

More Spring Activities....

Paint a birdhouse or make a bird feeder.

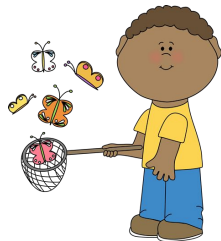
Plant flowers or vegetable seeds.

Rock painting.

Fly a kite.

Earth day litter clean up.

DIY sidewalk paint. Take old sidewalk chalk, crush it up and mix with water until you get the desired consistency.



Check out what's going on in your area by visiting

www.macaronikids.com and check the Hutchinson Chamber website at <https://explorehutchinson.com/>.

Hutchinson Area Preschools

"Together We're Stronger"



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Resources for Parents

- Imagination Library – www.unitedwayofmcleodcounty.org
Register for free books for your children
- Steppingstone Therapeutic, Inc. – www.steppingstonetherapeutic.com Provides services for children, adolescents & adults: (1) behavioral, (2) mental health, (3) occupational therapy, (4) speech & language pathology, and (5) additional professional services. 320-587-2326
- Parent Connection - 320-455-7872 - Free support group for parents of children ages infant-12 years.
- EQUUL Access, Inc. www.equulaccess.org – providing equine-assisted activities to individuals with special needs. 320-234-7895
- Help Me Grow - www.helpmegrowmn.org - Information on child development, assistance with referrals for developmental concerns, and other resources. 1-866-693-4769
- Hutchinson Public Schools – www.isd423.org - 320-587-8908
Early Intervention – free assessment and services for children with developmental concerns
Early Childhood Screening – free screening (3-5 yr olds) required for all children before kindergarten
- SEED Child Development Center- Imerino@greaterminnesota.org designed to provide your child with the social emotional skills needed for successful behaviors and expectations in daycare and school settings. – Program of Greater Minnesota Family Services. 320-403-4165
- McLeod County Public Health and/or Social Services: www.co.mcleod.mn.us – provides many services for families: Follow Along Program, WIC, Car Seat Safety, etc.

Hello! The Hutchinson area preschool teachers gather three times a year to build community, exchange ideas, and discuss best practices for preschool children. Together, we have gathered ideas and resources to share with you in our effort to help get kids ready for school. Enjoy!

Spring Activities



Spring Scavenger Hunt

Help your child look for
birds chirping, bugs
crawling, squirrels
running, sunny skies,
budding trees, etc.

Teacher's Tip

ABC

When teaching your child to write their name, use an uppercase letter for just the first letter and lowercase letters for the rest of the name. By starting them out this way they will not have to relearn their name when they get to kindergarten.

The Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress

ECIPS are early learning standards and were recently revised in 2016.

How can they help families?

Family engagement is an essential component of successful implementation of the early learning standards. Families of young children in Minnesota better understand their children's development and communicate more fully when teachers and providers share this framework with them. The standards create a common vocabulary for the families and the staff so that communication flows easily. As they work in partnership with teachers and providers, families see high quality early childhood practices in action.

For more information: education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/early/ind

~Books by Famous Personalities~



Welcome To Your World, Baby by Brooke Shields

Real Love by John Lennon

I Already Know I Love You by Billy Crystal

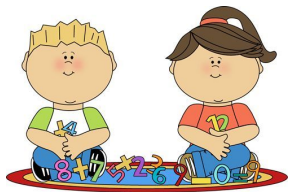
Amy Grant's Heart to Heart Bible Stories

The Brand new Kid by Katie Couric

It's Hard to Be Five by Jamie Lee Curtis

I'm Gonna Like Me by Jamie Lee Curtis

Preschool Math



Along with rote counting (1, 2, 3..) kids use many math skills throughout the day. Shapes, colors, and patterns are concepts that help your child develop strong math

skills. Go on a shape walk and look for square windows, rectangular doors, and triangular signs. Lay on your back in the green grass and look up at the blue sky. What other colors can you find in the flowers, trees, and animals that surround you? Use small rocks and dandelions to make a nature pattern...rock, dandelion, rock, dandelion, etc. Outdoor opportunities for math exploration surround us on a daily basis. Enjoy!

Recipe Roundup

Use a large short tote or under bed storage container to make a summer sensory table. Try some of these ideas and have fun!

- Sand and Water
- Dirt
- Clean Mud:

3 bars of Ivory Soap, grated
2 rolls toilet paper
hot water (not scalding)



Older children can help with grating the soap. Younger children can help tear up the toilet paper. Put soap and toilet paper into the tote. Gradually add a little hot water and mix with hands. Continue to add small amounts of water, until you get a nice muddy consistency.

- Cloud Dough:
flour
baby oil
liquid watercolor or food coloring

Pour flour into the sensory tote/table. Slowly add baby oil and mix with your hands. Continue adding oil and mix until you can form a ball in your hands. Drop the liquid watercolors or food coloring in and you will notice that the drops don't mix. This is awesome because they look like sprinkles!

Out of the mouths of preschoolers...

A boy came into preschool excited because he got to "drive the tractor" that morning. He proudly told me that it had "four duals." Impressed, I asked him, "So were you putting down fertilizer?" He quickly replied, "Nope...spreading poop!"

"My Dream is to make everyone happy." ~Evelyn~

"Today is a good day." When I asked him why he said, "Because I like what you are wearing today." ~Cael~

"You should go to eat at Cactus because they have yummy cheese curds."

~Courtney~

When painting said, "I have to use all the space because my mom does not like any white showing." ~Charlotte~

