

# A.E.L.'s Early Learning Edition

April 2026

## From the Director's Desk



Dear Families & Caregivers,

As you have likely heard, AEL is underway in the exciting process of trialing curriculum to guide and support our literacy learning.

Our pilot will begin April 6 and run for 4 weeks. At the end of this trial, we will select a curriculum to begin guiding our work next fall. This is an exciting opportunity to align our classrooms,

increase equity across all classrooms and to bring in in some high quality instructional materials to our classrooms.

We are asking all families to take a few minutes to fill out [this Survey](#) in order for us to take into consideration YOUR priorities for your student's preschool learning experience.

The theme of the curriculum for this 4-week pilot will be nature and animals - a perfect for the start of spring.

As the weather warms, we'll spend more time learning outdoors in all kinds of conditions. If rain is expected, please send boots, a raincoat, and a dry change of clothes—we'll still go outside, even with light rain or puddles.

Outdoor play supports children's healthy development by increasing physical activity, building strength, encouraging problem-solving and cooperation, and boosting overall happiness.

It benefits adults, too—helping us stay active, reduce stress, improve mood, and strengthen our immune systems.

Gear up and enjoy the outdoors!



Warmly,

Jill Taglia, Director

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[Curriculum Survey Link for Families](#) Click here to fill out

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## Our Busy Classrooms – All Things Literacy



Popsicles on one of our first warm days of spring.



Playground fun.



You can paint with anything!



Outdoor exploration!



Indoor exploration!



Collage art.

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## AEL's P.T.O. News

AEL Family Engagement & PTO Present

# Earth Day

Thursday, April 16th

## AEL PLAYGROUND CLEAN UP

Please join up for a fun afternoon of gardening and flower planting. Families will have the opportunity to plant vegetable seeds to take home.

BYO\*\* watering cans, shovels, rake and other gardening tools.



## Upcoming Dates & Link to District Calendar



- Thursday, April 16 - After School - AEL Family Engagement & PTO Earth Day Event  
AEL Spring Clean Up! Join us to clean up the playground, plant, and spruce things up!
- April 20-24 - April Break - No School
- May 4- 8 Teacher Appreciation Week -  
[Click here for the District Calendar](#)

## Parent and Caregiver Resources for Literacy

Articles about the importance of outdoor play:

[The Benefits of Outdoor Play](#): why it matters (by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)

[Getting Kids Outside: One of the Best things a Parent Can Do](#) (by The Nature Conservancy)

Our book this month is all about growing - [I'm Growing Great](#) by Mechal Renee Roe. Click on the title or the book cover and Enjoy!





**Jill Taglia**

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