

Center for Early Childhood Education

Newsletter

Our Mission: To help all children in Howard County to be successful when they enter school.

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Attention Greentown Area Families

The Greentown Children's Library located in the elementary school at 301 S. Meridian Street has a program on the first Tuesday night of each month for families with preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, and other activities from 6:30 to 7 p.m. with your family. Plan now to attend on Tuesday, December 2. Please call 628-2882 for more information.



We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. This will give your preschool child a chance to learn to listen in a group, to hear new stories, to learn about a library, and to know that you think reading is important.

If you live closer to the Kokomo main library, 457-3242, the South Branch, 453-4150, or the Russiaville library 883-5112, they also have programs for preschool-age children. Call them to inquire day and time.

Activity Day is December 13



Activity Day is December 13, the 2nd Thursday of the month. We will have crafts that represent the season – like puff

paint snowmen, reindeer antlers, and as always, all the materials available that your child might rather use – clay, easel painting, dot painting, yarn, felt pieces, and much, much, more. We will be open that day until 6 p.m. Hope you can find time to bring your child(ren) for an enjoyable time.

Toys For Your Children

When thinking about toys for your children for birthdays or Christmas, or other occasions that you give them, think

about toys that they will have to interact with, and will have to think, use language skills, use eye-hand coordination, use problem solving to play with the toy or create something from it. If the toy does everything by itself, your child will soon tire of it and won't really learn anything from playing with the toy. Books, puzzles, blocks, shapes, colors, things to build or put together (and take apart), clay, paint, other craft items that they can experiment with to be creative, are all good toys to give to young children.



Staying Healthy During Winter Months

Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow or a tissue may help reduce the spread of colds and flu.

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Is your child ready for college?

Well maybe not all the classes, but Little Learners Child Care on the IU Kokomo campus is open to toddlers (ages 1-2) and preschool (ages 3-6) children. The center is open to the public. Call (765) 455-9306, or e-mail childcare@iuk.edu for more information.



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What cures the common cold? Nothing!
The best thing for your child is plenty of rest and fluids. Antibiotics will not cure the common cold because it is caused by a virus. Antibiotics have no effects on viruses. And remember to always call your child's doctor before giving any over the counter medication.



Children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years should get the influenza (flu) vaccine to reduce their risk of

catching the flu. The vaccine is usually given in October and November. If your child hasn't received it yet, call your child's doctor or the health department.

For more information visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at:

Winter Safety Tips site <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/decwintertips.cfm> or

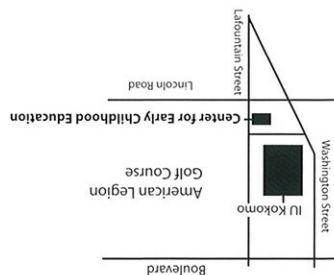
Parenting Corner Q&A: Colds at http://www.aap.org/publiced/BK0_Colds.htm.



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