



# Stark County Board of DD Early Intervention Newsletter

May 2022

## ALL THINGS SPRING IN MAY!

**Every Tuesday from 10-11 AM**

We are excited to be heading out to area parks this month beginning on May 17th. We will meet at the park pavilion for an activity before heading to the playground to play with friends. In the event of rain, we will meet at the Father's House Church for playgroup. Watch your Remind messages on Tuesday mornings in case we need to move to the indoor location.



### Playgroups at The Father's House Church 3951 Fulton Drive NW

**May 3rd**  
**Planting a Rainbow**

Five pretty flowers in the flower shop...can you find and pick the pink flower? Yellow? And purple too? Enjoy 'Ring Around the Rosy' parachute play then make mom (or someone special) a garden of flowers for Mother's Day.

**May 10th**  
**Froggy says...**  
**Hop in for Frog Fun!**



Froggy says...hop on 1 foot, over the log, onto a lily pad...what else will Froggy ask us to do?

Enjoy the five green speckled frogs interactive story/song with props you can take home with you. We will be making a delicious pond snack with lily pads and a gummy frog.



## AREA PARK PLAYGROUPS



**May 17th**  
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

Join us at the new **Dogwood Park** inclusive playground (345 7th St NE, North Canton) where the hungry caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly! Take part in the dance of the butterfly using ribbons and scarves then create tie-dyed butterflies before heading off to the playground.

**May 24th**  
**Caring for the Birds**



Join us at **Metzger Park**

(1420 S Nickelplate St, Louisville) where we will be enjoying bird fun using feathers and building a nest with pretend beaks. You will have the opportunity to make a birdfeeder to take home before heading off to play on the playground.

**May 31st**  
**Flower Splat Painting**

Join us at **Al Leno Park** (3059 Alpine St NE, Canton- previously Alpine Park) for garden yoga poses then try splat painting flowers before enjoying the playground.



# Family Fun Ideas

## No Bake Oatmeal Peanut Butter Balls

2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups rolled oats  
3 tbsps. Peanut butter  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup maple syrup  
1 tsp. vanilla  
5 tbsps. almond milk  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup mini chocolate chips (optional)  
M&M's and/or Sprinkles for decoration

In a large bowl add the maple syrup, vanilla, milk and peanut butter. Stir until the mixture is combined, add the oatmeal to the large bowl and mix with your hands. Once mixed well add chocolate chips and sprinkles. Roll the dough into 1 inch balls and let set in the fridge for 1 hour then enjoy!!



## Playdoh Nature Prints

This activity is simple to set up and uses items from nature to make prints. It's a great way to get your child outside and investigating the world. Before you begin have your child gather some items from the yard or on a walk from nature such as rocks, flowers, twigs, pinecones, nuts, etc.

You will need:  
playdoh in several colors  
(homemade or store bought)  
Nature items gathered from outside



Have your child squish and flatten the playdoh then invite them to press nature items into the playdoh. Carefully remove the items from the playdoh to see the prints made. This activity is portable, you can take it to the park or on a hike too. Try pressing the playdoh onto a tree trunk, rock, or other item in nature. You can use the playdoh over and over again. Just squish, flatten, and press again to make a new print.



## Spring Flower Arranging

Here is a fun, super simple spring activity.

Materials needed:  
Colander  
Artificial flowers

Optional:  
floral foam



Give your child a colander and some artificial (or real) flowers to play with and show them how to place the stems into the holes of the colander to create a flower arrangement. (Tip...Adding a piece of floral foam under the colander will help keep the flowers in place.)

Children are using both hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills to pinch the stem and place the flower into the holes.

This activity is open ended so your child can arrange them anyway they want over and over again.

# BOOKS TO READ... IN MAY!!!



The story follows the progress of a mother and daughter in their backyard as they plant bulbs, seeds, and seedlings and nurture their growth into flowers. Your child will learn the colors of the rainbow as they watch the plants grow in a beautifully vibrant garden.



One sunny Sunday, the caterpillar was hatched out of a tiny egg. He was very hungry. On Monday, he ate through one apple; on Tuesday, he ate through three plums--and still he was hungry. When full at last, he made a cocoon around himself and went to sleep, to wake up a few weeks later wonderfully transformed into a butterfly!

**You're never too old, too wacky,  
too wild, to pick up a book and  
read to a child.**

**-Dr. Seuss**



## Ring around the Rosy

Ring around the rosy,  
A pocket full of posy,  
Ashes! Ashes!  
We all fall down!

## Songs and Fingerplays...



### Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs,  
*(hold up five fingers)*  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating the most delicious bugs,  
Yum, yum!  
*(rub tummy with other hand)*  
One jumped into the pool,  
*(tuck one finger down)*  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were four green speckled  
frogs,  
Glub, glub!

Four green and speckled frogs...  
*(Continue until there are no speckled frogs  
on the log)*



Rain on the rooftops,  
Rain on the trees,  
Rain on the green grass,  
But not on me!