

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#### **School Pictures Scheduled**

Jim Elkins will take pictures of HELC children February 1st-3rd. The schedule for individual and classroom pictures will be:

Wednesday (February 1) Rooms 101-106 Thursday (February 2) Rooms 112-116 Friday (February 3) Rooms 107-111



Sibling photos will be made on the day of the youngest child's class day. Parents are not required to buy pictures.

## Parent Reminders

- \* We want to remind parents, relatives, and sitters that HELC keeps all entry doors locked to ensure the safety and security of your child as well as our staff. Please remember to use your card to enter the building or use the entrance where Mr. Bill is located. Also, do not let anyone in behind you that you do not know. If you have lost your card please let Lesa Harris know so we can issue you another card.
- \* Please remember tuition is due on the first day of each month. If you choose to make two payments, you can pay half on the 1st and half by the 15th.
- \* Don't forget to send extra clothes for your child. If the weather is nice, but chilly, the teachers still try to take the children on the playground. This is why it is important that you provide weather appropriate clothes-hat, jacket, scarf, gloves, etc.
- End of the year statements will be mailed to you by the end of the month. If your address has changed, please be sure to let someone at the front desk know before Monday, January 23rd.

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**HELC Office Hours** 

7 A.M.—6 P.M.





HELC will be closed on Monday, February 20 for our annual Winter Staff Development Day



### Incorporating Your "Loose Parts" Into HELC Curriculum

A few months ago, we asked you to bring a list of "Loose Parts" you may have at your home. We received the majority of the items on the list, plus more! Thank you for taking the time to look through your items or purchase the items that were requested, we greatly appreciate it!

Since then, Ms. Jonita has been working hard to come up with different activities for each Age Group, using the items you donated to HELC. The pictures below are a few examples of some of the engaging and fun activities Ms. Jonita has created with your children.



Thanksgiving Feast. Children were encouraged to set the table with tablecloths, plates, silverware, and cups. They also "cooked" and served each other the meal they made.



**Polar Express.** Ms. Jonita used large cardboard boxes that were donated to create the Polar Express. Children took turns driving the train, buying and selling tickets, and riding in the train car.



Santa's Workshop. Children were encouraged to wrap presents and write letters to Santa. When they finished writing their letters and wrapping presents, they put them in the "mailbox" to be mailed to Santa.



#### **Lost and Found**



The HELC Lost and Found has collected a large number of winter coats, jackets, hats, and hair bows. Please be sure to check the basket, located on the table near the Front Desk, if your child is missing something.



#### 2017 Important Dates

January 20— Parent Seminar February 20—Staff Development Day—HELC CLOSED May 29—Memorial Day—HELC CLOSED July 3—Parent Selected Staff Appreciation Day—HELC CLOSED July 4—Independence Day—HELC CLOSED

