



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

366 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON MOUNTAIN HOME AFB

March 2022

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

2 March: Dr. Seuss Birthday! Come as your favorite book character

4 March: Preschool visits theater

7-11 March: Let your imagination run during Dr. Seuss week

Monday: Cat in the Hat

Tuesday: One Fish, Two Fish

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday

Thursday: Fox in Socks

Friday: What Pet Should I get

14-18 March: Let your imagination run during Dr. Seuss week

Monday: The Grinch

Tuesday: The Lorax

Wednesday: Oh the Place You'll Go

Thursday: Green Eggs & Ham

Friday: Put Me in the Zoo

21-25 March: Let your imagination run during Dr. Seuss week

Monday: The Wocket in My Pocket

Tuesday: My Many Colored Days

Wednesday: The Sleep Book

Thursday: 500 Hats

Friday: Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can you?

Parent Involvement

During the month of March we focus on reading and developing the love of reading in our children. The children will receive a class log to share with their classroom each week. Please take time with your child to read at night and log which book was read. On Friday the children can bring in their log to share with their class. On the back you will find a little bit about why it is important to read to our kids.

COVID Changes coming to the CDC:

March 14th Parents will be able to return to dropping off/picking up in the child's classroom only. We will still practice social distancing and keep in room visits to a minimal time frame for drop off/pick up only. If you desire a longer conference with your caregiver that can be set up at the front desk.

Staff Corner:

Kellus Eudy is our Toddler 2 Lead teacher. She has worked at Mountain Home AFB for 2 years and is a valued team member and mentor.

Below are some of her thoughts on early literacy.

Early exposure to rich literacy is a critical development in early learning for children. Literacy is a dynamic process that builds over time. In order for a child to advance through subjects like math, and science, they must first be able to read and understand. Exposing children to books, songs and letters develops the stepping stones toward a foundation of success.

Key points

- Reading and storytelling with babies and children promotes brain development and imagination, develops language and emotions, and strengthens relationships.
- Sometimes you can read. And sometimes you can look at picture books, sing songs or tell stories from your culture.
- Babies and young children often enjoy books, songs and stories with good rhyme, rhythm and repetition. Anytime is a good time for a book or story! Try to share at least one book or story each day.

Why reading is important for babies and young children: Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps your child's development in many ways.

Reading and sharing stories can:

- help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills
- learn to value books and stories
- spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity
- help develop your child's brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills
- help your child learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'
- help your child understand new or frightening events, and the strong emotions that come with them
- help your child learn about the world, their own culture and other cultures.

Sharing stories with your child doesn't mean you have to read from the book.

Just by looking at books with your child and talking about them, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the right way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages.

Reading stories with children has benefits for grown-ups too. The special time you spend reading together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship with your child.