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CM Early Learning Center

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1st ANNUAL FAMILY DAY & Child Find Project



FAMILY SNOW DAY: In February, the ELC decided it needed to find a way to create a day to engage families by taking a portion of classroom education and making it available for parents to experience. The result -- its first annual Family Snow Day, was a huge success. “Our goal is always to increase our parent bond with the school and to encourage educational activities in the home setting,” Ms. Chesta added.

Students and their families enjoyed a snow-themed day of activities from a group reading of the story *The Snowy Day* to a host of activities from stations that included: math, art, sensory, speech, science, and “fort building” with blocks. Students and their families were treated to a snack of bagels and cream cheese with hot chocolate to warm up. The day ended with a movie and a freeze dance “snowball” fight!

CHILD FIND Project: Early identification of potential learning problems is the goal of the new pre-school program, *Child Find*, being conducted by the ELC. Principal Chesta has worked diligently to assist parents in our district to help identify any potential learning challenges with a questionnaire developed as a screening process. The questionnaire asks parents to rate their child’s communication, gross and fine motor skills as well as personal-social development. Upon receipt of the questionnaire Principal Chesta personally scores the questionnaire and contacts parents to help them determine resources and next steps.