The Importance of Bedtime Stories

Did you know that reading with your children at bedtime not only helps them learn important language and literacy skills, but can actually help them get to sleep easier?

Bedtime stories give you the opportunity to sit down with your child at the end of a busy day and relax together. This closeness with your child helps them to wind down from their day and allow their body to relax.

Building a relaxing routine before bedtime signals your child’s brain that it is time to go to sleep and helps make bedtime less of a struggle.

You can find books to use at bedtime by visiting the JP Morgan Chase library before you head home. Some great titles to read with your child include books by author Nancy Tillman, *The Going to Bed Book* by Sandra Boynton, *Goodnight Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann, and *Good Night Owl* by Greg Pizzoli.

Join library technician Kari Welch on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the library for tips on working with your child on reading skills. Enjoy books and materials for take home practice.

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 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.*
*Community Story Time* in the library for children birth to five years and their parents and caregivers.

SFC CLOSURE DATES

*Monday, Feb. 19*
*SFC Closed for Professional Development*
## PARENT DISCUSSION SERIES

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<td>Home and School Literacy Connections</td>
<td>Receive tips on working with your child on reading skills at home from our librarian. Get books and materials to share at home.</td>
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<td>Infant/Toddler Transition to PreK</td>
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## CCS Kindergarten Transition

Thank you for joining us last month for our Parent Discussion Series, Kindergarten Transition. Check your family mailboxes for information packets to help you through this process.

The chart to the right is a step-by-step enrollment process guide for Columbus City Schools.

You may also contact our social work students, Eden Niguse, Kyra Howard and Alyssa Bennet by calling 614-247-7007 or stopping by room 133.

**Step 1**
- If you want your child to attend your assigned school, you can skip this step!
- To learn your child’s assigned school call the CCS Facetline at 225-FACT
- Look up the factsheets about CCS elementary schools using this weblink [http://www.ccsoh.us/FastFacts.aspx](http://www.ccsoh.us/FastFacts.aspx)
- Go to the elementary school fair @ Africentric Early College on 2/7/18 (6:00-7:30) to meet principals and ask questions
- Call a school and schedule a tour

**Step 2**
- Complete the SpeedyPass enrollment on the CCS website here [http://www.ccsoh.us/Enrollment.aspx](http://www.ccsoh.us/Enrollment.aspx)
- After you complete the speedypass, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment at the central enrollment office. The office is located at:
  - 430 Cleveland Avenue
  - Columbus, 43215
  - 614-365-4011

**Step 3**
- Attend your appointment at central enrollment! The sooner the better!
- Your child is not enrolled until you attend this appointment!
- Bring the following items with you to your meeting:
  - Parent photo ID
  - Child Birth certificate
  - Address verification
  - Child immunization record
  - Custody/legal paperwork, if applicable
- **You do not need to bring your child to the meeting unless he/she is bilingual**

**Step 4**
- If you want your child to attend your assigned school, you are done!
- If you want to enter the school lottery, fill out an application online at the CCS website.
  - Applications are available starting 2/7/18
  - Applications are due by 3/30/18

**Only list the schools that you want. You do not have to list three choices!**

**Step 5**
- Wait for an email or phone call that will list your lottery application status.
- You must respond to this letter within 24 hours to accept a lottery position.

**Step 6**
- Secure childcare for before and after school, if needed.
- Work with your child at home to prepare them for Kindergarten using the Preschool to Kindergarten transition checklist!

### DONE!

**Questions?**
Contact Barb Reed on the CCS Faceline: 614-221-3228 or stop by or call the Family Support Services office, room 133 or call 247-7007