March 2019
NEWSLETTER

Partnering with the The Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy to improve children’s well-being through research, practice, and policy.

March 21: Healthy Physical Development and Young Children

The March Family Discussion Series will feature Dr. Jackie Goodway and Dr. Ruri Famela on 3/21 in Town Square from 3:45–5:15 p.m. and will include an interactive obstacle course for children of all ages. Families will learn how to engage and instruct their children in age appropriate physical education activities, explore developmental milestones and learn how to support children who are not hitting physical milestones.

April 22: Opera Columbus

Children and families will have the opportunity to enjoy this operatic outreach production of the Hans Christian Andersen children’s story at 10 a.m. on April 22nd. The Ugly Duckling doesn’t fit in with the other ducklings because she looks and sounds different than they do. But when she saves the other ducklings from the Big Bad Wolf after learning about his tricks, the others learn to love the Ugly Duckling for who she is.

2019 Summer Success Camp

During June, July, and August, the Schoenbaum Family Center will be offering our fourth year of Summer Success camps for children entering kindergarten in the fall. This camp is designed for children who live in the Weinland Park neighborhood and those who do not attend preschool. We will be offering two 4-week sessions from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm Monday-Friday with breakfast and lunch included. More information coming soon!

Kass Family Book Club: Giveaway Books

Don’t forget to check your child’s mailbox for the monthly Kass Family Book Club book. Infant and Toddler families, look for The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen. Join the Pout-Pout Fish as he figures out who he really is. Preschool families, look for Three Questions by Jon Muth. Join young Nikolai as he tries to answer three important questions about life. This month’s preschool book was a suggestion from our very own preschool friend, Reese S. If you ever have a suggestion for our monthly giveaway books, please let Kari know.

Events

COFFEE TALK
Tuesdays from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Drop off your child and enjoy coffee and a snack with staff and other families in the library.

STORY TIME AND SONGS IN THE LIBRARY
Wednesdays from 4:40 – 5:20 p.m.
Join your child for stories, snacks and sing-a-longs.

FAMILY DISCUSSION SERIES
Healthy Physical Development and Young Children
March 21, Town Square from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
From SFC Librarian Kari Welch

Literacy Tips

Preschool Families: Try asking your child a few of these questions when you read books together.

- Tell me about the book cover. What clues does it give you about the story?
- What is happening on this page?
- How do you think that character is feeling? Why do you think they are feeling that way?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Using only the pictures in the book, what do you think is going to happen in this book?
- What happened first? What happened next? What happened last?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why was this your favorite part?
- Who were the characters (the people in the book)? What was the setting (where the book happened)?

Infant and Toddler Families: Reading with infants and toddlers can sometimes be a tricky task, especially as your toddler becomes more mobile. Try these tips when reading with your infant and toddler.

- A few minutes of reading is a great start! Don’t try to force your child to finish an entire book.
- Point to the words on the page as you read, then point to, and talk about the pictures.
- Let your child turn the pages. Board books are a great way to practice page turning, but give your child the chance to work with regular books as well.
- Show your child the cover and talk about how the picture relates to the story.
- Make books and storytelling a part of your routine. You can read books at bedtime, recite your child’s favorite books while at the doctor’s office, and even read books while riding in the car!
- Ask your child questions about the book and help them figure out the answer. Start by helping them to find familiar objects and then add more details such as making the noises of familiar animals or finding new objects on the page.

Check out what’s new in the library!

The library has two fun new ideas that have been added for families to check out and use at home.

The First exciting new addition is our collection of Vox Books. Vox Books are books with a built-in MP3 player that reads the book to you and your child. You can play the book using the built-in speaker for the whole family to enjoy or plug in a pair of headphones to allow your child to enjoy it on their own. You can find these books on the shelf beside the 5-Minute Stories.

We also have new literacy bags on our shelves! These bags include books, toys, and activity cards to do with your child. We have bags that are designed to use with older infants/young toddlers, older toddlers, and preschoolers.

The literacy bags are the clear back packs on the shelf beside the Vox Books. We currently have a limited number of these bags so get them while they are available!