We have graduate-level interns from CSU’s Department of Occupational Therapy (OT) joining us starting on September 8th!

Some of you may be thinking “What is occupational therapy?” and “Why does the ECC have occupational therapy interns?”

In general, Occupational Therapists work with individuals with physical, sensory, or cognitive challenges supporting their independence with strategies and tools that enhance their daily lives. OT practices can help all children improve their cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills. We see these efforts enhancing self-esteem while providing a tangible sense of accomplishment. Many aspects of OT are beneficial for all people, regardless of age or level of ability.

As we provide opportunities for OT graduate students to be in the classrooms at the ECC, these students gain an increased understanding of developmental and educational principles and learn ways to collaborate with professional across fields of expertise. The ECC benefits because we get to see OT practices in action that support the growth and development of the children in our care.

Join us in welcoming OT interns
Melanie O’mea-Smith, Jacob Sunder, and Stephanie Kaliades
This week we enjoyed our annual visit with our colleagues from Kagawa University in Japan.

Dr. Hiro Matsumoto is an Early Childhood Professor from Kagawa University with a research interest in early literacy. He was joined on this tour by his 7 year old daughter, Yo.

Dr. Yumiko Takagi is a good friend of the ECC and each fall she brings faculty members and students from Japan for a tour of CSU and the ECC.