



Family Newsletter



April 2018

Important Dates

April 6: Socialization, 10:00 - 12:00; Moxham Lutheran Church.
Parent Committee Meeting

April 20: Socialization, 10:00 - 12:00; Policy Council Meeting 12:00; Moxham Lutheran Church.



In observance of the Easter holiday, the office will be closed on March 30. No visits

April Birthdays

- Gabriel S. 4/11
- Jassy G. 4/13
- Caleb H. 4/15
- Brandon Z. 4/17
- Nadiyah Z. 4/17
- Aden H. 4/21
- Aleeha H. 4/21
- Saafir T. 4/22



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 7-8 at the Bottle Works, 411 3rd Ave.

Our Early Head Start friends!



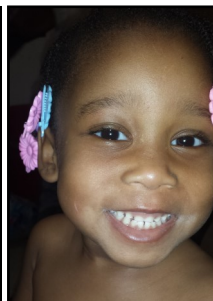
Gracen & Lisa



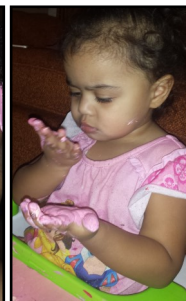
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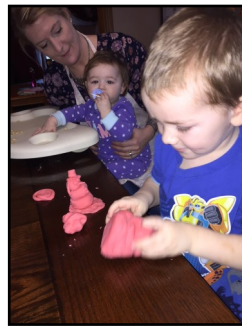
PFCS Early Head Start
929 Menoher Blvd.
Johnstown, PA 15905

Cake in a Cup

Items needed:

- coffee mug
 - 1 Angel Food cake mix
 - Zippered plastic bag
 - Frosting (optional)
 - Empty both mixes into plastic bag and shake.
 - Coat the inside of the mug with oil/shortening.
 - Pour 3 level Tbs. of cake mix into the mug.
 - Add 2 Tbs. of water and stir.
 - Microwave for 1 minute.
 - Let cool and add frosting if desired.
- ENJOY!! :)

- spray oil or shortening
- 1 cake mix of any flavor
- 2 Tablespoons of water



Thanks to Gabriel,
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for the fun activity!

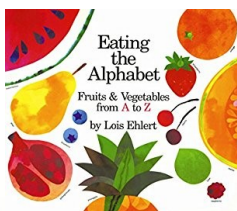


Don't forget: Income Taxes are due April 15! Visit www.irs.gov for forms and information

Eating the Alphabet

by Lois Ehlert

This appetizing alphabet book shows fruits and vegetables so juicy and alive, you'll wish they could jump off the page and into your mouth. Amazon from \$4.99.



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.

