April 16: Toddler Transition to Preschool

The April 16th Family Discussion Series will feature conversations with SFC teachers and educators in Town Square from 3:45—5:15 p.m. Families will learn how to make this big transition to preschool easier. You’ll discuss strategies to prepare for preschool and guidance on saying a “good good-bye” on your child’s first day.

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.

Picture Day: April 9th

Bring your child to the courtyard for school pictures beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 9th prior to dropping them off in their classroom. (Children arriving to school before 8:00 a.m. will have their photo taken later in the day.)

All families will receive pictures via Buckeyebox. Families not affiliated with OSU will receive an email invite to create an account to view pictures.

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 *There Was An Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe* by Jane Cabrera.

Preschool families, look for *I Fall Down* by Vicki Cobb. I Fall Down is a book full of ways to experiment with gravity! Have fun trying out a few of the activities and talk with your child about how gravity works!

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**  
Toddler Transition to Preschool  
April 16, Town Square from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
From SFC Librarian Kari Welch

Literacy Tips

• The weather is finally warming up now that spring has arrived. Take advantage of the amazing weather while helping your child practice their early literacy skills by choosing one of the activities below to do outside!

• Use a paint brush and cup of water to “paint” letters and words on the sidewalk or side of your house with your child. Encourage them to make the letters in their name and to try other letters that they are familiar with!

• Take advantage of the mud puddles after the April showers and use a stick or your fingers to practice writing letters, numbers, or drawing pictures to tell a story.

• Take and walk and play a game of I Spy! For younger children, practice something like, "I spy with my little eye a blue car" and then have your child help you find the blue car. For older children try to make the clues more challenging by saying something like, "I spy with my little eye something that has the letter S on it." and then have your child help you find a stop sign.

• Use different items from nature such as leaves, flower petals, sticks, or rocks to make letters and words. Make your creations last by bringing paper and glue outside and gluing the items down to keep for later.

• Sit outside and read a book together about spring and then talk about things in the book that you can see around you.