



Alverno Early Learning Center

Family Newsletter November 2024

Benefits of Playing with Play Dough

Play dough —it's the childhood favorite that every parent loves (and loves to hate for its messiness). This modeling clay was originally made as a wallpaper cleaner in the 1930s but was reborn as an educational toy in the 1950s. Play dough is the perfect toy for kids of all ages because it is non-toxic and reusable.

It's calming for children

Much like the squishy stress ball you pull out from time to time, squeezing play dough is great for helping calm down your kids. Playing with the clay can help ease tension, release excess energy, improve focus, and express emotions.

It develops fine motor skills

The acts of squishing, rolling, flattening, and more help your children develop muscles used in their hands for fine motor movements useful in the future, such as holding a pencil or using scissors.

Please see the back page for our favorite home made play dough recipe.

Upcoming Events

ELC Non Perishable Food Drive

11/11-11/22/24

Color Week

11/11-11/15/24

Baking/Cooking Week

12/2-12/6/24

Muffin Morning

12/5/24

Thanks to our Family Readers!



A big thank you to all the family members who joined us during “Read a Book Week” As a parent you are able to enrich our program by sharing your gifts and talents. Please talk to your child’s teacher if you would like to spend as little as 15 minutes in the classroom playing an instrument, leading an activity or assisting in an art project.

Upcoming Center Closings

Thanksgiving Break:

Thursday & Friday, 11/28 & 11/29

Winter Break:

Friday 12/20-Wednesday 1/1/25

A Few Friendly Reminders

- **Medication:** Any medication, prescription or over the counter, must be in it's original container. We cannot mix medication into food or water. We only administer homeopathic medications with a written order from a health care provider. We do not administer cough or cold medication to any child, nor will we administer the first dose of any medication. The entire medication policy is found on page 15 of the Parent Handbook.
- **Unattended Children:** Please do not allow your child to remain in the building without your supervision. We ask that at drop off and pick up, your child is with you at all times. Please do not allow them to run or hide in the hallways.
- **Registration:** **Only faculty, staff and student parents** must register for the spring semester. If you are included, registration forms will be on your child's locker the week of 11/18. Please return forms no later than 12/2/24. If you are a community family making change to your child's enrollment, please stop in the office the week of 11/18 for paperwork.
- **Winter Outerwear:** We are enjoying an exceptionally mild autumn, however we know winter is on the way! Your child will need a full set of seasonal outerwear including boots, snow pants, a warm jacket, waterproof mittens/gloves and a hat.

Our Mission

Alverno Early Learning Center exists to promote educational and personal development of every child and staff member who enters our doors. We will respects every child, parent and co-worker by keeping the lines of communication open and confidentiality a priority.

Hours:

Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Home Made Playdough

Ingredients

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup water

2 teaspoons cream of tartar

1/3 cup salt

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

food coloring _____

Mix together all the ingredients in a 2-quart saucepan.

Cook over low/medium heat, stirring.

Continue stirring until the mixture is thickened and begins to gather around the spoon.

Remove the dough to wax paper or a tray.

Cool and knead until smooth.

Store in refrigerator.

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