



Family Newsletter



April 2019

Important Dates

April 12: Socialization 10:00 - 12:00; Policy Council Meeting 12:00; Moxham Lutheran Church.

April 19: Spring Fling & Parent Committee Meeting 1:00pm at 110 Homestead Ave– UM Church

April 26: Socialization, 10:00 - 12:00; Moxham Lutheran Church.



In observance of the Easter holiday, the office will be closed on April 19. No visits will be held that day.

April Birthdays

- Karon G. 4/3
- Jassy G. 4/13
- Caleb H. 4/15
- Nadiyah Z. 4/17
- Brandon Z. 4/17
- Khiana B. 4/23
- Hariyah M. 4/25



Make Time to Talk

Adapted from Language Building Tips from the National Institute for Literacy:

M - Mealtimes can be good times to talk with your child.

A - Ask questions that encourage your child to think – questions involving predicting things that may happen, using imagination, explaining why things happen in a certain way.

K - Kneel or squat to be able to have good eye contact with your child.

E - Extend your conversation with your child. Conversations should go back and forth with each person responding to the other speaker at least a few times.

T - Tell stories to your child and ask them to tell stories to you.

I - Involve all of your family in group conversations every day. Talk with your family about what they are doing, ask your child about their play.

M - Make connections between books you & your child have read, recent family activities & your child's play to help build their understanding of word meanings.

E - Expand on your child's language by repeating it with extensions (adding descriptive words), adding to or building on your child's ideas.

T - Two-way conversations are best. Let your child talk at least half the time.

O - One or more conversations with your child every day should be a goal.

T - Texts like books, posters, newspapers & magazines provide things to talk about with your child. Read them together, asking questions & discussing them as you go.

A - Act out stories with your child, re-using words from a book you read aloud with him/her. Encourage your child to retell the story with puppets, toys & in their art.

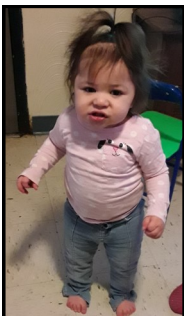
L - Language should include rich, varied words that you want your child to learn to understand & use.

K - Keep the conversations going through questions & comments.

Check this out!

Children's Book Festival April 6-7 at the Bottle Works, 411 3rd Ave.

Our Early Head Start friends!



Alexandra



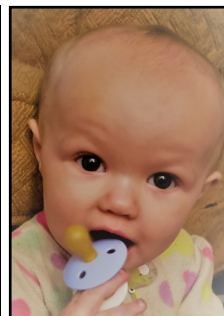
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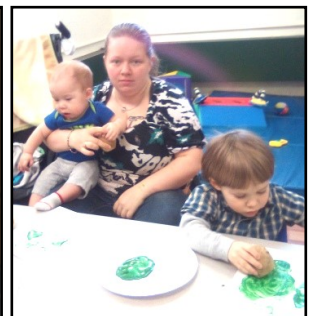
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Tambra, Sebastian & Issace



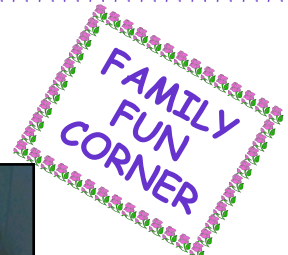
PFCS Early Head Start
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Baby Bird Nest

Materials Needed: Blue Tissue Paper, Glue, Construction Paper, Brown Paper Bag, Brown Paint, Paint Brush, Safety Scissors

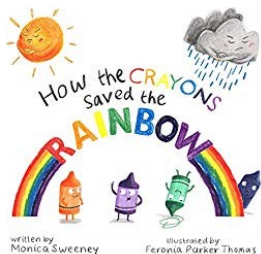
Flatten a brown paper bag. Paint the bag brown. Crumple blue tissue paper into three balls. Place them into the paper bag. Add beaks and eyes.

Thanks to Tambra and Issace for the fun activity!



How The Crayon Saved he Rainbows by Monica Sweeney

The Sun and the Clouds are best friends. Together they keep the world warm, the gardens growing, and the sky full of beautiful rainbows. But one day they get into a fight and refuse to be in the sky together. And that means there are no longer any rainbows. Without rainbows, the colors start disappearing until Earth was left with no color ... except for one little forgotten box of crayons in one little school desk. Determined to save the rainbows and fix the Sun and Clouds' friendship, the crayons draw rainbows all over town. Their attempts go unnoticed. Soon they realize that they're going to have to do something big to get the attention of the former friends. So, the crayons create the biggest rainbow they can and hope it's enough to bring color back to the world. Find it on Amazon.com



Cutie Bugs Recipe from geniuskitchen.com

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounces chocolate candy, cut in pieces
- 1 (1 lb) package Nutter Butter cookies
- 64 tiny pretzel twists
- 4 teaspoons miniature M&M baking bits

DIRECTIONS:

1. Line cookies sheets with waxed paper. In small pan, melt chocolate coating over low heat, stirring constantly, until smooth.
2. For each cookie bug, hold one cookie with tongs; dip entire top and sides in coating, letting excess drip off. Place cookie, coated side up, on cookie sheets.
3. Cut pretzels into curved pieces for the legs. Dip one end of each leg piece in coating; place 3 legs on each side of cookie body.
4. Cut 2 short pieces for antennae. Dip one end of each antennae piece in coating and place on top of cookie. Place 2 M&Ms behind antennae for eyes. Let stand until coating is set before storing, about 10 minutes.

