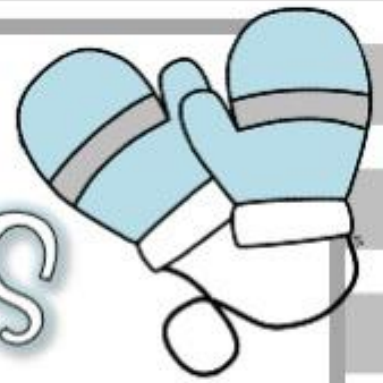


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Happy New Year

Happy 2023 from our Abilities First ECLC family to yours. This year is a big one for us, as we celebrate 65 years of serving the community. Please be on the look out for upcoming celebrations for staff and families this year!

Celebrating 65 Years of Service



Upcoming Dates

- 1/16: **Abilities First Closed** for MLK Jr. Day
- 1/30-2/6: **National Story Telling Week**



To Do At Home

This recipe for fake snow is so easy to do with your littles at home. Playing in the snow is a fun activity, but with so many illnesses going around and frigid cold temperatures during the most recent snow storm, this is a safe option for the same fun!





2022 proved to be a trying year for ECLC with staffing shortages. Through all of it, our team pushed through and at the end of December, we were told we will be awarded our 5th star in the Step Up to Quality rating system in Ohio. We have never been so proud and honored to be a part of this team we have now! They work so unbelievably hard, and we appreciate each and every one of them. This month, there will be no Teacher of the Month nomination, as our entire staff deserves recognition! After a few administrative tasks we have to finish this month, we will be proud to share our award and banner with you all!! Thanks again to our families and staff for making 2023 a special one! I have added the names and classrooms of each of our hardworking staff members below! Please feel free to congratulate them or give them a message of encouragement as you see them! They so deserve it!!

Christina Johnson- Little Wonders

Chastity Withrow & Megan Loos- Adventure Seekers

Antonette Gregory- Investigators

Chastity Carpenter & Faith Pearce- Young Explorers

Tonya Burdine, Jaiden Cox, & Brianna McCollum- Discoverers/ Kiwi

Not mentioned here is Jenny Franer, who is out on medical leave, but we miss and appreciate for all of her hard work to get us here!



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Early Literacy

Early Literacy is an important part of early learning. We will be focusing on promoting and improving early literacy in our classrooms this year. We will be working on re-vamping our library for our kiddos, bringing in new books, starting a book exchange, and adding lots of parent resources for reading at home on our parent resource wall and bulletin board. Below is the link to sign up for the Dolly Parton, imagination library, for free books ages birth to 5!

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>



Parent Resources

Midpoint library of Middletown
<https://midpointelibrary.org/>

CBI Parent Resources
<https://cbimiddletown.org/parent-resource-center/>

"Unlimited" by PAUSE
<https://pauseforparents.org/volunteer-event-registration/unlimited-1-8-23>

Jumperoo at Urban Air
Adventure Park
https://www.facebook.com/events/513125544105959/513125600772620/?active_tab=about

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to talk about cooperation, acceptance, peace and caring for all people. Though we are closed for celebration for this National Holiday, we will be doing many activities and reading many stories and books to learn why this day is so important in our nation. Promoting diversity is a key component of social – emotional development in early learning. Please enjoy these videos with your littles about Martin Luther King Jr.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEu-VFFgSg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGd6J-jwzV8>

