



As the warmth of spring is right around the corner, we're excited to share the blossoming achievements and upcoming opportunities happening within our programs and communities! Read on to learn about exciting events on the horizon, and important updates to keep you informed about what is happening this season.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 3/20            **Part Day & RI PreK** CLOSED for Professional Development
- 4/20-4/24    **Part Day & RI PreK** CLOSED for Spring Break
- 5/25            CHILD, Inc. CLOSED for Memorial Day



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

# CHILD, INC.'S SPRING FESTIVAL

JOIN US FOR A MORNING FILLED WITH  
FUN, CRAFTS, GAMES AND BLOOMING  
GOOD TIMES!

**10AM-12PM SATURDAY MAY 30**

**849 CENTERVILLE RD**

**WARWICK, RI 02886**

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMUNITY!

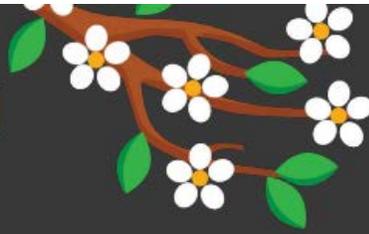
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# HEALTH & NUTRITION

## Seasonal Tips: Spring

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**HRSA**  
Health Resources & Services Administration

Poison Help

As you begin spring cleaning and work on the yard, follow these simple tips to keep your family safe:



### Household Cleaners and Other Chemical Products

- Keep poisons in the containers they came in. Do not use food containers (such as cups or bottles) to store household cleaners and other strong chemicals.
- Store strong chemicals away from food. Many poisonings occur when one product is mistaken for another.
- Read and follow the directions for use of products. Do this BEFORE using the products. Follow the advice carefully.
- Never mix chemicals. Doing so can create a poisonous gas.
- Turn on fans and open windows when using strong chemicals.
- When spraying chemicals, direct spray nozzle away from people and pets.
- Never sniff containers to see what's inside.
- Discard old or outdated products. First aid advice on containers may be incorrect and outdated.
- Call Poison Help (1-800-222-1222) to double check first aid information.
- Even in small amounts, windshield wiper fluid is poisonous. If swallowed, it can cause blindness or death to people and pets.
- Strong chemicals can burn the skin. Drain openers, toilet cleaners, rust removers, and oven cleaners can cause such burns.
- Hydrocarbon liquids (liquids made from petroleum) are poisonous. They include gasoline, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid, paint thinner, baby oil, lamp oil, and furniture polish.
- If hydrocarbons are swallowed, they can easily get into the lungs. Even a small amount can cause breathing problems. The liquid coats the inside of the lungs. That prevents oxygen from entering the blood stream.



### Pesticides

- Pesticides (pest killers) can be taken in through the skin or inhaled. Even leather shoes and gloves do not offer full protection. Pesticides can be extremely poisonous. Stay away from areas that have been sprayed until the spray has dried or for at least one hour.
- Wear protective clothing when using bug spray or other spray products. Put on a long-sleeve shirt, long pants, socks, shoes, and gloves. Remove and wash clothing after using chemicals.
- If pesticides are splashed onto the skin, rinse with running water for 15–20 minutes. If pesticide contacts clothing, take off the clothing before rinsing skin.
- Many garden chemicals are poisonous to children and adults. These chemicals can be harmful if swallowed or inhaled.



### Mushrooms

- Only experts can tell poisonous mushrooms from safe mushrooms.
- Poisonous mushrooms, called "death caps," often grow in yards and parks.
- Eating even a few bites of certain mushrooms can cause liver damage that can kill you.

# Helping Kids Thrive in a Digital World: AAP Policy Explained

*By: Tiffany Munzer, MD, FAAP*

Fears about kids and screens have been with us since the 1950s, when TV burst on the scene as an exciting new way to spend time. But today's digital world is far more complex. It's not just about "screen time"



anymore. Digital media is everywhere—phones, tablets, TVs, apps, games and even AI tools are woven into family life. It's an entire digital ecosystem that shapes how kids learn, play, and connect.

## Is there proof that the digital world endangers kids?

Parents see the harm directly when **kids can't sleep, can't concentrate** or **can't walk away from screens**. But to fully understand the risks, it's helpful to see what social and scientific studies reveal.

### Early childhood (0-5 years)

Infants under 18 months learn best from real-world interactions. Heavy solo screen use can affect their developing language and social skills, for example. Outcomes depend on how many hours a day little ones spend on digital media and how adults use screens to calm or entertain them. But misuse of digital media can cause:

- Delays in language, thinking, social skills and fine motor development
- Unhealthy **sleep**
- Less time spent learning with their loved ones, reading, moving around and for exploration—all needed for healthy growth
- More angry outbursts
- Less opportunity to develop patience and self-control

# How can we protect our kids from digital dangers?

It's not always easy for families to set healthy limits on digital media—and that's not just a parenting issue. Many families face big challenges, like long work hours, lack of child care, or few safe places for kids to play. These pressures make screens harder to avoid. That's why solutions need to go beyond individual choices.

Protecting kids online isn't something parents can do alone. Creating a healthier digital world takes teamwork. Families, health professionals, educators, tech companies, and lawmakers all have a role to play in building a digital ecosystem that puts children's well-being first.

- **Health care professionals** must take an active role in screening for digital health symptoms, offering child and family support, and treatment wherever it's needed.
- **Political leaders** must pass laws that spell out the responsibilities of tech, media and content companies in protecting childhood health.
- **Makers of digital devices, platforms and systems** must embrace child-centered design that prevents harm to children and teens. This is similar to the safety standards that apply to car seats, trampolines, bikes and countless other products kids use.
- **Educators** from preschool through college can model healthy digital use. Safe online portals and virtual classrooms can point to positive digital experiences that expand and enrich kids' lives.
- **Community groups** can foster conversations on digital health and recommend free or low-cost resources for families and parents.

## Tips for helping your child navigate the digital ecosystem

- **Talk often.** Discuss ads, influencers and privacy. Help kids spot marketing tricks and keep personal info safe.
- **Seek out quality content** that puts kids first. Stories that model social and emotional skills, help with school subjects like reading and math, and foster free play are all beneficial.
- **Watch and play alongside your kids.** This is the best way to know what they're consuming and how they're responding. Having a shared family tablet instead of separate tablets for everyone can encourage co-watching.
- **Delay personal tablets.** Shared devices encourage co-use and make it easier to monitor content.

# Choosing Safe Art & Craft Supplies for Children

*By Sophie J. Balk, MD, FAAP & Ruth A. Etzel, MD, PhD, FAAP*

Arts and craft projects can help children build motor skills, attention and **self-esteem**. They are also a fun and creative outlet for families looking for a break from tech and digital **media**. But how can parents know which art and craft materials are safe for children?



Here are some common questions we hear, and what parents should look for when shopping for art and craft supplies for their family:

## **Q: Are water-based art supplies always safe?**

**A:** In general, water-based supplies are preferable because they do not contain chemical solvents. Unintentionally eating even small amounts of these solvents can be fatal.

Coloring agents used in paints and inks can contain potentially harmful substances such as toxic metals. Some water-based, cold-water dyes are chemicals that cause some people to develop allergic reactions after repeated exposures. Long-term health effects have not been thoroughly studied, so it's best to look for safer alternatives.

Because some water-based paints may contain **formaldehyde** preservative, choose formaldehyde-free products. Water-based, unscented markers are a better choice than permanent or dry-erase markers. Make sure to avoid ingestion (such as licking paintbrushes).

**Q: I heard on the news that some crayons may contain asbestos fibers. How can I make sure the crayons I buy do not have asbestos?**

A: An Environmental Working Group (EWG) [report](#) revealed that 4 crayon brands tested in independent laboratories contained detectable levels of asbestos fibers. All 4 crayon types were made in China. The source of the asbestos contamination was from the use of talc, which is used as a binding agent in crayons.

The risk of significant exposure to asbestos fibers from typical use of these crayons is low. However, when purchasing crayons, make sure the label does not show talc in the ingredients. The label should also have a statement that the product complies with ASTM D4236 (a label created by the American Society for Testing and Materials), and the label has the seal of The Art and Creative Materials Institute. The EWG report was the third study in 15 years to document the presence of asbestos in children's products, highlighting the ongoing nature of the issue and need for reform on a federal level.

**Q: What are safe art materials to purchase for my children?**

A: To ensure that an art material has been evaluated by a toxicologist (an expert in poisons and their effects) for safety, look for the statement: "conforms to ASTM [American Society for Testing and Materials] D4236." It should also have an Approved Product seal from The Art and Creative Materials Institute.

Although this label cannot guarantee complete safety of a material, products with this label are a better choice than those that carry the Cautionary Label (do not purchase art materials labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" or "Not for Use by Children," or that have the words "Poison," "Danger," "Warning," or "Caution," or that contain hazard warnings on the label). Avoid using donated or found materials unless they are in the original containers with full labeling.

## Remember

Keep your family's arts and craft activities safe and fun. It's best to supervise children when they're using art materials. Remind them that safe cleanup, including [handwashing](#) (with soap and water), is important. When they've finished a project, make sure supplies they are properly labeled and stored. Then, enjoy their creations!

# Child Friendly Seasonal Recipes

From: <https://headstart.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/>

## Carrot Veggie Bars

### Ingredients

- 1 package whole-wheat crescent rolls
- 6 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup low-fat mayonnaise
- ¼ cup low-fat sour cream
- ½ package dry Ranch dressing
- 1½ cup carrots, shredded
- 1½ cup broccoli, chopped

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375° F.
2. Unroll the crescent roll dough triangles onto a greased cookie sheet.
3. Bake the rolls for 10 to 12 minutes; then cool.
4. Mix the cream cheese, mayonnaise, sour cream, and Ranch dressing.
5. Spread the cream cheese mixture onto the cooled triangles.
6. Top the cream cheese mixture with the carrots and broccoli to form a carrot.

### Makes 8 servings

**Safety tip:** To prevent burns and other injuries, an adult should slice ingredients and supervise use of the oven.



## Grape Trees

### Ingredients

- 2 cups red grapes
- 2 cups green grapes
- Pretzel sticks

### Directions

1. Cut the grape in half lengthwise.
2. Place the pretzel sticks on a plate to form the tree trunk and branches.
3. Place the green and red grape halves around the branches to form leaves.

### Makes 4 to 6 servings

**Safety tip:** To prevent injuries, an adult should slice ingredients.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES?

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The Autism Project is thrilled to announce the 24th Annual Imagine Walk! Mark your calendar for **Sunday April 26th** at Goddard Memorial State Park!

Get ready for a fun filled day dedicated to raising awareness and funding for those with autism spectrum disorder! You can expect:

Petting Zoo  
Arts & Crafts  
Face Painting

Snack Tent  
First Responders  
Music  
... & More!



## Celebrate Spring Scavenger Hunt In-Person

Follow the clues around the Children's Library to pick up your paper pieces to create a spring scene.

**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2026  
**Time:** 9:30am - 4:30pm  
**Time Zone:** Eastern Time - US & Canada ([change](#))  
**Location:** Children's Library  
**Audience:** ■ Kids

## Reading with Paws!

[Home](#) / [Reading With Paws!](#)

Hey kids ages 5 and up, are you looking for a patient listener while you practice your reading skills? Then we have the Pups for you. Read to a certified therapy dog, they love to listen while you practice reading! You might even lull them into a nap.

At the **Central Library** a dog will be here Tuesdays beginning at 3:15.

Please call the library for a 15 minute session for your child. You may make a reservation ahead of time.



**Little Bear**

**Tonks**



WEST  
WARWICK  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

# Open Playgroup

**Saturdays @ 11 am**

Children ages 1-6 and their caregivers are welcome to drop in to the library for a fun play date in the youth programming room!

1043 Main St. West Warwick RI, 02893 401-828-3750



# DANCERCISE

**TUESDAYS AT  
4PM**

**AGES 3+**    **LET'S MOVE!**

1043 Main St. West Warwick, RI, 02893 -  
401-828-3750 ext. 2 - [www.wwpl.org](http://www.wwpl.org)



West Warwick Public Library / LibCal / WWPL Calendar

## Preschool Picassos In-Person

Preschoolers and their caregivers can create an art project together focusing on learning new skills.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
**Time:** 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
**Time Zone:** Eastern Time - US & Canada ([change](#))  
**Location:** Champlin Room  
**Audience:** ■ Early Learners  
**Categories:** ■ Crafts & Hobbies

Registration is required. There are 13 seats available.



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**Thursday, March 19  
at 4 p.m.**

**Make a  
Skewer  
Sculpture!**

**For kids  
in grades  
K to 5**



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## Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 are invited to attend this series of story times, which will meet monthly from January to June 2026, at 6 pm, on the first Tuesday of the month.

Registration is required and opens on December 1. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 to register.



# Museum of Natural History + Planetarium

## HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS: WINTER SPRING 2026

Homeschool Programs are our newly revamped family programs held at the [Museum of Natural History and Planetarium](#) in Roger Williams Park for local homeschool families. Each session will consist of an exciting planetarium show or an engaging, hands-on family workshop based on the month's theme and a special quest to enhance your museum experience. These are family programs and not drop off classes.

The **Homeschool Program** is designed for children ages 6 – 12 years old with parent/guardian. There are TWO sessions to choose from, 10am – 11am OR 1pm – 2pm. These are duplicate sessions, so please choose the ONE that works best for your family. Once a program has begun, late entries will not be permitted.

### **Friday, March 20: Colorful Weaving Adventures**

#### **Family Workshop: 10am – 11am OR 1pm – 2pm (*Please choose 1*)**

Join Rhode Island weaver Jaimee Veronneau Roberts for a hands-on exploration of weaving inspired by traditional handwoven items from the Marshall Islands. Examine textile samples, learn essential weaving terminology and recreate sections using fundamental weaving structures. Work with vibrant, tropical color palettes, bringing a sense of island warmth to March through fiber and craft.

### **Thursday, April 9: Awesome Astronomy**

#### **Planetarium Show: 10am – 11am OR 1pm – 2pm (*Please choose 1*)**

Have you ever wondered what you are looking at when you gaze upon the stars? Explore astronomy and how and why stars have fascinated people from the beginning of time. View the Spring Sky Views planetarium show and become familiar with seasonal constellations visible tonight!

## Join Coventry Parks & Recreation for our FREE annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 21-12:00pm-1:30pm (Rain Date: Sunday, March 22)

Come enjoy this community event that includes: Free pictures with the Easter Bunny, DJ Wrik, petting zoo, pony rides, and an egg hunt (over 7,000 eggs!). Food trucks Wicked Cheesy, Sam's NY System and Lemon Lane Lemonade will be joining.

### Egg Hunt:

Ages 2-3: 12:30pm

Ages 4-6: 12:40pm

Ages 7-9: 12:50pm

Ages 10-12: 1:00pm

Coventry Town Hall Annex (1675 Flat River Road)

There will be free parking at RAS and the Town Hall Annex

- **Rhode Island Spring Festival**
- **Date & Time:** Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 11:00 AM
- **Location:** Thomas A. Lamb Memorial Field House (West Warwick Civic Center)
- **Type:** Spring Festival
- **Description:** A seasonal festival featuring various vendors and local activities.

### The 2026 Annual Village of Warwick Easter Egg Hunt

#### Key Details for 2026:

- **Date:** April 4, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. sharp
- **Location:** Veterans Memorial Park
- **Age Groups:** 3 and under, 4-6, 7-12
- **Features:** Golden Egg prizes and photos with the Easter Bunny.



## Coventry Public Library

Crafty Saturday

**In-Person**

Families with children of all ages can drop-in Youth Services to create a fun craft. Children can visit the library Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm and use the provided materials to create a piece of art! This is a drop-in children's program. Please call Youth Services, 822-9102, with any questions.

# RESOURCES

## Are you a Parent or Caregiver of a Young Child or Expecting a Baby?

Do you have experience with programs that support families with young children, such as Early Intervention, Early Head Start, or Family Visiting?

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



### Join the Rhode Island Parent and Caregiver Advisory Council

#### WHEN

The second Tuesday of every month  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### WHERE

Zoom

#### Why join?

- Give feedback to improve programs for children and families
- Build your communication, leadership, and teamwork skills

#### Benefits include:

- A gift card as a thank you for your participation

#### Interested in learning more?

Contact Emily Eisenstein at [Emily.Eisenstein@health.ri.gov](mailto:Emily.Eisenstein@health.ri.gov)



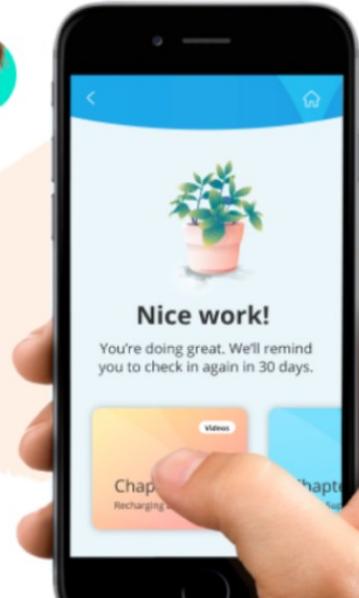


# Starling Minds Mental Fitness

Starling Minds is a 24/7, confidential digital program to help you better manage stress, anxiety, burnout and depression.

## How to Register

1. Go to [nhsa.member.starlingminds.com](https://nhsa.member.starlingminds.com)
2. Read and agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and the [Privacy Policy](#)
3. Enter your email address and create a password
4. Click "Sign Up" and verify your account
5. Enter your access code: **NHSAMEMBER** or for family members: **NHSAFAMILY**
6. Complete your profile and get started!



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PARENTING<sup>™</sup>



We are ½ through our first session of Circle of Security Parenting group. It is going strong with 4 parents, a Family Advocate, Michele Pearson, and myself, Jodie Sexton. All feedback from group is positive with one parent stating "I wish I had this program years ago."

Another session will begin in the Spring 2026. If interested, please reach out to Jodie Sexton, Mental Health Manager at Centerville Road location. [jsexton@childincri.org](mailto:jsexton@childincri.org)

# Participate in a paid online study with PBS KIDS!

The **Digital Learning Lab** is conducting an online study to understand how children learn science from interactive videos. This study involves **3 60-minute Zoom sessions and watching PBS KIDS episodes on a smartphone, tablet, or computer at home.** Your family will be compensated with a \$125 Tango gift card upon completion of the study.

## To participate, your child must:

- Be between 4 and 8 years old
- Live in the United States
- Be able to communicate in English
- Have access to a phone, tablet, or computer at home with a camera and microphone

**Fill out our interest form to be contacted about the study:**

Interest Form

[tinyurl.com/pbs-kids-home](https://tinyurl.com/pbs-kids-home)



# COMMUNITY CUPBOARDS

Food insecurity increased sharply for households with children in 2024 and continues to be a major health concern. Nearly 1 in 3 RI households cannot afford adequate food.

A record number of Rhode Islanders need food assistance due to high food prices, the steep rise in housing costs and the end of COVID-19 relief programs.

Healthy eating habits and good nutrition are vital to developing brains and bodies. To ensure no child goes without, food cupboards with shelf-stable products and personal care items are located at each of our sites. Anyone from our CHILD, Inc. community can take what they need at any time.

If you would like to support this cause and help a family in need, you can donate to the Cupboard. Items can be dropped in donation boxes located at all centers. Please no expired or damaged products. For more information on additional community resources, please see your Family Advocate.



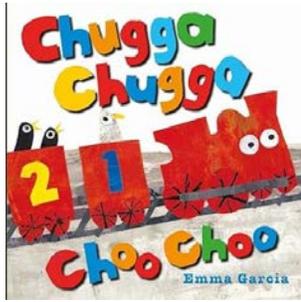
## Major Findings of the Report:

- ★ A record number of Rhode Islanders need food assistance due to high food prices, the steep rise in housing costs, and the end of COVID-19 relief programs.
- ★ Nearly one in three Rhode Island households cannot afford adequate food.
- ★ Communities of color and families with children are at the greatest risk of hunger.
- ★ Ending free meals for all students led to a decline in the number of children participating in school breakfast and school lunch in Rhode Island.

# STORYTIME SPOTLIGHT

## Chugga Chugga Choo Choo by Emma

Garcia



All aboard, and all join in as the cheerful little train chugs past the seaside, the farm, the forest, the city, and into the station for a nice long rest. Along the way, a flock of noisy seagulls and blackbirds, pigeons and geese hop on for the ride. Kids will have fun looking at Emma Garcia's colorful, collaged landscapes and counting all the honking, cooing, tweeting birds.

### Read Along on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak8TWd7WRBY>

### At-Home Activity:

**Train Tracks:** Use masking or painter's tape to create tracks on the floor for children to follow, moving their arms and making "chugga" sounds.

**Freeze Train:** Have children "chug" toward you while your back is turned; shout "Choo, choo!" and turn around, at which point they must freeze.

**Tunnel Time:** Create a tunnel using a large cardboard box or a blanket draped over two chairs for trains to pass through.

### Chugga Chugga Choo Choo Breathing with Conscious Discipline

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## Goodbye Winter. Hello Spring.

By Kenard Pak



Join a boy and his dog as they explore nature and take a stroll through the countryside, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the melting brook to chirping birds, they say goodbye to winter and welcome the lushness of spring.

### Read Along on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6jpInY3New>

### At-Home Activity:

**Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Search for signs of spring like budding flowers, birds, and green grass.

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# COACH ' S CORNER

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## Coach's Corner – Happy March!

Happy March from the Coach's Corner! It's hard to believe that spring is right around the corner—even as I look out my office window and see snow twinkling down from the sky. Warmer weather will be here soon, and with it comes more opportunities for outdoor activities, including reading together outside.

## Little Free Libraries at All CHILD Inc. Locations

Did you know that each of our three CHILD Inc. locations has its own library book box? When stocking the boxes, I include a wide variety of books for all ages—from infants to adults. Please feel free to visit the library box at your school and take a book or two home.

Inside the boxes, you'll also find activity sheets with in-kind forms attached. These play-based activities are designed to help strengthen your child's skills while keeping learning fun and engaging.

## Why Your Reading Habits Matter

Children learn so much simply by watching the adults around them. According to the article *Children Pick Their Reading Habits From Seeing Their Parents*, children are more likely to develop strong reading habits when they regularly see their parents or caregivers reading.

<https://storychanges.com/children-pick-their-reading-habits-from-seeing-their-parents.html>

Another article I found interesting is titled, The *Long-Term Impact of Early Reading: Setting the Stage for Academic Success* highlights that children with strong early literacy skills are more likely to thrive academically, build self-confidence, and actively engage in learning experiences. What an incredible gift to give our children.

<https://smalltalkpediatric.com/the-long-term-impact-of-early-reading-setting-the-stage-for-academic-success/>

## Literacy Activities

Looking for some activities? Look in the library boxes to find some printable literacy games to help support your child's development in a fun, hands-on way.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me at [jpetrie@childincri.org](mailto:jpetrie@childincri.org).

Best,

Jo-Anne

C.H.I.L.D., Inc. was incorporated in 1977. We are a private, non-profit agency that provides comprehensive child development and family support services for low to moderate income families residing in Kent County, RI.

C.H.I.L.D., Inc. is a Federal grantee for Head Start and Early Head Start services. We provide high-quality, health and prenatal services and standards-based early education and care that support children's school readiness and promote family well-being. In addition to federal funding, C.H.I.L.D., Inc. receives funding from the state of Rhode Island to supplement our Head Start funding.

C.H.I.L.D., Inc. is a grant-funded provider of the Rhode Island State Pre-K program, administered by the RI Department of Education (RIDE) and a contracted provider of the Rhode Island Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), administered by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS).

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Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

CHILD, Inc.

Spring  
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*Connections*

**OUR TEAM  
IN  
ACTION...**





“A cozy, quiet area is important to have in an infant and toddler classroom because it supports young children's emotional, social, and developmental needs in a safe and responsive way. This space helps promote emotional regulation, as infants and toddlers are still learning how to manage big feelings. A cozy area provides a calm, inviting place where children can self-soothe, recover from overstimulation, and feel secure when they are overwhelmed. Soft lighting, pillows, and comforting materials help lower stress and support healthy emotional development.

Additionally, an early childhood classroom can often be busy and noisy, and young children are especially sensitive to sensory input. A cozy space offers a break from loud sounds and active play, which can help prevent meltdowns and reduce overstimulation. Overall, a cozy quiet area helps infants and toddlers feel safe, calm, and emotionally supported. This sense of security is essential because young children learn best when they feel regulated and secure.”

- Tara & Rebecca

# COZY SPACES





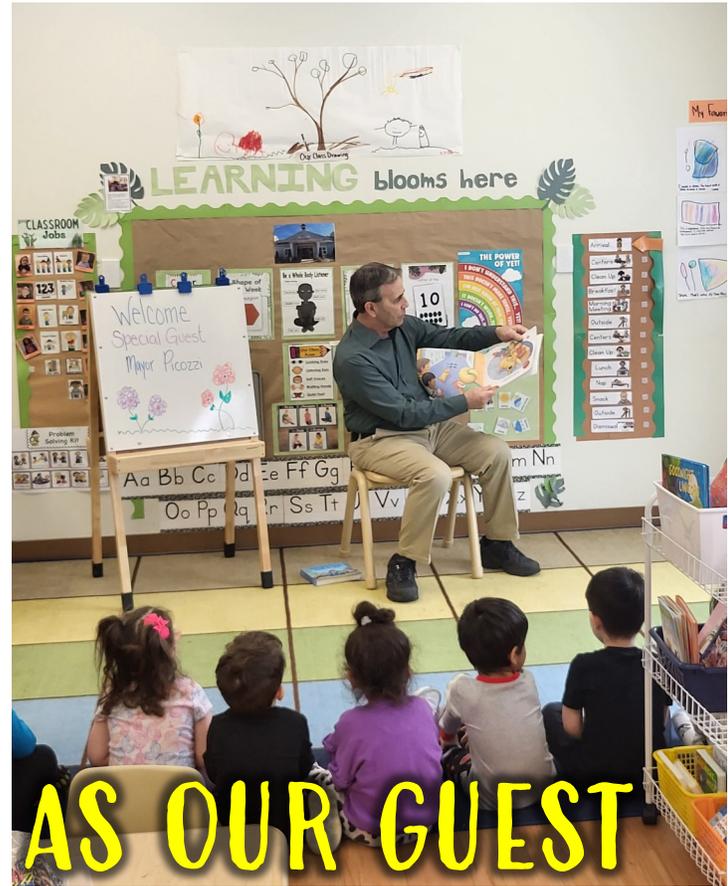
# FASHION SHOW



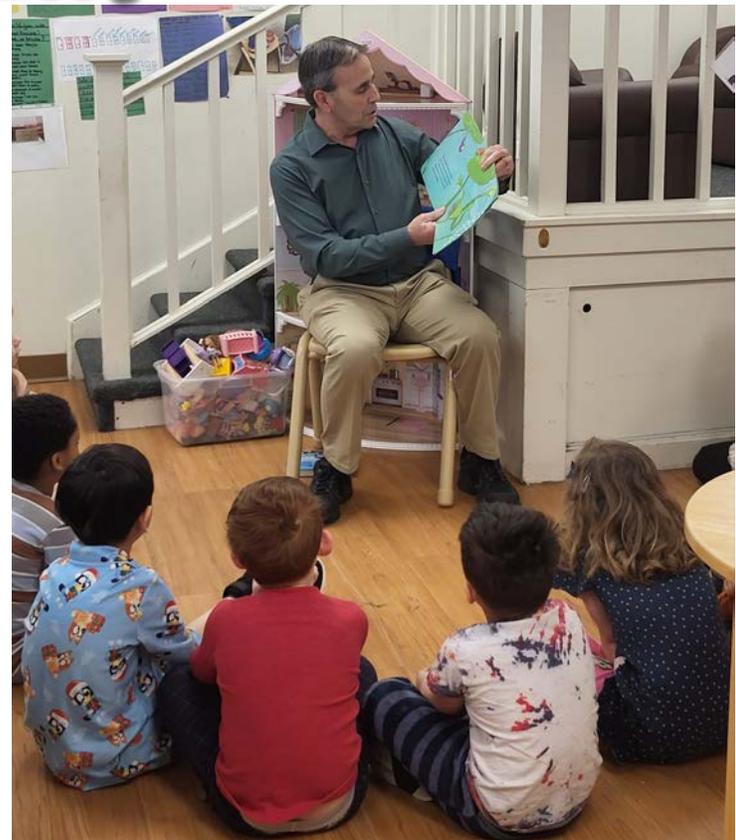
# DENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



**READING  
WITH FLASH  
LIGHTS**



# MAYOR PICOZZI AS OUR GUEST READER!



# PAJAMA JAM STORY TIME

