May 2020 NEWSLETTER

RESOURCES FOR YOU

We continue to create resources to support you and your children during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find resources in three different areas. Check them out below and see some of the newest additions to each channel! During this time, if there is anything we can do to help, please reach out to your child’s teachers, or you can email Samantha Peterson.476@osu.edu or Anneliese Johnson.2745@osu.edu.

CURATED RESOURCES (from the community)

We’ve curated a list of resources, including information for: mental health support, job opportunities and unemployment information, food and meal assistance, and educational supports.

Check out what’s new:

- mental health support from DFYF (walking distance from our school)
- new text option to for help from domestic violence
- special resources for parents around resilience (including getting along with siblings) and helping kids cope

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COVID-19 RESOURCES (developed by us)

From media to at-home activities for children, the Schoenbaum and Crane Centers experts on research and early childhood development are creating resources for you and your family.

Some great new additions:

- a new section of cooking from home with Chef Mark – full of recipes that are great for the whole family
- at-home activities around physical and motor development
- new at-home language and literacy activities

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YOUTUBE CHANNEL (featuring all your favorites!)

From yoga to family recipes with chats about social distancing, from math to sing-a-longs with Chef Mark (where he even dons his chef’s attire), there’s something for every family and child!

Here are some highlights:

- Trivia Tuesday featuring Class 128’s guinea pigs!
- story time with Ms. Kari on Wednesdays at 4pm (live!)
- Why Does Ms. Jessica Have a Mask?
- Self-help skills with Ms. Dilshad

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bedtime stories with Ms. Kari

Our librarian, Ms. Kari, will be reading more story time books that are perfect for your child’s bedtime routine (or anytime)! Simply follow this link.

*due to copyright laws, recorded story times are only accessible when you use the link

Policy updates from the Crane Center

As state and federal lawmakers respond to COVID-19, our partners at the Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy have been sifting through it and what it all means. Each week, Jamie O’Leary and Caitlin Lennon recap the latest policy news and highlight what actions state and federal lawmakers have taken to invest in public health, citizen safety, and the economy.

See their week-by-week breakdown of what’s been happening here.

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS

We’ve teamed up with the OSU Alumni Association to offer three live webinars for families who are home with their young children during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are free and open to all, but registration is required.

Everyday Activities for Young Children While at Home, Babies to Age Six

Tuesday, May 5 • 1:30pm

Every day, there are great learning opportunities for children within their daily routines, whether during bath time, bedtime, meals, brushing teeth or cleaning up. Join presenters Lisa Welsh and Samantha Peterson as they explore how to embed learning into the daily lives of children, especially during COVID-19.

Presented by Lisa Welsh, M.Ed., Early Head Start lead education specialist and certified developmental specialist at the Schoenbaum Family Center, and Samantha Peterson, M.S., assistant principal of the A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning.

Mediating Sibling Rivalry and Supporting Conflict Resolution with Young Children

Thursday, May 21 • 1:30pm

School closures, social distancing, and stress may lead to even more conflicts between siblings — leaving parents to cope and to mediate. Samantha Peterson and Anneliese Johnson will lead you through the reasons that conflicts occur, when to support children through them, and how to set siblings up to have less conflict and more resolution! These techniques can be adapted for children of all ages.

Presented by Samantha Peterson, M.S., assistant principal, and Anneliese Johnson, M.S., principal of the A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning.

Best Practices in Shared Reading to Get the Most from Story Times with Young Children

Thursday, June 4 • 1:30pm

For those concerned about learning loss due to distance learning and early school closures this year, join Kari Welch and Samantha Peterson to learn more about how reading with your young child is one of the best ways to continue enriched learning at home. They will share simple strategies to get the most from reading to enhance your child’s vocabulary, phonological awareness, number sense, and narrative building skills.

Presented by Kari Welch, library technician, and Samantha Peterson, M.S., assistant principal of the A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE

Registration is open for May 5th. Links to register will be added for the other webinars as made available.