Recruiting 3-5 year-old students for a Klamath Tribal culture & language revitalization program in a brand new classroom. We also have openings in our existing Pre-K classroom.

Hotter temperatures mean more opportunities to speak with children about how temperature affects different solid states. Discuss with children how many places experience warm or hot temperatures in the summer season. Review how the sun provides light and heat, and how heat causes certain things to melt.

Set up a simple melting experiment with your child. Gather a variety of meltable items (chocolate, ice, popsicles, butter, etc.) and non-meltable items (block, rock, pencil, marble, etc.) and place each in a section of a muffin baking pan. Place this in a hot area in direct sunlight, such as a car dashboard or an outside patio. Encourage students to make a prediction about what will and will not melt in the sun. Place the pan in the sun and observe what does/does not melt. Extend the activity for older preschoolers by asking students to predict which items will melt fastest or slowest.

Prediction and comparison boring your toddler? Let them stomp some crayons instead! Take a handful of broken crayons and peel off the paper. Place them in a plastic baggie. Take the bag out to the driveway or your back porch and have your child stomp on the bag until the crayons are broken into small pieces. Use a metal pan or paper plate and place a medium-size rock in the middle. Have your child sprinkle the crayon pieces on top of the rock and set it out in the sun. Your little one will enjoy watching as his masterpiece comes to life right before his eyes. As the crayons melt, the rock will be transformed into a colorful piece of art.
New Funding Source Coming to ECDC

ECDC has 10 openings for our Preschool Promise program. If your child was 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2020 they may be eligible right now. For fall entrance to the program, the child will need to be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2021. We use existing classrooms and teachers. Please reach out to us for more information or to begin an enrollment application.

What is Preschool Promise?
Preschool Promise is a program that offers free preschool to income-qualifying families. It is a publicly-funded model preschool program for high-quality preschool services that helps your child get ready for kindergarten. The program funding leverages quality, local and culturally-relevant early child care and education programs and helps make them available for families that are income eligible. Your child may be eligible if your family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. A foster child or child that is experiencing homelessness may also qualify.

Lakeshore Learning Kits Available

ECDC has a number of infant/toddler resource kits to be distributed to interested families. Each individual learning kit is filled with essential, age-appropriate materials to help each infant/toddler reach developmental milestones through play. Everything included in the kit is baby-safe and easy to clean. The kits are intended for children ages 6-36 months. These items are made by Lakeshore Learning and are distributed by Oregon’s South-Central Early Learning Hub. They are offered to ECDC and community families at no cost. Each individual learning kit contains:

- 4 Explore and Play Activity Rattles
- 6 Soft and Washable Sensory Balls
- 6 Touch and Feel Discovery Books
- 16-Piece Stack and Nest Sensory Toys
- See-Inside Sorting Bucket

If you are interested in a learning kit or know someone who might benefit from one, please ask an ECDC staff member during your next visit to the center or feel free to give us a call at 541-783-0804 for more information.

Classroom Corner

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In our infant/toddler classroom, July marks the last month for several students as they approach the age of 3 and the transition into one of our preschool classrooms. Joining the other 3-5 year-olds will allow them to be engaged and challenged to learn and grow in their use of language, social skills and other areas of development. As a class for July, we will be focusing on a weather and camping unit; using the change in season as a base for exploration and conversation. We will talk about the weather changing, outdoor activities such as camping, what our families do in the summer, and how we can stay safe playing outdoors.

woyGanks Room - Teacher Terri

This month our class will be entering an ocean unit in which children will learn about sea creatures, including how to recognize them, what they eat, and predators they face; how ocean saltwater differs from our local rivers and lakes; and how littering and pollution can harm sea creatures. We are also welcoming a new classroom pet/mascot, "Bob" the stuffed crab. The children will be building a habitat for Bob based on what they learn about how real crabs live in the ocean.