

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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Looking for Something FUN to Do With Your Toddler?

Keys for Kids is now offering "My Grown Up and Me" classes on Tuesdays from 3–4 p.m. The cost is \$30 a month in October and November, and \$22.50 in December. The classes are Pee Wee Picassos, October 7, 14, 21 and 28; Shake, Rattle, and Roll, on November 4, 11, 18, and 25; and Dancing in the New Year, on December 2, 9 and 16. For more information, call Mendy at 457-8273 ext. 326. Keys for Kids is also offering enrichment classes for children ages 3 through 5 on Tuesdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. These classes include Scarecrow Making, Pumpkinfest, Wacky, Slimy Science, Creative Cooking, Ornament Making and Gingerbread Kids. Call Mendy for costs.



FREE Children's Fair

Don't forget the FREE Children's Fair at the Center on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Don't forget to call in your registration, 455-9427 so we can plan on the supplies we will need. Remember, there is a lead testing station so that you can check your toys or other items to which you think you children will be exposed.

Go Play Outside in October

October brings nice weather to spend time outdoors with nature. Young children love to observe, explore, investigate and ask questions about what they see and discover. Be sure you take your children for walks in the yard, around the neighborhood and in a park. Help spark their interests by asking them questions about what you see that they might have missed.



Halloween Safety Tips

1. Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
2. Wear makeup instead of masks.
3. Avoid costumes with masks, wigs, floppy hats or eye patches that block vision.
4. Avoid pointed props such as spears, swords or wands that endanger other children's eyes.
5. Carry a bright flashlight to illuminate sidewalks, steps and paths.
6. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult while traveling about the neighborhood. Older children should trick-or-treat in groups.

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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 pre-school (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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7. Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.
8. Grown-ups should inspect all trick-or-treat items before allowing children to have them.
9. Halloween parties are safer than trick-or-treating any time.

10. Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

For more tips and information:

<http://www.preventblindness.org/safety/halloweensafety.html>

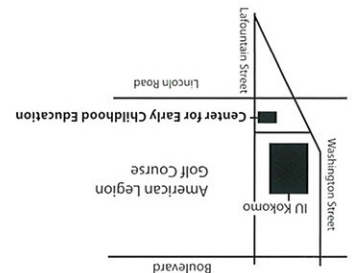
<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/octhalloween.cfm>



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