

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

5TH OF AUGUST 2020
TERM 3 WEEK 3



Welcome to our Term 3, Week 3 Newsletter.

As you may know, we have been exploring this term's theme of 'We Challenge' with our children. Our children have been challenged to try new experiences, to grow in their kindness and empathy towards others, to take ownership of their independence, to reflect on their thinking and to make connections and questions as they explore their world.

In a world where 'answers' are so readily available at our fingertips (thanks technology), it is actually healthy for our children to be faced with challenges as they grow in their resilience, ability to take considered risks, be problem-solvers and feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. A quote that has personally challenged my practice as an educator comes from a collaborative project between South Australia and the Reggio Emilia Approach, 'Re-imagining Childhood'.

"Reimagining childhood... requires a fundamental change in thinking about the child: Moving from the view of the child as being 'weak'/'cute' to recognition of the competent and capable child... Moving from an emphasis on children with needs, to a focus on the rights of all children... to recognition that children are fully participating citizens from birth". (Rinaldi 2013)

We need to have an image of a child that is competent and a possessor of the right to learn. I invite you to reflect on how we as a community, can further respect our children's rights to be challenged and to learn, to support children while holding back the urge to step in, and how we may respect their rights to be active participants of our community, citizens of today and not just tomorrow.

We also have some exciting news to share - our ELC Coordinator, Rebecca Thomson is expecting her first child in January 2021! We are very excited for her and wish her all the very best on her pregnancy.

Blessings,
Rachael Chesson - ELC Coordinator

OUR LEARNING

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Z *Tune: Did you ever see a Lizzie?*

Did you ever hear
a bee buzz,
a bee buzz,
a bee buzz?
Did you ever hear
a bee buzz,
"jzzz!", like this!



We are learning about the letters 'Jj' and 'Zz'. The names of the letters are 'jay' and 'zed', and the sounds they make are /j/ as in jelly and /z/ as in zoo.

What are some other words that start with J and Z? Is there anything in your house that starts with these letters?

We are learning new things through books during our Storybook Challenge! Every afternoon we will be reading a new storybook to promote literacy and comprehension skills, and exercise our imaginations.

Do you have a favourite book you read at home? What have you learned from the story?



We are learning about measuring and comparing weight.

Can you find something heavy in your house? Can you find something light in your house?



OUR LEARNING



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We will be exploring "We Challenge" this term with different challenges! This week we will do The Food Challenge.

**What new food did you try this week? What did it taste like?
Did you like it?**

We are learning about the silly and frustrated feelings.
**Who can we ask for help if we are feeling frustrated?
What can we do to help us finish what we started, even when we're frustrated?**



We are going to keep practicing writing down our names.
**Can you sound out all the letters in your name?
Can you write your name three times?**

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.

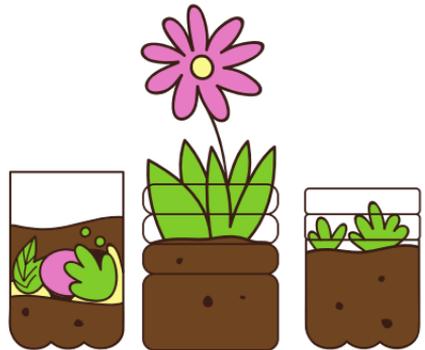
We understand you may need to contact the ELC other times throughout the day which you are welcome to do via email: elc@bethany.sa.edu.au, or phone: 8283 0000.



37. Visit a botanical garden

38. Balance along a log or some stepping stones

39. Go for a night walk with a torch in the garden



Important Dates in Term 2:

National Science Week Come and Play	Week 4
Photo Days	Mon August 31 & Thurs September 3
Father's Day Come and Play	Week 8
Pupil Free Day	September 11

