June Storytimes

This month in preschool storytime we will talk about unicorns, pirates, the butterfly life cycle, and different kinds of families. We will explore exciting words such as narwhal, chrysalis, and metamorphosis; practice our writing skills while drawing pictures of our families; and have fun making silly sounds as pirates. Take a look for books such as This Day in June by Gayle Pitman, Shiver Me Letters A Pirate ABC by June Sobel, Not Quite Narwhal by Jessie Sima and The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle in the library!

Weekly Events

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 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
**Stay & Play** - Explore ideas like magna tiles, play dough, and tummy time finger painting while getting to know other families.

Mondays & Fridays from 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.
**Community Storytime** - Experience fun stories, silly songs, and exciting family activities.

Summer Notes

Water days are a fun time to enjoy the outdoors in the summer and play together in sprinklers, wading pools, bubbles and other water equipment. Not only is this engaging, children in early childhood working with water are learning important scientific concepts regarding volume, displacement, evaporation and buoyancy.

Preschoolers will share a morning water day every Friday morning during the summer on the playground. Infant/Toddler classrooms 130 and 138 will share a water day on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and rooms 134 and 146 will share a water days on Mondays and Thursdays. Please bring in a swimsuit and water shoes for your child to keep at school. We will supply the towels and sunscreen.

Town Square Summer Performances

June 22nd The Art of Tap Dancing
SFC parent, Lauren Squires, will showcase the art of tap dancing. Lauren is a member of the dance troupe Movement Afoot, a group formed to encourage adult tap dancers to continue their practice.

July 11th Columbus Fire Department
The CFD will visit with our preschool classrooms and summer camp group to talk about fire safety. We will talk with fire fighters and see how a real fire truck works.

Check your child’s classroom for times. Families are welcomed and encouraged to join their children during these special events.
Literacy Tips

For Preschoolers
A great way to introduce new vocabulary to your child is during meal times. Invite your child to join you in the kitchen while you prepare dinner. Give them simple tasks such as rinsing vegetables before you cook them, giving them a butter knife to chop part of the meal, or fill the sink with warm soapy water and let them wash dishes that you have finished using.

Talk about what you and your child are doing. Describe the textures of the foods, the way different spices smell, where the foods come from (i.e. did it grow in the ground, on a tree, come from an animal), and encourage your child to taste the food along with you as the meal is finishing. Ask them what they can taste and see if they can remember the different spices that you put into the meal!

Try a book-inspired cookbook for exciting and fun recipes that you can make with your child or one of these food themed books. Feast for 10 by Kathryn Falwell, Every Color Soup by Jorey Hurley, Fancy Nancy: Tea Parties by Jane O’Connor, and Sesame Street Let’s Cook by Susan McQuillian, RD.

P&G Giveaway
Friday, June 22, 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. in Town Square
Join us in Town Square to pick up your household and baby items.

Literacy Tips

For Infants and Toddlers
Singing with babies and toddlers is a great way to introduce new vocabulary. You can sing familiar songs such as the Itsy Bitsy Spider, Wheels on the Bus, or Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. Try mixing it up a bit and using these familiar tunes to make up new songs. You can sing about where you are driving to in the car, what you are eating for dinner, or the activity that you are doing with your child. Singing can make tasks like taking a bath, brushing your teeth, and driving more exciting and engaging for your child.

Check out Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera or Old Mikamba had a Farm by Rachel Isadora for fun new verses to familiar songs or the YouTube channel by Jbrary for silly songs to sing with your child!

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