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A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning Schoenbaum Family Center

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Reading to Toddlers

Have you ever tried to sit down with your toddler to read a book and found that all they want to do is move around? You can continue to encourage language development and a love of reading by choosing books that encourage movement and interaction.

Tip #1: Choose engaging books. Books that encourage your child to interact will keep them engaged and excited about the story. Books that encourage interaction include, *Press Here* by Herve Tullet and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen.

Tip #2: Don't worry about finishing. When you read a book to your child, it is ok to stop halfway if your child loses interest. Toddlers tend to have shorter attention spans and move on to the next activity sooner than older children.

Tip #3: Every day is an adventure. Toddlers love reading stories about the things they do every day. Books that talk about the things we do are, *It's All About Me!* by Nancy Cote and *How Do Dinosaurs Play With Their Friends* by Jane Yolen.

The books mentioned here are all available in the JP Morgan Chase Library.



Weinland Park Family University

NOVEMBER SFC SESSION DATE

Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

The Power and Perils of Social Media
Power of Parents as Partners in Education

Weinland Park Family University provides families (with children ages ten or younger) with workshops to help their children be successful in school and in life. To register, contact Kachina Carter at kcarter@cpoms.org or call 614.719.9350. Lunch and child care provided.

What's in a Routine?

BROWN BAG FAMILY WORKSHOP

Friday, Nov. 3, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Learn the importance of consistent routines for young children including strategies for healthy and successful mealtimes, bedtimes and school drop-offs. [REGISTER.](#)

PARENT DISCUSSION SERIES

The school is hosting monthly meetings on topics for our families with young children. Discussions will be informal, based on questions and comments of the group, and facilitated by experts in the field. Watch for fliers coming soon. For more information on the sessions below, please contact our Family Services Team at 614.247.7007 or stop by room 133.

| Date and Location | Topic | Description |
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| Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Town Square | Parenting Young Children | Katie Van Fossen, from the Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic, will discuss parenting strategies for young children, meal and bedtime challenges and the importance of routines. |
| Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Town Square | Kindergarten Transition | Join the Family Advocacy Team and a Columbus City Schools representative to learn about registration and preparing your child for kindergarten. |

HOLIDAY RESOURCES

Various organizations around Columbus offer assistance during the winter holiday season, such as food baskets, toys, clothing, and adopt-a-family programs. Organizations such as "Toys for Tots," "Firefighters For Kids," and "HandsOn Central Ohio" are available to local families. While some local programs have restrictions, such as income or neighborhood of residence, other programs are open to all.

Many programs **REQUIRE ADVANCE** registration in November or the beginning of December, so be sure to sign up early! To learn more about available programs for your family, contact Alyssa Bennett at Bennett.1174@osu.edu.

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TOY DRIVE**



Hands On
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EVENTS

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Family Brown Bag – What's in a Routine? SFC, Rm.260
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Tuesday, Nov. 28

School Pictures, JP Morgan Chase Library

Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
P&G Giveaway, Town Square

Every Tuesday from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Talk - drop off your child and enjoy coffee and a snack with staff and other families in the library.

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Community Story Time in the library for children birth to five years and their parents and caregivers.

OUR MISSION

The Schoenbaum Family Center and
Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy

*Partnering to improve children's well-being through
research, practice and policy.*



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