

Early Childhood Connections ~ JULY 2022

NEWSLETTER



Parents as Teachers Early Head Start Head Start

July Important Dates

July 4		Closed	
July 13	10:00- 11:00 am	La Leche	Cross Point Church
July 26	5:00-6:00 pm	Kid Ninja Playgroup	HRC



Services available in:
Ellis, Rooks, Rush,
and Russell Counties

PRESCHOOL

Early Childhood Connections is currently taking applications for pregnant moms and children age 0 to 5. If you would like to know more about this no-charge opportunity, please call the Early Childhood Connections office at (785) 623-2430 for more information.

USD 489 SUMMER LUNCHES



FREE MEALS FOR **ALL** CHILDREN
AGES 1-18 YEARS.

ADULT MEALS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$4.00

Join us each
day for a great
meal, activities
and prizes.

11:30am-1:00pm
AT ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY

**MAY 31-
JULY 29**

EAT ON SITE OR TAKE IT TO GO

**NO
SIGN-UP
OR INCOME
REQUIREMENTS**

STUDENTS OUTSIDE
USD 489
ARE WELCOME TOO



MENU CAN BE FOUND
ON USD489.COM ON
NUTRITION PAGE

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

For more info:
785-623-2400 ext 115
WWW.USD489.COM

USD 489 EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS

KID NINJA

0 to 5 July Playgroup

Tuesday, July 26 - 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Hays Recreation Commission
1105 Canterbury, Hays, KS 67601

Have fun & help your 0-5 child develop gross motor skills.

Expect lots of crawling, up, down, over and movement!

Opportunities for socialization and a snack.

This free parent/child event is open to **Connections 0 to 5 families**.

No reservations necessary.



For more information

785-623-2430

www.usd489connections.com

Early Childhood
Connections
"Live the Possibilities"

USD 489 Early Childhood Connections is a **FREE** child development, parenting and family services program for pregnant women and families.

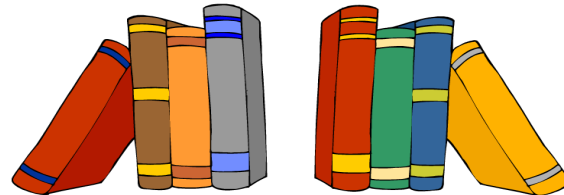
The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.



Vince Lombardi



READING TIPS FOR PARENTS



- Talk to your infant and toddler to help him learn to speak and understand the meaning of words. Point to objects that are near and describe them as you play and do daily activities together. Having a large vocabulary gives a child a great start when he enters school.
- Read to your baby every day starting at six months of age. Reading and playing with books is a wonderful way to spend special time with her. Hearing words over and over helps her become familiar with them. Reading to your baby is one of the best ways to help her learn.
- Use sounds, songs, gestures and words that rhyme to help your baby learn about language and its many uses. Babies need to hear language from a human being. Television is just noise to a baby.
- Point out the printed words in your home and other places you take your child such as the grocery store. Spend as much time listening to your child as you do talking to him.
- Take children's books and writing materials with you whenever you leave home. This gives your child fun activities to entertain and occupy him while traveling and going to the doctor's office or other appointments.
- Create a quiet, special place in your home for your child to read, write and draw. Keep books and other reading materials where your child can easily reach them.
- Help your child see that reading is important. Set a good example for your child by reading books, newspapers and magazines.
- Limit the amount and type of television you and your child watch. Better yet, turn off the television and spend more time cuddling and reading books with your child. The time and attention you give your child has many benefits beyond helping him be ready for success in school.
- Reach out to libraries and community and faith-based organizations. These organizations can:

Help you find age-appropriate books to use at home with your child. Show your creative ways to use books with your child and other tips to help her learn. Provide year-round children's reading and educational activities.

Fireworks Safety

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Nearly half of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

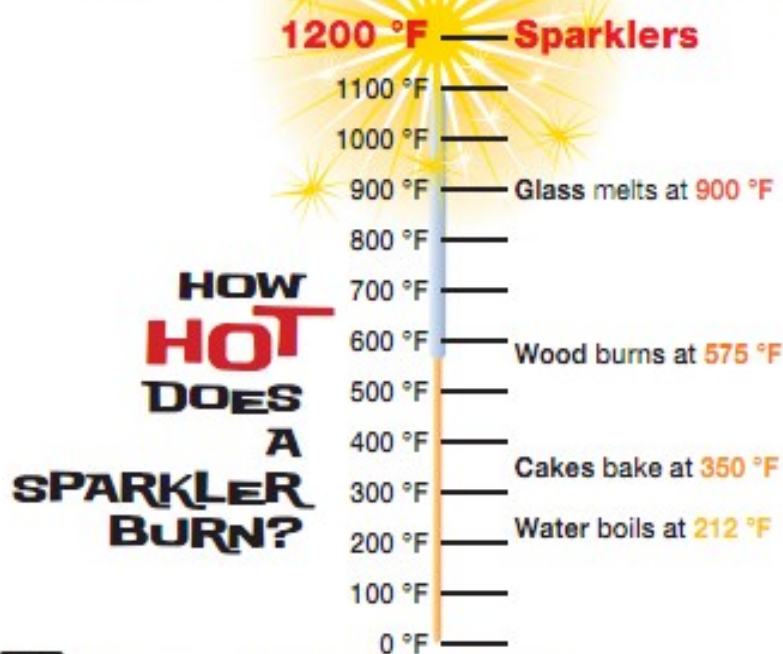
PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

-))) Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
-))) The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
-))) After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees**

Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- ! The risk of fireworks injury is more than twice as high for children ages 10–14 as for the general population.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education