



A loving environment for every child

# Watch Me Grow

Child Development Center

## May Newsletter



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### Did You Know???

**NOW ENROLLING**  
CHILDREN AGES 6 YEARS TO 12 YEARS

**SUMMER CAMP**  
**\$30 PER DAY/ \$125 PER WEEK**  
INCLUDES MEALS AND FIELD TRIPS

**\*Free registration for Summer Camp if you enroll by 5/30/2015\***

Kids say the funniest things.....

One night my son asked my husband, "why did you marry mommy?" He replied and said, "because every time I saw her she gave me butterflies." My son got a puzzled look on his face and then said "she did? Well what did you do with all those pets?"

### Family Engagement/ Parent Education Opportunities

Date: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 6:30-8:30  
Location: Watch Me Grow  
Presenter: Parenting Project

\*Child Care and Refreshments provided\*

### Reminder

Watch Me Grow will be **CLOSED**

Monday, May 25, 2015- Memorial Day



### Rainbow Shakers

#### Materials

- cardboard tube (long, sturdy ones work best)
- masking tape or duct tape
- multiple colors of paint
- filler: rice, corn kernels, small buttons, pony beads, etc.

#### Directions

1. Tape one end of the tube closed using the masking tape or duct tape.
2. Have the child add the filler into the tube. (Different amounts of the filler will make a different sound. Also try mixing things together.)
3. Tape the other end of the tube closed.
4. Paint.
5. Let the paint dry, shake and enjoy!

## This Months Curriculum Themes

The May monthly curriculum theme is Rainforest and Jungle. The children will learn about the four levels of a rainforest. The levels are emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor. Children will also learn about animals that live in the rainforest and jungle. They will discuss the similarities and differences between both environments. The theme includes activities and games that will have the children counting with monkeys, constructing rain sticks, decorating a classroom mural and exploring all of the sounds in a rainforest.

In the rainforest unit, children will learn new vocabulary words such as tropical, monsoon, canopy, camouflage and vegetation. In the jungle unit, vocabulary will include vines, foliage, and habitat.

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



Surprise Mom with a pair of these comfy-looking cookie treats. Mom's heart will feel as warm and fuzzy as her favorite slippers when she lays eyes on these cute cookies.

### Ingredients

- 2 halves of an oval sandwich cookie
- 1 doughnut hole
- frosting
- shredded coconut tinted with red food coloring
- pink decorators' gel

### Instructions

1. To make a pair, first separate the 2 halves of an oval sandwich cookie. Remove the filling with a butter knife.
2. Next, slice a doughnut hole into thirds. Coat the rounded sides of the 2 end pieces with frosting (you can eat the middle piece), then roll them in shredded coconut tinted with red food coloring to create a pair of fuzzy slipper tops.
3. Use a dab of frosting to stick each slipper top to a cookie sole, and then adorn the edges of the cookies with pink decorators' gel stitching.

## Children and Strangers: How to Protect Your Kids

By Randall Stokes in: [Health and Safety](#)

10 ways to keep your children safe from stranger danger

On average, 2,185 children are reported missing daily, reports the U.S. Department of Justice. That number equals 797,525 kids missing in one year. Parents must be alert to the potential dangers strangers can pose to their children. You can protect and keep your children safe in 10 easy ways.

- 1. Explain who a stranger is.** Your children need to know a stranger is anyone they don't know, even if the person seems friendly and nice. Remind them that adults usually do not ask kids for help finding a lost animal or for directions. If an adult approaches your child and asks for help, instruct her to walk away from the stranger quickly and get to a safe place.
- 2. Never out of sight.** One of the best and easiest ways to keep your children safe is to keep them in sight when you are out. Even at home, know where your children are. Check on them frequently when they are playing in another room.
- 3. Never leave kids alone in the car.** Your kids are not safe locked in a car even on a populated street or in a parking lot. A variety of danger presents itself in this situation, including strangers that can entice children to unlock the door
- 4. Talk.** Begin talking to your children about the dangers of strangers early. Don't wait until they are in elementary school. Keep talking about safety as they get older. Even kids at ages 12 and 13 need reminders.
- 5. Listen.** Listen to your children attentively. Do they keep mentioning one name? Ask if their new friend Joe is a classmate. If the answer is no, find out who Joe is. Be alert to any mentions of unsupervised adult interactions your children experience.
- 6. 911.** Everyone child should know how to call 911 or "0" for the operator in an emergency. Teach your children their full name, address and phone number as early as possible. Practice calling 911 with your child, role playing so he will know what to do in an emergency.
- 7. Updated photos.** Keep updated photos of your children on your phone, computer and in your wallet or purse. When visiting public venues such as theme parks, sporting events or museums, snap a picture with your phone when you arrive to have a photo with their current clothing.
- 8. Safety devices.** Consider using devices such as safety tattoos or child tracking devices when visiting large, crowded public venues.
- 9. Fingerprints.** The Broward County [Sheriff's Office](#) in Florida recommends having your children fingerprinted and storing the copy in a secure, accessible spot in your home. Participate in a "safety day" event where kids can learn about safety in a fun, non-threatening way. Fingerprinting often is done at these events.
- 10. Good touch, bad touch.** [Child Find of America](#) encourages children by the age of 5 to know the difference between good touches and bad touches, as well as the names for the body's private parts.

### Inspirational quote.....

Kids are like a mirror, what they see and hear they do. Be a good reflection for them.  
- K. Heath