



June Newsletter

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Preschool Graduation
June 6th, 2014
10:00 am
in Classroom 10

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Simple Yet Powerful Things to Do While Reading Aloud

By: Reading Rockets (2012)

Growing Readers

Most parents recognize the value of reading to a child. Books are a terrific way to share the joys of reading: interesting words, beautiful illustrations, and the keys to unlocking the mysteries of letters, sounds, and words. Recently, several researchers published work that helps us understand that very simple, small actions during reading can have a big impact on what a child takes away from sharing a book with an adult.

It turns out that young children being read to almost always focus on the illustrations. And when they're not enjoying the pictures, they are looking up at the adult reader. The child's eyes almost never look at the print on the page, yet that's where children can learn the most about letters, sounds, and words. To get the most out of a shared reading, encourage your child to appreciate the pictures, and also guide their attention to printed words. Doing so may help your child's reading, spelling, and comprehension skills down the road.

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Kids say the funniest things.....

In the front office there is a poster of the Statue of Liberty. One of the preschool students looked at the poster and said "I know where the statue of liberty lives." We were all very impressed first that the young man know that it was the Statue of Liberty and second where "it lived"... of course we said "Wow where does the statue live to which he replied "in front of M-N-M world!

Family Engagement/ Parent Education Opportunities

Date: June 3rd, 2014
 Time: 6:30-8:30
 Location: Watch Me Grow
 Presenter: Children's Cabinet

Date: June 17th, 2014
 Time: 6:30-8:30
 Location: Watch Me Grow
 Presenter: Clark County Parenting Project

This Months Curriculum Themes

June's monthly curriculum theme is Under the Big Top/ Circus. A circus theme brings out the performer in everyone. Children will dress-up as clowns and jump like lions through hoops. They will play games, such as "ringmaster may I", "musical circus" and "tightrope walking". They will also read stories and sing songs to help them learn more information about the theme.

The children will be introduced to new vocabulary words such as ringmaster, trapeze, acrobat, tightrope walker and even the term "big top".

Please review the monthly center activity calendar. We have a number of special events and activities this month



No bake coconut and date balls recipe

No bake coconut balls contain just two ingredients and they are super healthy. Pop them into lunch boxes, snack on them after exercise and use them to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Category:

2 Ingredient recipes, After school snacks, Fridge baking, Healthy, Kids cooking, Kids food, Lunch box, Snacks

Prep Time:

10 mins

Cook Time:

0 mins

Ingredients:

- 3 cups desiccated coconut
- 2 cups (200g) pitted dates

Method:

- Step 1. Place 2 cups of coconut and the dates into a blender or food processor.
- Step 2. Process on high speed for 3-4 minutes, pausing to scrape down sides as needed.
- Step 3. Remove from processor and roll teaspoon-sized balls. Roll in remaining 1 cup of coconut.
- Step 4. Pack in portions for snacks, to put in lunch boxes and keep on hand to satisfy a sweet tooth in a healthy way.

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To help direct your child's attention to the print in a book, parents can focus on specific parts of it, including:

The meaning of the print. This includes pointing out specific words within a book and drawing the child's attention to the print. For example, "Here are the penguin's words. He says, thank you."

The organization of the book and print, which includes understanding the way pages are read, the role of the author, and print direction. For example, "I am going to read this page first and then this page over here next." Or "This is the top of the page. This is where I begin reading."

The letters, which includes helping your child know that letters come in uppercase and lowercase, and helping your child learn the names of each letter. For example, "This M in the red block is an uppercase letter. See how this uppercase letter is bigger than these lowercase letters?"

The words, which includes helping your child recognize some written words, and the match between spoken words and written words. For example, "Let's point to each word as I read it. Ready?"

Parents play such an important role in growing a reader. Keeping up with information like this is a great way to make sure you are doing as much as you can to nurture all the right skills in your child.

The research and specific examples described here come from the original research, which can be found here:

Piasta, S. B., Justice, L. M., McGinty, A. S., & Kaderavek, J. N. (2012). Increasing young children's contact with print during shared reading: Longitudinal effects on literacy achievement. *Child Development*, 83(3), 810-820.

Inspirational quote.....

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin