



# Great Beginnings Early Beginnings Program Newsletter

October's family fun night is geared towards families playing together! The staff from Happy Up Inc in Edwardsville will be with us that evening. They will be here to share with us special toys and activities for you and your family to do together. We are serving dinner at 5:45 and will start playing games at 6:00! Please plan on spending your evening with us!



*\*Please call, email, or see your child's teacher to sign up for a parent/teacher conference.\**

## A Change in our Communication

In the years past, each classroom teacher has put together their own newsletter with their own specific information to share with parents. For the convenience of our teachers and of our parents, we are doing one combined newsletter

each month. You will still find information specific to your child's classroom in each newsletter, as well as, important dates in program information.

What's new? Each month you will hear from our Speech Therapist and our

Early Beginnings' home visitor! Also, there will be a community resource section to connect you with opportunities in our community you may be interested in.

### IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES:

Fall pictures:	3
Walk to Library	5
No School	6 & 9
B-3 Play Group	11
FFN	12
Parent/Teacher Conferences	18 & 19
No School	20
11:30 Dismissal-No PM Class	27

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Carsen	9
Maxwell	9
Addison	15
Connor	24



## A Note from our Principal:

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Dear families,

The staff and I are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience. We ensure that all students receive a breakfast in the morning and a lunch in the afternoon. If your child is tardy this has an impact on the school day. Have conversations with your child about school experiences, so that you are aware of his/her school life. Make sure your child knows that you expect him/her to do well and follow expectations in school.

I wish you and yours a wonderful fall season and an October filled with; a little bit of candy, some good books, warm fires and memories to treasure.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bouillon

***If you are not receiving the school's all calls, please call the office and speak to Mrs. Carlisle.***

## Mrs. Meyers:

*mmeyers@wrh15.org 618-254-9814 ext 3004*

### ***Things you might hear your preschooler say:***

"Criss-cross applesauce" – we say this anytime we are sitting on the floor for group time because this is the best way to sit for their hip development, and it keeps them in one spot!

"1-2-3-4, you don't need any more" – we say this at the drinking fountain when friends are waiting for a turn.

"You get what you get and you don't throw a fit" – sometimes we don't get to make a choice, maybe during an activity or what's for snack.

"All aboard!" – we say this when it's time get in line and we make a "train"

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### **INTERVIEW QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What do friends do together?**

Each month we do an interview with the kids and ask them a special question that goes along with our study unit. This allows us to build some language and social skills. Here's what they had to say:

Titus – "actually, draw pictures"

Kora – "play"

Aiden - "play with cars and blocks"

Ziva – "play with playdough"

Grace – "play puzzles"

Conner - "play nicely"

Addison – "play school toys"

Mayson – "be nice"

Victoria - "be nice to each other"

Kinyaii – "play sandbox"

Raylan – "run outside"

Violet - "play and hug"

Imani – "play hide and seek"

Bailey – "play books"

Michael - "friends play toys and stuff"

Makynna – "play in the kitchen"

Josh – "clean up toys"

Aria - "eat snack together"

Jace – "clean up playdough"

Morgan – "play puzzles"

Trevor - "share toys"

Robert – "clean up together"

Jayce – "play with each other"

Mason - "play blocks"

Keenan – "play in the kitchen"

Braiden – "clean up toys"

Brooklyn - "they play together"

Winry – "play in the sandbox together"

Ezra - "you have the toys"

Edward - "play toys"

Katelynn - "clean up"

Avalon - "play blocks"

Parker - "play with toys"

Sohpia - "they sing"

## Mrs. Stendeback:

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Fall has arrived! We are finishing up our Beginning the Year Unit. The students have done a great job learning our expectations and routines. Keep it up!

Our next Family Fun Night will be October 12th at 5:45pm in the Hartford cafeteria. We hope you can join in the fun.

Parent teacher conferences are just around the corner.

They will be on:

Wednesday, October 18th from 4:00-7:15 and

Thursday, October 19th from 4:00-7:15

Please contact me if you would like to have a conference.

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\*If you would like to order books online you can go to the scholastic website and use this code H73K2. Thank you!

**Mrs. Stendeback**  
**lstendeback@wrh15.org**  
**254-9814 ext.3002**

### *WEDNESDAY'S FOLDERS!!*

*Please be sure to check your child's backpack at least every Wednesday for important papers!!  
Return the folder the next school day.*

## Mrs. Adams:

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Wow! The month of September went by fast! I am sure October will follow suit. Our calendar is full of many important dates, so please pay close attention.

Our morning and afternoon classes have been busy learning about the rules and routines at school, who works at our school, and the different parts of our school building. During the month of October, we will be moving on to the topics of the fall season and recycling.

I would like to welcome a new friend to our morning class! His name is Dane. He loves exploring our room and getting to know all of his new friends. Welcome Dane! We are so happy to have you!

We have Parent Teacher conferences coming up at the end of the month. Please call, see, or email me to set up a time. I look forward to sharing all the wonderful things your children are doing with you.

Last but not least, our Halloween parties will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents are more than welcome to come to the party! Our morning class will party from 10:00-10:30 and our afternoon class will party from 1:45- 2:30. It should be lots of fun!

Lynne Adams

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## *Speech:*

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*I would like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know who I am. My name is Kris Hagen. I am the speech pathologist who works with the preschool children to improve their speech and language skills. Speech and language therapy is up and running smoothly. I am currently working on rescreening any students who were on my recheck list from last year. If you have any concerns about your child's speech or language skills, you can contact me by leaving me a message on my extension (254-9814 ext. 3016) or sending a note to your child's teacher. I will be putting developmental expectations in the upcoming newsletters so you can see what sounds I expect to be developed by a certain age. I'm excited for another year of speech and language therapy, and love seeing the progress my students make every year.*

*Mrs. Hagen*

## *Early Beginnings:*

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### ***CURRENTLY ENROLLING!!***

#### What is Early Beginnings?

Early Beginnings is a home visiting program that supports families with children ages birth to three years old. A home visitor will see a family twice a month and offer them support on many levels.

Support is offered in the area of child development. Screenings are conducted to ensure your child is meeting each and every milestone in their first three years of life.

Information on best parenting practices is offered to families to support them through the challenges of parenting. From safety-proofing your home to navigating your child's toilet learning process, the program offers support to parents in all ways.

Your family will also be informed of community resources and events in the area. From car seat safety checks to free dental health screenings, you will have the opportunity to access support from other community agencies.

***If you are interested in learning more about the Early Beginnings Program, reach out to Erin Plumb at Hartford Elementary.***

***618-254-9814 ext 3024 or [eplumb@wrh15.org](mailto:eplumb@wrh15.org)***

#### **A NEW OPPORTUNITY:**

Early Beginnings families will have the opportunity to participate in a play group each month. Our play group will be in collaboration with the home visiting program from the East Alton School District. The play groups are held in the evenings and will include interactive opportunities that are specifically geared toward children under the age of three! Our play groups will be held at Washington Early Childhood Center at 210 E St. Louis Ave, East Alton, IL. For more information call Erin Plumb.