



Stark County Board of DD Early Intervention Newsletter

August 2020

August Virtual Playgroups

Each week be sure to watch for an email mid week.
The email will contain the materials to have on hand to play along with us.

August 7th @ 10 AM Sensory Play

- Use your 5 senses to play today,,,what can you hear? Smell? Feel? See? Taste?
- Create your own calming sensory bottle
- Learn to color rice to make a rice sensory bin



**Virtual Playgroups are moving to
Tuesdays @ 10 AM
beginning on August 11th**

Tuesday, August 11th @ 10 AM Playdoh Fun!

- Make NO cook playdoh with us today
- Can you roll it? Squeeze it? Poke it? Squish it? Flatten it? Cut it? What else can you do?
- Add simple props to promote open-ended unstructured play



Tuesday, August 18th @ 10 AM Let's Make Music Together

- We will make some simple instruments to play today
- Instrument Fun! Let's make music!
- Simon Says...shake, tap, stop, faster, slower, louder, softer...what else can we do?



September Virtual Playgroups have moved to Tuesdays @10AM



"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" What will he do???

- September 1st- Storytime with Chris & Paula
"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie"
- September 8th—Sensory Play with Miss Chris
Edible Cookie Dough Playdoh & sensory bin
- September 15th- Craft time with Miss Paula
Create a cookie
- September 22nd- Kid's in the Kitchen
Make a YUMMY mouse snack to eat!
- September 29th- Music & Movement
Get up and moving with us!

You can contact Chris or Paula with questions by sending a message through the REMIND APP To join...
text @cehmerm to 81010;
or go to: remind.com/join/cehmerm

You can also contact us through the contact information below:

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During the COVID 19 quarantine we are working remotely from home to reach us by phone-leave a message which will forward to our emails where we can listen to it and respond to you.

Tuesday, August 25th @10 AM Kid's in the Kitchen

- We will make a yummy snack to eat and practice measuring, mixing, pouring then eating!!
- Who will you share your snack with?



Sink or Float Water Sensory Bin

Children were made to be scientists!

A toddler's natural curiosity makes them great scientists (isn't every toddler's favorite word, "why?"). Kids are naturally drawn to water. Did you ever notice how kids can find even the tiniest puddle? That curiosity about water can lead into a fun science activity. Sink or Float is one of the easiest science experiments to set up for a toddler. All you need are some common household items that sink and float and an empty container. Fill your water bin or table with a few inches of water. Children love to splash so you might want to do this outside.



Once you have it set up, sit back, observe and allow your child to just play. If you watch and listen to them you might hear them say things like..."This one floats!" "I pushed this one down." "It won't go down." "It came back up."

Take your cues from your child and allow them to continue to play. As they play some questions you might ask as a follow up to their comments might be..."Do you think that one will sink when you put it in?" "What do you think will happen with that toy?" "Why won't that one sink?" Asking questions and talking about what you're observing helps your child understand what they're seeing and doing all while playing and having fun!



SUMMER FUN

Watermelon Sensory Bag

This summer sensory bag is simple to make, fun to play with and the beans look just like watermelon seeds!



Items needed:
Red/Pink body wash (*hair gel with red food coloring works too*)
Black beans
A Ziplock bag
Clear packaging tape

Squirt some red body wash or gel into the Ziplock bag. You'll get different effects with different amounts; experiment to get it how you want it. If you use a little bit, the bag will stick to itself or use a lot and it will all sink to the bottom; either way it is still fun to play with. Add black beans to the bag. Seal and then tape to a window (or table). Kids love to poke and scoot the beans around, squish the bag and look at the beautiful translucent colors.

Ice Cream Sandwiches



Homemade ice cream sandwiches are so easy to make, all you need is a few ingredients. The ice cream sandwich can be made using graham crackers or cookies. Cool Whip, yogurt or ice cream can be used for the filling.

Lay out your graham crackers or cookies and spread some Cool Whip, yogurt or ice cream on top of one then place the other on top. If you want to make them fancier you can roll the edges in sprinkles before freezing. Before freezing, wrap in saran wrap or freezer bags, place in freezer let them sit for a bit before eating. My kids love to make them as much as they love to eat them. It is a delicious and nutritious warm weather snack.



END OF SUMMER



BUCKET LIST

- ☐ *Have a picnic*
- ☐ *Paint rocks and hide them for someone else to find*
- ☐ *Make and use chalk paint to create a picture*
- ☐ *Have a bonfire then roast hotdogs and make smores*
- ☐ *Create an obstacle course in your yard*
- ☐ *Make a tent*
- ☐ *Catch fireflies*
- ☐ *Go on a nature scavenger hunt then make a nature collage*
- ☐ *Look at the clouds, what do you see? A dragon? Dog?...*
- ☐ *Have a water fight*
- ☐ *Make a fun snack to share*
- ☐ *Go on a bike ride*
- ☐ *Play in the rain then see if you can find a rainbow*



Can you complete the bucket list?

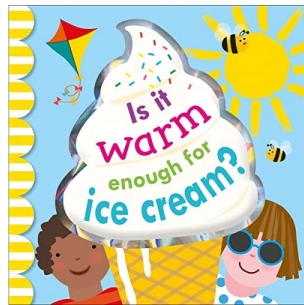
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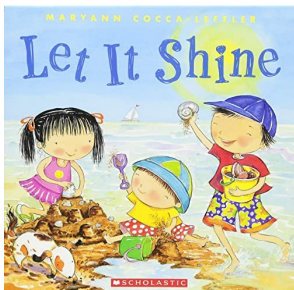
A unique summer-themed board book with bright, fluorescent picnic images! Join two children as they have a fun day having a picnic! They spread out their tablecloth and colorful food, fly kites, smell flowers, play on the swings, and much more! And when it's nighttime, they look up at the stars and enjoy the fire-works.

Click this link or type it into your browser to hear this book read to you... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jd1l_BYuK6c

Winter, spring, summer, and fall are each represented by a vibrant outdoor scene revealing seasonal changes, from ponds freezing over, to baby birds leaving their nests for the first time. And with changes in weather come new things to try: it's windy enough to fly a kite and spin pinwheels; it's rainy enough to splash in puddles, use an umbrella, and search for worms; it's snowy enough to build a snowman, go sledding, and drink hot chocolate. But is it warm enough for ice cream? When we reach the bright sun of the summer spread, we hear the answer: Yes it is!



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School is out and the sun is shining. It's time to play outside! Celebrate all the wonders of summer with soft-colored art, adorable children, and vibrant outdoor scenes, LET IT SHINE celebrates all the seasonal awe of summer.

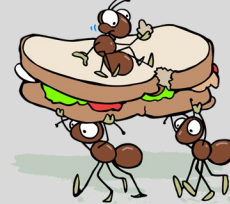
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Check it out!!

Some of the books have YouTube links where you and your child can see and hear the book being read aloud.

PICNICS

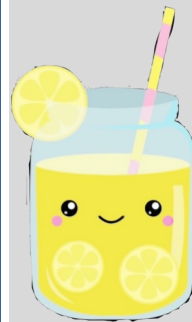
Fried chicken, watermelon, apple pie;
Do you love picnics? So do I!
Lemonade, root beer, chocolate cake,
Lazy canoe rides along the lake.
Games and singing -- let's square dance!
And don't forget, at picnics, you'll have A N T S!



August Songs and Fingerplays

SONG OF LEMONADE

Tune: Sing a Song of Sixpence



Sing a song of lemonade.
We'll pour it in a cup.
We'll stir it with a straw
And then we'll sip it up.
It will be so refreshing
We'll have to have some more,
And we'll be drinking lemonade forever,
ever more!

ICE CREAM

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

Ice Cream in a bowl.
Ice Cream in a cone.
Ice cream any way I want
As long as it's my own.
Ice cream can be sticky.
Ice cream can be sweet.
Ice cream is delicious,
It's my very favorite treat!



The Beehive



Here is the beehive
(hold up fist)

Where are the bees?

Hidden away where nobody sees!
Watch as they fly out of their hive.

(slowly open fist showing fingers as you count)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5!

BZZZZ! They're alive!!