May 2019
NEWSLETTER

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

May 7th: Parenting and Discipline

Our last Family Discussion of the school year will feature the final topic of interest selected by parents in our survey. Katie Van Fossen, therapist intern with SFC’s Family Services Clinic, will be available in the Town Square from 3:30-5:15 pm for small group discussion and/or individual consultation about parenting young children, guidance and discipline. Join us to talk or simply pick up some resources and handouts on strategies to use with young children at home and school!

We would like to also say goodbye to Katie as her internship will come to an end this month! Katie’s work in our Family Services Clinic for two years has been wonderful, and we wish her all the best as she continues her career and growth in Couples and Family Therapy!

May 30th: SFC End of Year Celebration

Our annual End of the School Year Celebration will take place on May 30th from 3:30-5:30 pm. Family events will include arts and crafts, treats from Chef Mark, raffles and fun activities!

Stay for as little or as long as you’d like. All SFC families are welcome to join, and there will be special gifts for children who are graduating and moving on to kindergarten in the fall. We hope to see you there!

Spring Family Conferences

Our end of the year family conferences will be held on Friday, May 17, when the school is closed. Your child’s teacher will be providing sign-up times for conferences. Conferences are a time to for families and teachers to partner to discuss child learning and development, set learning goals and discuss child progress and growth.

Kass Family Book Club: Giveaway Books

This month be sure to get your monthly Kass Family Book Club book from Town Square during the End of Year Celebration!

Infant and Toddler families, look for There! Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss. Have fun with your child making animal noises as the animals try to get a book from the library!

Preschool families, look for Frog on a Log? by Kes Gray. It’s full of silly rhymes and exciting illustrations!

Special Events

OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

Wednesday, May 22nd at 3:45 p.m.

Pick up your child from their classroom and join us in Town Square for an exciting Peter Pan story time and a chance to meet a character from the story! Every family that attends will receive a free ticket to Ohio History Connection’s Storybook Village in June.

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Literacy Tips

- Take a letter hunt with your child! This can be done at your house, in the car, or while you shop for groceries.

- With younger children, you can point to different letters as you see them and ask your child to help you find the letters in their name. For older children, try challenging your child to find letters by giving them clues. You can say something like, “I see a letter that makes the Fffff sound.” or “I see the first letter in the word dog.”

- Keep this game new and exciting by adding in new challenges as your child becomes familiar with the letters of the alphabet. You can have your child count all of the T’s they see as you take a walk, have them search for all of the letters of their name in the produce section of the grocery store, or have them find both upper and lower case letters!

- Be sure to check out these exciting books about the alphabet that are available in our library! *The Letters are Lost* by Lisa Campbell Ernst, *Alphabet Adventure* by Audrey Wood, and *A Busy Creature’s Day Eating!* by Mo Willems.

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Opera Columbus

- A special thanks to Opera Columbus for coming out and putting on an amazing performance of *The Ugly Duckling* for our school!

- The children had an amazing time laughing as the Ugly Duckling worked hard to keep the other ducklings safe from the Big Bad Wolf! The Ugly Duckling even joined us in the crowd as she hid from the Big Bad Wolf!

- And a huge thank you to the families that joined us for the performance. Check out the pictures to see some of the fun we had! And check the newsletter for upcoming special events each month!