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Treat Your Child to Reading



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Upcoming Events

October 25, 2013
Agape Love Learning Center
October Festival
Greenwood, MS

November 14, 2013
Group Connection Meeting
3:30 -5:00 p. m.
Bethune Center
Indianola, MS

November 21, 2013
Group Connection Meeting
2:30-5:00 p.m.
Mississippi State Extension
Greenwood, MS

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Henry M. Seymour Library
Read Between the Lions
Program
9:30 a. m.
Ages 3-5
Indianola, MS

DID YOU KNOW? Reading to your child can open so many doors! Through books we can learn about the real world or escape to imaginary places. Knowing how to read allows us to follow a recipe, look up a phone numbers, understand how to assemble things, and so much more! Naturally, we want our child to learn to read! There are several important things you can do even when your children are infants and toddlers.

Build a home library

Research has shown that children who grow up in a home where there are many books are more successful in school and stay in school longer .You can often buy great books for children and for yourself at yard sales or library sales for

low prices. Choose durable books for infants and toddlers, such as sturdy board books or cloth books. Your child will enjoy books with bright colorful pictures, and just a few words. Some children are attracted to realistic photos and others like illustrations. Your little ones need to know reading is for everyone.

Read Often Aloud

Bedtime is a good time to read to your child, but not the only time. If your child does not seem interested in a book, try just talking about the pictures rather than reading word for word. Using lots of expression and even silly voices adds to the fun. Keep reading time fun and relaxing and you're likely to find that it becomes a favorite

activity for you and your child.

Model Reading

Children watch their parents and learn by what they see. Whether you are reading a recipe card or your favorite book, let your child see that you value and enjoy reading. When your child ask a question you can't answer, let your child see you look in a book to find the information.



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The BIG night for fun is almost here! Remember, having fun also requires being safe while trick or treating. Here are a few tips that makes your HALLOWEEN Safe and Fun.

1. Warn children not to eat any treats until an adults has thoroughly checked them for tampering.

2. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

3. To easily see and be seen, children should carry a flashlight.

4. Children should go only to homes of neighbors or people they know.

5. Costumes should be short to prevent from tripping and falling.

6. Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be soft and flexible.

7. Remind children not to eat treats in unopened packages.

8. Treats in faded wrappers should be thrown away.

BE SAFE!!!!!!!

Developmental Milestones: 24 to 36

Language

- Follow two-step directions
- Name three body parts
- Answer questions
- Use four words sentences

Intellectual

- Name one color
- Complete simple puzzles
- Remember events and places

Social-Emotional

- Uses the word "mine" or "me"
- Expresses emotion in words
- Follow three to five simple rules
- Undresses and dresses with help

Motor

- Catches large ball
- Snips with scissors
- Screw and unscrew toys, jars, door knobs

October is Fire Safety Month

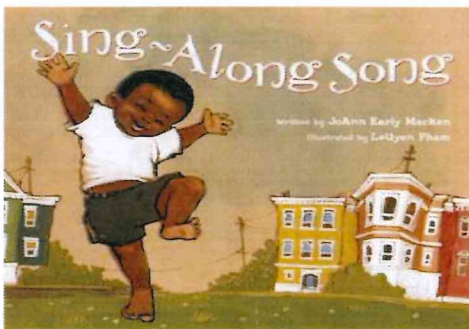


There is peace of mind that comes from knowing what you and your family can do to prevent or escape a house fire during an emergency. Protect what matters to you most by being aware of these home fire preparation and prevention tips.

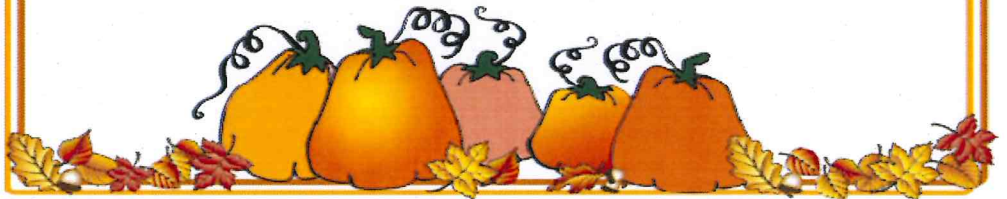
1. Install smoke/carbon monoxide detector,
2. Practice fire place safety,
3. Practice electrical safety,
4. Create an emergency escape plan in case of a fire in the home.

Developing Skills Through Songs

Nursery rhymes teach children auditory skills and help them develop an appreciation for rhyme and rhythm. Nursery rhymes also help develop language, memory, creativity and other cognitive skills.



Five Little Pumpkins
*Five little Pumpkins sitting on a gale.
 The first one said, "My, it's getting late."
 The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
 The third one said, "But we don't care."
 The fourth one said, "We'll run and run and run."
 The fifth one said, "It's just Halloween fun."
 "Whooooo" went the wind.
 And out went the light.
 And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.*



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