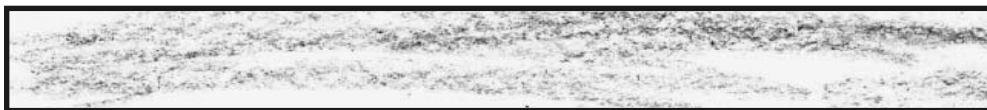
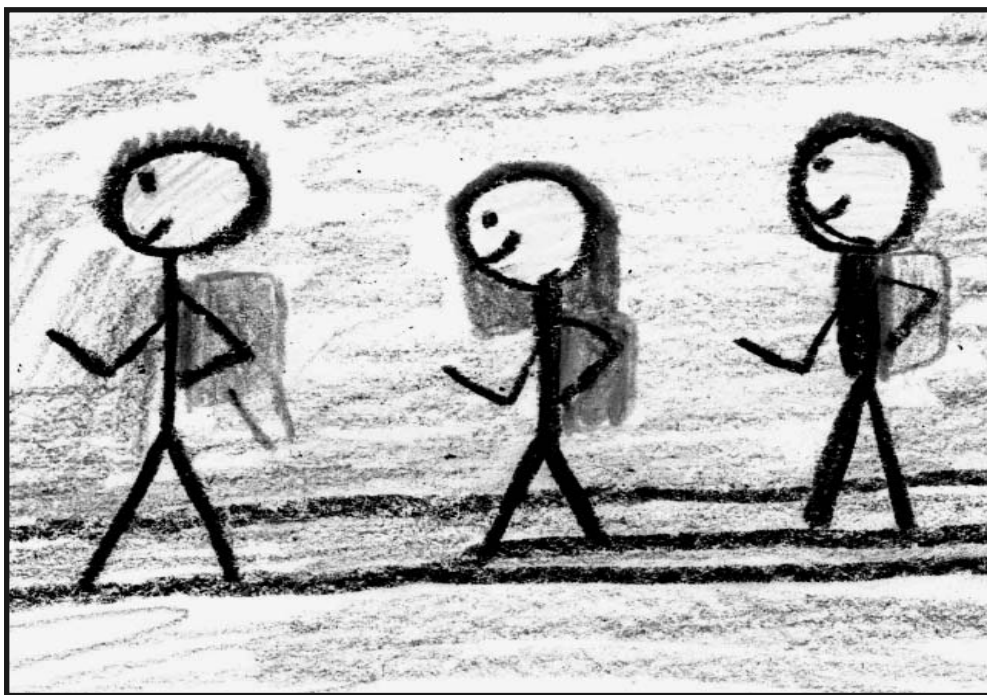


School



Get Ready for Kindergarten!

2008-2009 School Year



12 months of tips and
activities for you and your child.

What is Early Childhood Development?

Children are born learning. Day-to-day experiences affect the hard wiring of a child's brain. This affects both intelligence and personality.

Early childhood development supports high quality learning experiences and encourages meaningful interactions between children and

their parents and caregivers. Healthy, educated, nurtured children become more successful students and adults.

About the Early Childhood Development Coalition (ECDC)

ECDC consists of 175 members from 73 organizations working in partnership to bring research-based, high quality opportunities to

families, children and teachers. Our strategies include partnering with businesses, schools, nonprofits and libraries 1) to educate and

support families, 2) to develop the capacities of caregivers and teachers and 3) to enhance our community's knowledge and practices.

Highlights of our Work

Literacy Parties and Family Events. We go into homes, schools, churches and early childhood programs to teach literacy and reading tips to parents. The host receives a basket of materials and participants receive free books. ECDC also hosts free Family Literacy Nights that feature dinner and fun activities. We are also educating agen-

cies about best practices in developing early literacy skills. Call 437-2706 to schedule.

Transition to Kindergarten. We've created Transition Plans, forms and checklists to help children have a smooth transition to kindergarten. We're also working with local kindergarten teachers.

Health & Nutrition. We have brought lead aware-

ness kits to local pediatrician's offices and clinics. We also distribute healthy snacks/meals and brain development materials for families.

Second Step Training. We provide curriculum to schools and agencies, plus Family Guide Kits with tips and activities that help address and prevent violence.



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Providing opportunities for families and communities to prepare all children for success in school, thereby setting the stage for high school graduation, post-secondary education and a vibrant economy.



September

You are your child's first teacher. Try these and other meaningful activities!



	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 Physical: Exercise together.	5	6
7 Grandparent's Day	8	9 Creative Arts: Help your child create a name sign for his or her bedroom door.	10	11	12 Language: Sing <i>If You're Happy and You Know It</i> with your child today.	13
14	15 Social/Emotional: Teach your child how to play a board game with a friend or family member.	16	17	18	19	20 Cognitive: Place grapes on a plate and help your child count as he or she eats them.
21	22	23 Language: Read a book together every day. Try <i>The Crocodile and the Dentist</i> by Taro Gomi.	24	25	26 Social/Emotional: Give your child opportunities to make choices. Talk about the choices they make.	27
28 Physical: Fill several two-liter bottles with water, line them up and go bowling.	29	30				For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 

Happy and Healthy!

Raising happy, healthy and confident children is the goal of every parent. You can help yours develop in a healthy manner both physically and mentally. Interact physically-children need movement. Make time to relax together and share a laugh. Offer encouraging words during the day. Find ways for your child to be self-expressive.

A balanced diet and proper rest are important for your child's healthy development. Take time to listen to your child. The most precious gift you can give your child is time!

Song: "A Toothbrush" Sung to "Yankee Doodle"

Of all the things around the town,
A toothbrush is dandy,
Brush up and down and all around,
And stay away from candy.


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Feelings by Susan Canizares
How Many Teeth? by Paul Showers
The Crocodile & the Dentist by Taro Gomi
When Sophia Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang

October

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			1	2	3	4
				Creative Arts: Encourage your child to draw a family portrait.		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Social/Emotional: Have a TV day off! Instead of watching TV, read books, play games, or make crafts.					Physical: Go outside and kick a ball back and forth with your child.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Columbus Day		Cognitive: Cut open a pumpkin and scoop out the seeds. Bake them and count as you eat your snack.			Physical: Sing a song and dance with your child.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Language: Help your child write a story about his or her family.		Language: Tell your child a story one of your family members shared.		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Social/Emotional: Look at family photo albums with your child. Talk about their memories of past events.			Cognitive: Talk with your child about how some families are alike or different.		Halloween	For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 

All About Me!

Your child is learning many new things about themselves and their world. It's important that your child have time to talk about him or herself, family and friends and his or her favorite things. Be sure to also let your child talk about his or her fears and offer support. This is a great time to encourage your child to try new things, meet new people and listen to other people's life stories. Be sure to share your own life story with your child!

Song:

Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

(make actions to words)

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,

Knees and toes.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,

Knees and toes.

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,

Knees and toes!

Good Books for Fours and Fives:

ABC I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson

Ask Mr. Bear by Marjorie Flack

Families are Different by Nina Pellegrini


Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino

Love you Forever by Robert Munsch

November

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						1
Cognitive: 2 While preparing a meal, ask your child to help set the table. How many napkins, forks or spoons will he or she need?	3	4 Election Day	5	Cognitive: 6 Bake cookies together. Talk about measurements and fractions "I need 1/2 cup flour."	7	8
9	Language: 10 Recite nursery rhymes such as "Baa Baa Black Sheep" with your child.	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 Social/Emotional: Have your child divide a snack evenly to share.
16	17	18	Language: 19 Use addition and subtraction words like "I have 1 cookie and you have 2 cookies. That makes 3 cookies."	20	Physical: 21 Play Simon Says. "Simon says clap your hands 5 times. Simon says take 3 steps forward."	22
23	Creative Arts: 24 Encourage your child to make a self-portrait and count his or her body parts.	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 
30						

Math and Me!

Math is everywhere! It involves more than numbers. It relates to things we do in the real world everyday. By simply having your child help put groceries away you are helping him or her develop math skills. He or she will sort the cereal boxes and the soup cans and experiment with size and shape. Regularly use words such as "bigger," "smaller," "heavy," "light," "short," "long," "more than" and "fewer than" to help build your child's math vocabulary. Enjoy looking for math activities in your everyday life!

Song, Fingerplay or Rhyme"

1 2 Buckle My Shoe

1, 2 buckle my shoe
3, 4 shut the door.
5, 6 pick up sticks.
7, 8 lay them straight.
9, 10 a big fat hen!


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Chicka, Chicka 1, 2, 3 by Bill Martin, Jr.
Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Over in the Meadow by Olive A. Wadsworth
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins

December

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Social/Emotional: Sing the alphabet song with your child.				Physical: Go on an "alphabet hunt!" Find letters in the environment while walking. Look at street signs, etc.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Language: Use alphabet magnets to spell your child's name on the refrigerator or a cookie sheet. Create new words!				Cognitive: Use the newspaper or a magazine to circle specific letters with your child.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Language: When reading books, encourage your child to name the letters he or she recognizes.			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
First Day of Winter	Hanukkah	Creative Arts: Cut out letters from the newspaper and magazines. Create an alphabet collage!		Christmas	Kwanzaa	
28	29	30	31			
	Cognitive: Using different objects or pictures, invite your child to choose 2 objects that rhyme (sock & rock, hat & cat).		New Year's Eve			For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 

Letters and More!

Helping your child explore alphabet activities can be simple and fun. Many preschoolers want to learn the letters in their name and this is a great place to begin exploring alphabet recognition. Place your child's first name in places he or she sees on a daily basis: on the wall, on the door, create a name necklace and label belongings. Reading daily to your child is also important. Remember alphabet letters are everywhere. Take time to talk about the letters you and your child experience everyday!

Song: "The Alphabet Song"

A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-P
Q-R-S-T-U-V-W-X-Y and Z
Now I know my ABCs.
Next time won't you sing with me?


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

- Alphabet Mystery** by Audrey Wood
- Alphabet Under Construction** by Denise Fleming
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin, Jr.
- Eating the Alphabet** by Lois Ehlert
- The Letters are Lost** by Lisa Campbell Ernst

January

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				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 Language: Tell your child a story about friends from your childhood.	5	6	7	8	9 Creative Arts: Create a friendship collage (cut pictures out of a magazine and glue them to paper.)	10
11 Physical: Play toss with your child. Invite others to join in the fun.	12	13	14 Social/Emotional: Talk to your child about situations that make people feel mad, sad, frustrated or happy.	15	16 Language: Talk about how it feels to be tense or stressed.	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22 Physical: Play music and dance with a friend.	23	24
25 Cognitive: Create a map to a friend's house.	26	27	28 Social/Emotional: Ask questions and talk about feelings. "What else could you have done when you felt angry?"	29	30 For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706.	31 

Let's Get Along!

Preschoolers can work with others and make friends. They also may be in touch with their emotions and have greater ability to express them. Preschoolers need opportunities to develop relationships and to practice social skills. They need to know rules for social behavior. What are the best ways to make a new friend, to enter into a group, or to ask for help? Take time to talk to your child about these things as they begin to explore friendships.

Song:

"If You're Happy & You Know It"

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Glad Monster, Sad Monster by Ed Emberly
Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge
by Mem Fox

February

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1	2 Groundhog Day Cognitive: Walk around the neighborhood and look for shadows.	3	4	5 Physical: Play catch with your child using a rubber ball.	6	7
8 Language: Have your child use hand motions to act out Hickory Dickory Dock while you recite it.	9	10	11 Physical: Dance together - fast and slow.	12	13 Cognitive: Have your child name his or her body parts.	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day Language: President starts with "P." Help your child find things that start with "P".	17	18	19 Physical: Put a piece of tape on the floor and have your child walk forwards and backwards on it.	20	21
22	23	24 Social/Emotional: Hug your child and tell them how much you love them.	25	26	27 Physical: Put a piece of tape on the floor and have your child walk forwards and backwards on it.	28
						For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 

My Moving Muscles!!

Children grow and learn at their own pace. All children benefit from large and small motor activities. Offering opportunities to run, jump, skip and climb can help your child build large muscles. Small motor muscles are strengthened by such activities as squeezing balls or playing with play dough.

Song: "Hokey Pokey"

You put your right hand in,
You put your right hand out,
You put your right hand in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the hokey pokey,
And you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about.

Repeat with other body parts...
Left Hand, Feet, Elbows, Backside,
Head, Tongue, Whole Self


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
Now I Know Series - Kicking, Running and Stretching by Gilda & Melvin Berger
The Busy Body Book by Lizzy Rockwell

March

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Dr. Seuss' Birthday Language: Read <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> today!		Physical: Play tag at the park or in your backyard.			Cognitive: While outside, have your child draw pictures on the sidewalk.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Social/Emotional: Encourage having your child's friend over to play.		Creative Arts: Draw pictures of your child's favorite place in the neighborhood.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Language: Read road signs as you drive through the neighborhood.		St. Patrick's Day			First Day of Spring	Cognitive: Sit outside with your child and observe the clouds. What shapes do they make?
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Language: Sit outside at night and listen to all of the sounds...make a list!		Physical: Take a walk through the neighborhood- hop, skip and jump.		
29	30	31				
	Social/Emotional: Play school and pretend to ride the school bus through your neighborhood.					For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 

My Community!

Community offers children a sense of belonging. Children will learn to get along with others and develop a sense of responsibility. Have your child observe and discuss his or her surroundings in the home and around town. By discussing the different types of people in our community, children learn to respect cultural differences. Have children talk to grandparents, aunts, uncles or neighbors to find out how they are different, but the same.

Song: "I am a Fireman" Sung to "I'm A Little Teapot"

I am a fireman, dressed in red.
With my fire hat on my head.
I can drive the fire truck, fight fire too,
And help make things safe for you.


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

I Read Signs by Tana Hoban
Officer Buckle and Gloria
by Peggy Rathmann
Pancakes, Pancakes! by Eric Carle
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
What Will I Be?
by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

April

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			1 April Fool's Day	2	3 Cognitive: Make mud pudding with your child. Talk to your child about following the recipe and measuring the items.	4
5 Cognitive: Count the different colors of flowers while at the grocery store or garden nursery.	6	7	8 Physical: Take a walk and look for signs of spring.	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13 Cognitive: Pour water in a cup and mark where the water level is. Place outside. Monitor over time and talk about evaporation.	14	15	16 Language: Read <i>There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> . Let your child fill in rhyming words and recite phrases that repeat.	17	18 Physical: Create a kite with your child and fly it outside!
19 Week of the Young Child is 4/19-25. Call us at 437-2706 to find events!	20	21 Social/Emotional: Make a book about what you like to do on a rainy day. Add your child's words to the pictures.	22	23	24 Cognitive: Collect different kinds of seeds and see how many ways you can sort them.	25
26	27	28	29 Cognitive: In the sink or tub, ask your child to find items that sink or float. Have them tell why they think an item will float or sink.	30	For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 	

Let's Find Out!

Curiosity and children go hand-in-hand and what better way to learn than by doing? "Hands-on" learning is where children actually experience learning through smelling, tasting, touching, listening and looking. It is engaging in in-depth investigations with objects, materials, phenomena and ideas while drawing meaning and understanding from those experiences. Activities for this month will involve your child in finding out about himself and the world around him.

Song: "The Wind is Blowing" Sung to "Ten Little Indians"

One little, two little kites are blowing,
Three little, four little kites are blowing,
Five little, six little kites are blowing,
See, the wind is blowing.

Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Explore Spring by Maxine Anderson
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins
How is a Crayon Made? by Oz Charles
Little Cloud by Eric Carle

May

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					Mother Goose Day Language: Take turns reciting Mother Goose rhymes. (Jack & Jill, Humpty Dumpty, Little Boy Blue, Little Miss Muffet)	2			
3	4	Cinco de Mayo Language: Go to the library and find books about Mexico to read together.	5	6	7	8	9	Physical: Have your child jump over a rope or line on the sidewalk. See if he or she can jump on one foot and then the other.	
10	11	Language: After reading a story together, talk about what characters were in the story and where it took place.	12	13	Cognitive: Ask your child to put at least 5 items from around the house in a bag that start with /t/ sound like turtle.	14	15	16	
Mother's Day	17	Social/Emotional: Make a book about feelings. Write happy, sad & scared on a page & ask your child to illustrate. Read together.	18	19	20	21	22	23	Language: Ask your child to name all the things he or she can that are fruits.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706.	
	Memorial Day		Language: After reading a story, talk to your child about what happened first, next and last.						

Ready, Set, Read!

Preparing your child to be a good reader begins well before school. The five components of reading are: 1) hearing sounds in words, 2) knowing the relationships between letters, sounds and words, 3) reading accurately and with expression, 4) understanding the meaning of and how words are used and 5) understanding what is read.

Nothing is more important than reading aloud to your child. Read favorite books together and run your finger under the words as you read slowly. Leave out one word at the end of a sentence and see if your child can "read" the word. This works especially well with rhyming books. Make it fun!

Song: "BINGO"

There was a farmer had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.
B-I-N-G-O
B-I-N-G-O
And Bingo was his name-o.

Good Books for Fours and Fives:


Jamerry by Bruce Degen
Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola
Miss Mary Mack by Mary Ann Hoberman
Read To Your Bunny by Rosemary Wells
The Three Bears by Paul Galdone



June

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Cognitive: Look at a picture book together and have your child try to predict what will happen next.			Social/Emotional: Make a book together about what your child likes to do.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Language: Make a silly rhyme with your child's name.					Physical: Give your child a paint brush and bucket of water. Let him or her paint the sidewalk.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day		Language: Make a shopping list together.		Cognitive: Start a pattern using objects and have your child make the same pattern.		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day First Day of Summer			Social/Emotional: Role-play your child's favorite story.		Physical: Use macaroni and dental floss to create necklaces.	
28	29	30				For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706.
Art: Cut out facial expressions from magazines and make a feelings collage.						 Early Childhood Development Coalition

Get Creative!

Creativity is a form of self-expression for children. Creative experiences nurture emotional health and help children cope with feelings. To fulfill your child's need for creativity, provide activities that are based on his or her interests. Learn to listen to what your child is saying. Offer a range of materials (paper, paint, scissors, crayons, markers, glitter, glue, yarn, buttons, cotton balls, etc.) and experiences (photography, music, trips to the museum, park, zoo, etc.).

Song: "Painting Fun" Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

I know the colors for painting fun,
Green like grass and a yellow sun,
An orange pumpkin and white snow,
A red rose and a black crow,
Blue like a mailbox, brown like an ape,
A pink pig and some purple grapes.


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Dots! Dots! Dots! by Francie Alexander
My Crayon Talks by Patricia Hubbard
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Silly Sally by Audrey Woods
Look! Look! Look! by Linda Friedlaender

July

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			1	Social/Emotional: 2 Pretend it's the first day of school. Practice saying goodbye. Agree upon how you will say it on the first day of school.	3	4 Independence Day
5	Social/Emotional: 6 Talk to your child about his or her joys or fears of going to school. Read a book together every day.	7	8	9	10	Physical: 11 Help your child use scissors - let him or her cut up junk mail or grocery ads.
Language: 12 Go over personal information with your child... his or her full name, your name, address, etc.	13	14	15	Physical: 16 Do jumping jacks. How many can you do in one minute?	17	18
19	Cognitive: 20 Create "Space Mud" with your child. See Recipe.	21	22	23	Cognitive: 24 Cut a watermelon slice. Help your child count the seeds.	25
26	27	Cognitive: 28 Have your child retell what they did today in order.	29	Language: 30 Place magnetic letters in a bag or box. Ask your child to pull out letters one at a time and help name the letter.	31	For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 

Ready to Go!

School readiness is very important for a successful beginning to a lifetime of learning. Every child grows, develops and learns at a different rate. Your child may be successful with some skills and need more time for others. The key is to give plenty of opportunities to practice and learn these skills by interacting naturally with family and friends.

Song: "I Like to go to School" Sung to "The Farmer in the Dell"

I like to go to school;
I like to go to school
Heigh-ho-the-derry-oh
I like to go to school.

More verses: I like to look at books; I like to build with blocks; I like to draw and paint; I like to sing new songs; I like to play with friends.


Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Hello! Good-bye! by Alik
Kindergarten Here I Come
by Nancy Carlson
**Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for
The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn
Wheels on the Bus by Raffi

August

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							Cognitive: 1 Have your child name colors in the produce dep't. Ex. - red apples, green lettuce, yellow bananas, orange carrots, etc.
2	3 Language: Discuss new words that you encounter with your child. Explain what they mean.	4	5	6 Cognitive: Have your child fold washcloths and match socks as he or she helps you with laundry.	7	8	
9 Language: School starts with an "S." Find three things in your house that starts with "S."	10	11	12	13	14	15 Physical: Walk or ride to your child's school and play on the playground.	
16	17	18 Language: Look for the letters that make up your child's name while looking at newspapers or magazines..	19	20	21 Social/Emotional: Talk about feelings. Ask your child what makes them happy, sad or angry, etc.	22	
23 30	24 31	25	26	27 Creative Arts: Make play dough from recipe supplied. Help your child create letters, shapes, etc.	28	29 For a list of free parent workshops, call 437-2706. 	

School is Cool!

School Readiness is the sum of children's experiences prior to kindergarten. Provide experiences through everyday routines and fun activities. If your child lags behind in areas, it's okay. Children grow and develop at different rates; this is typical and expected.

Daily experiences should include:

- Talk often and listen carefully to your child.
- Sing songs and recite rhymes.
- Read every day with your child.
- Read favorite books over and over again.

Remember, you are your child's first teacher. When you do these things, you build your child's foundation for learning.

Song: "It's Time to go to School"

Sung to "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain"

It is time to go to school, here we come,
It is time to go to school, here we come.
It is time to go to school,
We think school is pretty cool,
It is time to go to school, here we come.

Good Books for Fours and Fives:

Countdown to Kindergarten by A. McGhee
Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett
Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathon London
Kindergarten Kids by Ellen B. Senisi
Off To School Little Duck by Amy Hest

Recipes for Fun!



These recipes are mentioned throughout the calendar.

Create them any time and serve up meaningful interactions in your home!

Baked Pumpkin Seeds

Materials: Pumpkin seeds - Cooking spray, olive oil, or butter - Salt or seasoned salt, or other seasoning of choice

Process: Rinse pumpkin seeds. Use your fingers to remove all the pulp. Drain pumpkin seeds and discard pulp. Spread out on paper towels on a cookie sheet to dry overnight.

Preheat oven to 250 F. Line a baking sheet with non-stick foil. Toss pumpkin seeds in olive oil, butter, or spray with cooking spray. Sprinkle with salt, garlic powder, onion powder, seasoned salt, cayenne pepper, or your choice of seasonings. Toss to coat. Bake about 1 hour, tossing every 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown. Cool before eating. Store in an airtight container at room temperature up to 3 months or refrigerate up to 1 year.

Mud Pudding

Materials: Instant chocolate pudding - Gummy worms - Oreo cookies

Process: Mix pudding, as directed on the box, pour pudding into disposable foam coffee cups, fill cups half full. Put 1 gummy worm in each cup. Add more pudding to each cup until almost full. Crush Oreo cookies and sprinkle on top of the pudding, filling the cup.

Space Mud

Materials: 2½ tablespoons Borax - 2 cups glue - Food coloring - 1½ cups water (add several drops of food coloring in water) - 1 cup hot water

Process: Mix water and glue together in a large bowl. Place Borax in cup of hot water and stir until dissolved. Slowly pour Borax mixture into glue mixture, stirring a little bit at a time. Have fun!

Play Dough

Materials: 2 cups flour - 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil - 2 cups water with food coloring - 1 cup salt - 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
Saucepan - Spoon - Covered container

Process: Heat all ingredients over medium heat in saucepan, stirring constantly until ball forms. Mixture will appear lumpy at first then will firm up like pie dough and will follow the spoon around. Remove from heat and knead dough. Store the dough in a covered airtight container or a plastic bag when cooled. Enjoy creating!

School Phone Numbers:



Public Elementary Schools

Caze (812) 477-5567
Cedar Hall (812) 435-8223
Cynthia Heights (812) 435-8740
Culver (812) 435-8219
Daniel Wertz (812) 435-8312
Delaware (812) 435-8227
Dexter (812) 476-1321
Fairlawn (812) 476-4997
Harper (812) 476-1308
Hebron (812) 477-8915
Highland (812) 867-6401
Howard Roosa (812) 435-8231
Lincoln (812) 435-8235
Lodge (812) 477-5319
Scott (812) 867-2427
Stockwell (812) 477-5345
Stringtown (812) 435-8320
Tekoppel (812) 435-8333
Vogel (812) 477-6109
West Terrace (812) 435-8733

Evansville Day School (812) 476-3039
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Seventh Day Adventist School (812) 425-2455

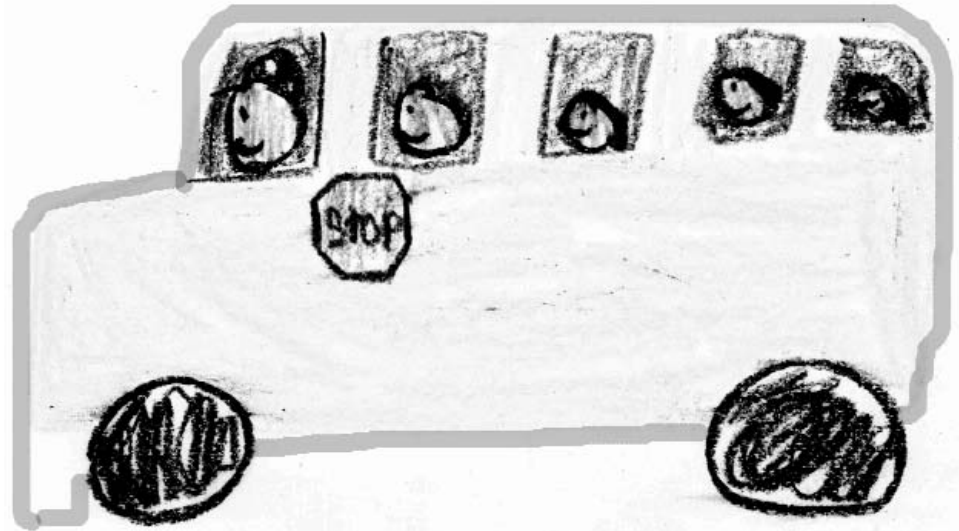
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Parochial Elementary Schools

Catholic:

Christ The King (812) 476-1792
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Provide your child with a blank piece of paper and crayons. Ask him or her to draw what they imagine school might look like. Let them explain their drawing to you! Use it as a starting place to discuss their expectations and fears. This type of sharing will help prepare your child for kindergarten more than you might realize!