Severe Weather Information

The Schoenbaum Family Center is a university building and follows Ohio State's closure policies. When checking for school closings on local radio, television and internet sites, look to see if Ohio State main campus is closed. In case of severe weather closure, our automated system will send each family a text/email informing them of closure.

Signed Books Available in January

Adam Rubin, author of Dragons Love Tacos and El Chupacabras, among others, is signing a copy of one of his books for each of our friends. Be sure to check your child’s mailbox at the end of January for this wonderful treat! If you’d like to see Adam in person, visit the Upper Arlington Public Library on Jan. 17 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Register online beginning Jan. 3 at ualibrary.org.

DYI: Play Dough

Ingredients:
- 1 cup white flour
- 1 cup warm water
- 2 tbsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. cream of tartar
- 2 tbsp. cooking oil
- 1-3 oz. pack of Jello, any flavor

Directions:
Mix together ingredients in a large pot over medium heat until ball is formed. Allow dough ball to cool on a floured surface for about five minutes. Knead in additional flour until dough is no longer sticky. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

Kass Family Book Club

Don’t forget to check your child’s mailbox for the monthly Kass Family Book Club book! Infant and Toddler families, look for Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault. A told B and B told C, I’ll beat you to the top of the coconut tree! Preschool families, look for There was a Cold Lady who Swallowed Some Snow! by Lucille Colandro. What happens when you swallow a bunch of snow and then have a giant burp?!

Events

**PARENT DISCUSSION SERIES**
Thursday, January 24, from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Join SFC staff and Barbara Reed, Columbus City Schools representative, in room 260 to learn about registration and preparing your child for kindergarten.

**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.
From SFC Librarian Kari Welch

Literacy Tips: In Case you Missed it

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the library for our Family Discussion Series on Literacy in the Home on December 6th. We had great conversations on how to support literacy learning in the home and ways to make literacy learning fun and engaging for your children. For those families who weren’t able to make it, see the tips below and check out the Jello playdough recipe (on the front page) to use with hands-on letter learning!

**Read!** Reading books with your child is the best way to get them excited about learning. Books give your child the opportunity to go on grand adventures, even when you’re stuck inside. Encourage your child to help you read familiar stories and ask them questions about what you have read. But don’t feel pressured to finish every book. Stop if your child loses interest or wants to read something different.

**Sing!** Singing with your child is a great way to introduce new vocabulary and to practice rhyming words. Keep familiar songs such as *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* or *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* new and exciting by changing up the lyrics or tune. Chat with Kari if you need ideas on how to do this.

**Play!** Children learn through play. As you play, expand on what your child says. If they point to a ball, talk about the color or size of the ball; point out the letters on blocks or words on pretend food; or describe what you and your child are playing using words that are less familiar to your child.

**Talk!** Children needs words every day. From the time your child is born, they are taking in the language that is all around them. With infants and young toddlers, give everything a name. Talk about what you are doing in the kitchen or the items you are grabbing at the grocery store.

**Write!** From their first scribble on the page to the formation of letters and words, writing is an essential part of your child’s development. Show your child how we read and write from left to right and that letters form words. Give your child the chance to use different materials such as markers, crayons, paint, and playdough to form letters and practice writing.

A Fond Farewell

After 30 years of service to the university, five of which have been under our roof, we reluctantly say goodbye to our building coordinator Jeff Bowman, who retired at the end of the December. Jeff plans a move to Eastern Virginia to be closer to family, work and the beach. Jeff has been instrumental in keeping our facility in top shape, assisting with fiscal responsibilities, and interacting with our families on many levels of care. You will be missed Jeff!

Parent Discussion Series

We host monthly meetings for families with young children. Below is a schedule preview for our series, where families can discuss topics they selected via survey at Open House with experts in the field. For more information, please contact our Family Services Team at 614-247-7007 or stop by room 133.

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