We find comfort in the support that flowed throughout our community this past week or so. Thank you all for reaching out to one another with loving arms. Every kindness, every word, and every action, no matter how small, has made a difference.

The ECC provides educational experiences for both children and CSU students and supports the children and the college students through the expertise of mentor and classroom teachers. Read below to get to know our great teaching staff!
Miho Akizuki is the mentor teacher in the Infant Room. Miho has a bachelor’s degree in Human Development and Family Studies and a teaching license in Early Childhood Education. She began as mentor teacher at the ECC in 2006 and has been in the infant room since its inception in January 2012.

Miho partners with classroom teacher Kim McCormick.

Kim has two bachelor’s degrees, one in Human Development and Family Studies and the other in Psychology. Kim has been the classroom teacher in the infant room since August of 2012.
Younger Toddler Room (105 ECC)

Jen Hinrichsen is the mentor teacher in the Younger Toddler room. Jen has a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Iowa State University and an Early Childhood Education teaching license. Jen has been with the ECC since August of 2012.

Jen partners with classroom teacher Becca Schumann.

Becca has two bachelor’s degrees, one in Human Development and Family Studies and the other in Psychology. She started at the ECC as an assistant teacher in January of 2013 and became a classroom teacher in January of 2014.
Older Toddler Room (102 ECC)

**Kelly West** is the mentor teacher in the Older Toddler Room and comes to the ECC with over 10 years of classroom teaching experience, as well as experience supervising educational assistants and assistant teachers. She holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education from Regis University and is Director Qualified by the Colorado Department of Human Services. She was most recently the Infant Nursery Supervisor at Ability Connection in Denver. Prior to that she was a Head Start and Early Head Start Teacher in Colorado Springs.

Kelly partners with classroom teacher **Diane Wendt**.

Diane came on board at the ECC in August 2014. She has a bachelor’s degree in Human Development and Family Studies.
Younger Preschool Room (106 ECC)

Jessica Knudsen is the mentor teacher in Room 106 and comes to us with a master’s degree in Infant Family Practice from Arizona State University and a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Indiana University. She has three years of experience teaching Kindergarten in Tucson, AZ and Greeley, CO where she followed the common core standards, utilized teaching strategies GOLD, and differentiated instruction for classes of about 25 students. Before that she was a program coordinator at a family resource center in Phoenix, where she developed and implemented an early literacy program and administered developmental screenings for children ages 0-5.

Jessica partners with classroom teacher Kristina Ihrig.

Kristina has a bachelor’s degree in Human Development and Family Studies and has been a classroom teacher at the ECC since August 2013. Prior to that, Kristina was an assistant teacher at the ECC.
Younger Preschool Room (112 ECC)

Emily Murphy is the mentor teacher in Room 112 and joined the ECC in July of 2014. Emily came to us from the Awakening Seed School in Phoenix where she started teaching in 2008. Emily holds her Early Childhood Education Certification from the State of Arizona.

Emily partners with classroom teacher Tyler Woodman.

Tyler’s bachelor’s degree is in Human Development and Family Studies from CSU. Prior to her role as a classroom teacher at the ECC, Tyler was an assistant teacher at the ECC from August 2012 to June 2014.
Older Preschool Room (006 ECC)

Rachel Chapin is the mentor teacher in Room 006. Rachel has a master’s degree from CSU in Education and Human Resource Studies with Early Childhood Education teaching licensure. Rachel started at the ECC as an assistant teacher in May of 2011. She was hired as a classroom teacher at the ECC in January of 2012 and has been a mentor teacher since November of 2012.

Rachel partners with classroom teacher Crosby Moresco.

Crosby’s bachelor’s degree is in Human Development and Family Studies from CSU and he has been a classroom teacher since August 2014.
Older Preschool Room (012 ECC)

**Allison Horsch** is the mentor teacher in Room 012. Allison has a master’s degree from CSU in Education and Human Resource Studies with Early Childhood Education teaching licensure. Allison has been working at the ECC since August of 2012, starting as an assistant teacher before becoming a classroom teacher and ultimately a mentor teacher.

Allison partners with classroom teacher **Alyssa Wagner**.

Alyssa has a bachelor’s degree in Human Development and Family Studies and has been at the ECC since May 2012, first as an assistant teacher and then as a classroom teacher.