

PLYMOUTH FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

START YOUNG AND STAY WITH IT

At just a few months of age, an infant can look at pictures, listen to your voice, and point to objects on cardboard pages. Guide your child by pointing to the pictures, and say the names of the various objects. By drawing attention to pictures and associating words with both pictures and real-world objects, your child will learn the importance of language. Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. When the rhythm and melody of language become a part of a child's life, learning to read will be as natural as learning to walk and talk. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch young readers' understanding and motivate them to improve their skills.

IT'S PART OF LIFE Although the life of a parent is often hectic, you should try to read with your child at least once a day at a regularly scheduled time. But don't be discouraged if you skip a day or don't always keep to your schedule. Just read to your child as often as you possibly can. Taking the time to read with your children on a regular basis sends an important message: Reading is worthwhile.

ONE MORE TIME

You may go through a period when your child favors one book and wants it read night after night. It is not unusual for children to favor a particular story, and this can be boring for parents. Keep in mind, however, that a favorite story may speak to your child's interests or emotional needs. Be patient. Continue to expose your children to a wealth of books and eventually they will be ready for more stories. Having access to information through the printed word is an absolute necessity. Knowledge is power, and books are full of it. But reading is more than just a practical tool. Through books we can enrich our minds; we can also relax and enjoy some precious leisure moments.

<http://www.rif.org/books-activities/tips-resources/reading-with-your-child/> Authors: Bernice Cullinan and Brod Bagert (abbreviated version)
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Plymouth FRC is to
nurture the healthy
development of all
families, strengthen
the bond between the
school and the family,
and help all children
be school ready.**

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May Happenings

“FRC Preschool News”

Half day Preschool

May 26th 9:00 - 11:45

Preschool Garden Party

May 26th ½ day schedule

Families are invited to the Plymouth FRC Preschool for a fun morning of planting. Join your child at 10:00 by the Play Ground

Learn Together Groups

Library: May 2nd

Gymnastics: May 12th & 26th

Family Resource Fair

May 20th 11:00 - 2:00

Lake Winfield Playground

Games Touch a Truck, Raffles, Silent Auction and more.

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Learn Together Corner

Birth to Kindergarten Age

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It is hard to believe that May is here. This year has gone so fast.

Our topics this month will include watching caterpillars become butterflies, making gifts for Mother's Day and animals on the farm.

Story time at the Terryville Library is tomorrow, May 2nd at 10:30am. This event is FREE.

The dates for Kids in Motion will be May 12th at 9:30 and May 26th at 9:30 at the Bristol Gymnastics Center, 390 West Street, Bristol. Please RSVP for the gym prior. \$7 per family.

On May 20th, your Family Resource Center is having our 1st Family Fun Day at Lake Winfield from 11-2. This event is free but there will be raffles for purchase. Please remember that our last week of groups at Plymouth Center will be the week of May 29th.

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