

May/June 2017 Newsletter

Early Learning Communities

Macomb Family Services



MACOMB COUNTY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 10th

6pm-7:30pm

Optimal Environment Series:

Part 4: Transitions

Wednesday, June 7th

6pm-7:30pm

Optimal Environment Series:

Part 5 Teacher-Child Interactions

- * Light Dinner Provided
- * 1 Hour Training Certificate
- * REGISTRATION required

Contact Jennifer Lorenz

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Play & Learn Field Trip : Animal Tales

The Animal Tales field trip will feature stories read by our special guest reader and after each story, the featured animals will be introduced to the children! They will then have the opportunity to learn about and even touch the animals!

Monday, May 8 from 6:30-7:30pm

Location To Be Determined. Please ask for details when calling to register.



This special event has limited space please register in advance

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Don't let your child's emotions "break" you!

Easter has come and gone, but those plastic eggs remain. Now that your little ones have eaten all the goodies that were hidden within, repurpose them into a social-emotional skills building activity. Using a Sharpie (or other permanent marker) draw eyes on one half of the egg and a mouth on the other half. Draw a variety of emotions - check out the emojis on your phone for inspiration - and let the kids mix and match the tops and bottoms. Discuss the emotions that are created and what might make them feel that way. Children who better understand emotions have more control over them.

~Bronwyn Johnston

a Mother
is like a FLOWER;
each one
beautiful
and unique.
Happy Mother's Day!

Join us for one of two special Make & Take sessions!

Come and create engaging, open-ended materials from everyday items. You will have the opportunity to create 7 items to take with you and share with your child or classroom. Registration is required and the \$5.00 Cash only, non-refundable fee is due by Friday, April 28th to hold your spot.

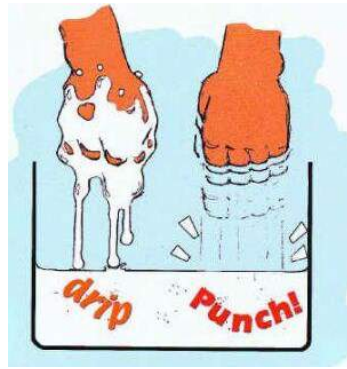
Teacher Make & Take: Wednesday, May 3rd 6:30pm-8:30pm RSVP to Jennifer @586-226-3440 x246 or jlorenz@mfsonline.org

Parent Make & Take: Saturday, May 6th 10am-12pm RSVP to LaDon @586-226-3340 x273 or lwilliams@mfsonline.org

Both sessions will be held at Macomb Family Services 36975 Utica Rd. Suite 102 Clinton Twp., 48036

There will be no childcare provided for either session

SOME
Super Heroes
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called
DAD



Oobleck

Is it a Solid or a Liquid?

Make this awesome goop at home and see for yourselves! You only need two ingredients for excellent sensory play for ALL ages! Oobleck is a non-Newtonian fluid, it acts like a liquid when being poured, but like a solid when a force is being applied to it.

- ♦ Mix 2 parts cornstarch with 1 part water. Stir until combined well, add more water if needed. Optional: Add food coloring to the mix

The mixture looks like a liquid but feels like a solid. It can be rolled into a ball, yet it melts when touched. Have fun using different tools to explore your oobleck. Applying pressure to your oobleck increases its viscosity (thickness). A quick tap on the surface will make it feel hard because it forces the cornstarch particles together. But dip your fingers in slowly and see what happens—your fingers slide in as easily as through water. Moving slowly gives the cornstarch particles time to move out of the way.

- * Add a literacy component with a reading of Dr. Seuss's *Bartholomew and the Oobleck!*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

ATTENTION CENTER DIRECTORS AND HOME PROVIDERS:

**JOIN US FOR THE NAP SACC PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 FROM 6:30-8:30PM**

THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN BY IMPROVING THE CHILD CARE ENVIRONMENT.

THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- A SELF-ASSESSMENT WHERE CHILD CARE CENTERS IDENTIFY THEIR STRENGTHS AND NEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENT
- GOAL SETTING AND ACTION PLANNING
- CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTATION



Please help us welcome Kim, the newest addition to our ELC! Kim is joining us as a trainer and play & learn instructor! She has previously worked as the County Home Economist for MSU Extension in St. Clair County. She also has experience as a high school family and consumer science teacher. Kim is very excited to meet and interact with all of our parents and providers. We are beyond pleased to have her join our team!



Look for the Preschool CSEFEL three part series coming up in May!

