

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER



28TH OF APRIL 2021
TERM 2 WEEK 1



Welcome to our Term 2, Week 1 Newsletter. Welcome back to those families who had a break over the school holidays! For those families who still attending during the school holidays, we hope your children are refreshed from the slower paced program the school holidays provided.

Our topic for this term is 'WE CREATE' and there will be a parent survey coming out very soon. Your children will be creating many different masterpieces and at the term we will be hosting our very own exhibition to showcase all of our learning.

As we head in to the cooler months, please remember to pack weather appropriate clothes including a spare jacket, socks and shoes for your child 'just in case'. We will still be going outside as it gets colder as there is so much to explore as the weather does.

Over the holidays, I found myself reflecting on the importance of adults engaging in play with children. We know that our children are learning so many fundamental skills when playing including fundamental mathematical, language, social, physical and emotional skills, and research suggests that when adults engage in this play, those skills are developed further especially when adults allow children to take the lead and follow their ideas. So our challenge to you this fortnight is find some time even if it is just 10 minutes to sit and play with your children, try not to direct their play rather let your children lead and we are sure you will be surprised just how complex their ideas can be!

Blessings,
Emily Bondarenko - ELC Director

OUR LEARNING



This week we will be exploring different nursery rhymes through books, songs, art and playing with instruments and puppets!

What is your favourite nursery rhyme? Can you tell someone in your family the whole story all the way through?



This fortnight we will be going on a Pirate Adventure to learn about the hidden rules in social settings, and on a Mystery Adventure, to learn how to make smart guesses.

What is an expected behaviour?

What is an unexpected behaviour? What is something that will help you make smart guesses?

R r

See my puppy rip the rag.
/rrrr//rrrr/

See my puppy rip the rag,
When he pulls so hard.



This week we are learning about the letter 'r' and 'm'. The names of the letters are 'ar' and 'em' and the sounds that they make are /r/ as in rabbit and /m/ as in milk.

Can you think of some words that start with /r/? What about some words that start with /m/?

OUR LEARNING

This week we are going to play games to practice number recognition and counting with one-to-one correspondence.

What is one of the games you played this week? Can you name the numbers used in the game?



This term, our learning is centred around "We Create"! The Bible says, "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:27) In creating us in His image, God gave the gift of creativity to all of us.

Can you make something out of a cardboard box?

We are learning all about balancing and jumping!
**Can you practice standing on one leg?
How high can you jump?**



OTHER INFORMATION

Communication:

Each child has their own pocket in the foyer where you will find notices. Please remember to check this each day your child is in ELC, and to check Storypark for regular updates of our daily activities.

We understand you may need to contact the ELC other times throughout the day which you are welcome to do via email:

elc@bethany.sa.edu.au, or phone: 8283 0000.



16. Chase your shadow
17. Search for tadpoles in a creek
18. Make a cubby under a tree or in some bushes



Important Dates in Term 2:

- Mother's Day Stall
Mother's Day
Mothers Day Come and Play
Eat the Rainbow
ELC Parent-Teacher Conversations
Pupil Free Day (**ELC OPEN**)
Queen's Birthday (**ELC CLOSED**)

- Thurs-Fri Week 2 (6-7th May)
Sunday Week 2 (9th of May)
Week 3 (10-14th of May)
Week 4 (17-21st of May)
Week 4 and 5 (17-28th of May)
Fri Week 7 (11th of June)
Monday Week 8 (14th of June)

