

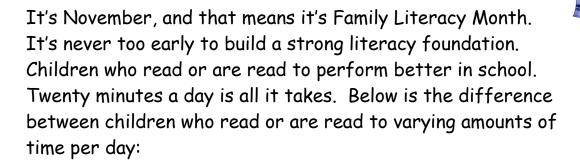
# ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS 100 RATHBUN WILLARD DRIVE, ATTLEBORO, MA 02703

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\*The child who reads or is read to 20 minutes each day will hear 1,800,000 words per year and will have read 851 hours by  $6^{th}$  grade.

\*The child who reads or is read to 5 minutes each day hears 282,000 words per year and will have read 212 hours by  $6^{th}$  grade.

\*The child who reads or who is read to for 1 minute each day hears 8,000 words per year and reads 42 hours by  $6^{th}$  grade.

In addition, the more children read the more likely they are to score better on standardized tests than their peers. (source: readdbg.org)

If you missed our new group "Get Ready to Read", we will be offering it again in January.



The Center will be closed November 12<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and November 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving break

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## 2018-2019 PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE

- Our first playgroup series ends the week of November 26th.
- The second playgroup series begins the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> and ends the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign up** for the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **playgroup series** begins **Monday, December 3rd** for those **who did not participate** and **Wednesday, December 5**<sup>th</sup> for **those who did**. Call the Center at 508-226-2883 after 8:30am. If the answering machine picks up, please leave your name, your child's name and date of birth along with the playgroup you're interested in. Please leave your phone number and we will call back to confirm. Thank you!!

# Donation of snacks and water for playgroups are always appreciated!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Look under "Family Activities" for our monthly Monday Messy Play and Move & Groove dates!	9:00- 10:15am Explorers Playgroup 18 months-4 years 10:30- 11:45am Explorers 18 months - 4 years	9-10:15 am Explorers 18 months - 4 years  9:15- 10:45am 3's & 4's On the Road to School (no siblings) *In Red Schoolhouse	9:00 - 10:15am Explorers 18 months - 4 years  11:00- 12:15pm Birth to Early Walkers ~ Up to 18 months (no siblings)	9:00 - 11:30am Drop-in Play All ages Birth - 5	Look under "Family Activities" for our monthly Saturday Playtime dates!

### A Note About Drop-In Play

Our Friday Drop-In groups have become increasing popular. For those of you who regularly attend, you have no doubt noticed that at times the room can become very crowded. While we are thrilled so many families attend, to insure safety for all and that we don't exceed room capacity, we will be monitoring this group closely. If this trend continues, we will offer 2 groups, one from 9-10:15am and the second from 10:30-11:45am. It is hoped this will alleviate overcrowding. As a reminder, Drop-In Play is open to Attleboro residents only.

# Family Center Activities/Workshops

#### Donuts with Dad

#### Saturday, November 17th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Cheryl

Attention Dads, Granddads, etc.  $\sim$  join Ms. Cheryl for playtime and refreshments with your child. Meet other Dads! All children ages up to 5 welcome. Bring a friend! Register by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (held in portable building).

#### Move and Groove

#### Monday, November 19th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Annie and Ms. Chris

This group gives your child the opportunity to be active in a safe setting. Activities vary but always include balance beams, balls, tunnels and dancing. For ages 18 months - 4 years. Register by Thursday, November  $15^{\text{th}}$  (held in Red Schoolhouse).



#### Messy Play

#### Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Chris

In this monthly group children experience the fun of messy play with shaving cream, finger paints, play dough, water play and more! Please dress your child appropriately. For ages 18 months -4 years. Register by Thursday, November  $22^{nd}$  (held in portable building).



## Playtime in the Gym

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am

Bartek Recreation Center
81 Pine Street, Attleboro
Bring a friend!!
No sign-up required

# Sturdy Memorial Hospital

New Mom's Group

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

For mom's (and/or dad's) with babies birth - 12 months old. Join parent educator Ms. Cheryl in the Clinical Education Room at Sturdy every Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:30am



"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning." ~ Mr. Rogers



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...and to all the families who generously donated snacks and water! Our apologies to anybody we may have neglected to mention.

#### **Bad Weather Cancellations**

If Channel 9 and local news stations announce, "No school Attleboro", then Project Connect Family Center is closed. If there is a school delay, we will cancel the 9:00am playgroup. We'll also post any closings or delays on our Facebook page. If you are in doubt as to other days with questionable weather conditions, please call the Center at 508-226-2883.

#### FAMILY CENTER PARKING

We are asking all families to please park in the lot on Handy Street, behind the playground and enter through the playground. This is for the children's safety, as delivery trucks and school department personnel use the main parking area. If you do park in the main lot, you will be asked to move. Please speak with a parent educator if you need to park in the main lot for health or other reasons.

Thank you!

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