

Coordinated Family &
Community Engagement

PROGRAM

The Essential Link
Family and Community Newsletter
Fall River/Westport/Somerset

September - October 2018



A Note From Us

Happy Fall!

Welcome to the CFCE newsletter. We hope you enjoy this issue and find it both fun and informative. Please share with others!

CFCE works to ensure that all families with children prenatal through 14 years old have access in their community to the supports and services that are essential to their success. We provide information on early education and care programs, state-wide centralized wait list for child care vouchers, school readiness activities, Play & Learn groups, parent groups, Kindergarten registration, family literacy programs, newsletters, adult literacy programs, and much more.

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Learning & Growing

Let's Read!

Read Me a Story---Again!

As they finish reading a storybook to a child, adults often groan when they hear the words, "Read it again!" Many of us tire of reading the same story over and over, but repeated reading is actually very good for young children.

Children learn important things from hearing a story again and again. They learn basic grammar and story structure. They also learn new vocabulary words and learn to associate the words with the illustrations on the page. In time, they will be able to tell the story themselves, using the visual clues of the illustrations.

Children who hear and retell stories refine their retellings until their memory of the words they have learned is so close to the text that they correct themselves as they "read" the story. Although their "reading" is primarily recitation rather than word identification, they gradually associate the text with the words they are saying.

To develop into lifelong readers, children need opportunities to learn to love books. What better way than snuggling up as an adult reads a favorite story again?

Brain Building

Science by Discovery

Children learn scientific concepts through real experiences such as playing in the mud, holding a rabbit, walking in the rain, jumping into leaves, and playing with worms. For young children, science is a natural and spontaneous process—and sometimes a messy one! Teachers and parents can enhance children's understanding of science by allowing kids to "mess around" in the physical world.

Caregivers and teachers can promote the development of the processes that are integral to science: observing, classifying, communicating, measuring, inferring, and predicting. Observation skills are learned by examining rocks and leaves or by noticing the different sizes of shadows. Classifying skills are learned through sorting buttons or shapes and by recognizing similarities and differences of objects. Children develop measuring concepts and skills by measuring how much a plant has grown or by using blocks to measure their friends' height. Finally, children infer and predict outcomes by guessing what is inside a box or by predicting what will happen when water is poured over ice. These are examples of ways in which science is used every day.

Including children in preparing supper, planting a flower bed, or building a bookshelf provides additional opportunities for children to experience science firsthand. A young child's natural curiosity and willingness to explore new things make the preschool years the perfect time for beginning the science curriculum.

FYI.....

The Art of Books

You don't have to go to art galleries to appreciate beautiful artwork. Watercolor, oil painting, pen and ink, collage, and other forms of artwork can be found in quality children's literature. Teachers and caregivers often choose books not only for the wonderful stories they tell, but also for their wonderful artwork.

A trip to the library or bookstore offers the opportunity to compare the styles of different illustrators. Eric Carle, Tomie de Paula, and Ezra Jack Keats all have distinct artistic styles that even very young children can learn to recognize with very little adult assistance.

Remember to celebrate your child's artwork as well. Praise him/her for each creative piece and find a "special" place in your home to exhibit it.

Extending literature in this way expands a child's horizons in many ways. But more than that, it's just plain family fun!



Community Events

Monday, October 29th - 4:00– 4:30 pm

Get into the "spirit" of the season with this trio of Halloween cartoons featuring: *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*, *A Very Brave Witch*, and *Los Gatos Black on Halloween!* Popcorn will be served to all ghouls and gargoyles attending!



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LOCATION: Main Library (104 North Main Street) -Meeting Room

Tuesday, October 30th - 6:30-7:30 pm

This playful and highly interactive program includes traditional, contemporary and original "not-too-scary" Halloween songs, stories, seasonal songs, singing games and family sing-alongs. The program is appropriate for all ages including very young children. Audiences are involved in singing, moving and dancing. Dances such as the "Hooky Spooky" (a Halloween version of the Hokey Pokey) are especially popular with family audiences. Older children and adults may be invited to play Latin and African percussion instruments. Costumes encouraged!

The program is performed on a variety of instruments including guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, Irish Bodhran, African and Latin percussion.



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Hayrides to the Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze

- **Saturdays & Sundays from 11am-5pm.**
- **\$5 per person** (children 3 & under **FREE!**)
- Ticket includes hayride and corn maze. (pumpkin not included)
- September 15th - October 28th.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

RE-CREATION COMMUNITY & WELLNESS CENTER

45 ROCK STREET, FALL RIVER

GAMES, TRICK-OR-TREAT CANDY, FACE PAINTING, FREE PIZZA!

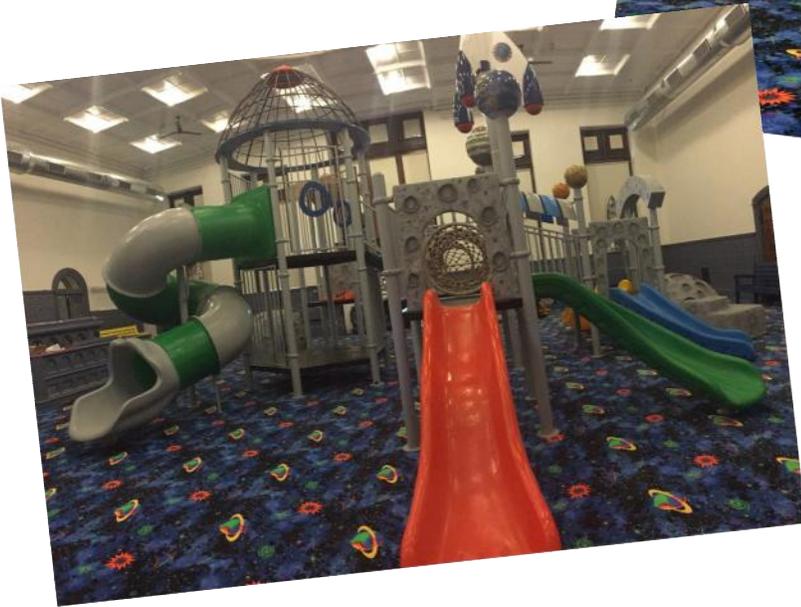


FREE!
RAIN OR SHINE

**GRAND
OPENING!**



The
Children's Museum
Of Greater Fall River, Inc.
Explore. Discover. Grow.



3, 2, 1... Blast off!

Outer Space Exhibit
Opening on Wednesday,
October 10th

Museum Hours

Wednesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Closed Monday & Tuesday

\$3 at 3pm on Weekdays: (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)

\$5 Friday: First Friday of the month is \$5.00

441 North Main Street, Fall River

Play & Learn

Family Fun for Free!

If you are a stay-at-home parent or caregiver of a child 0-5 years, please join us at one of our Play & Learn Groups.

**To register please call the Fall River Public Schools
Early Childhood Center at
508-675-8376**



▶ Mondays

Fonseca School
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
160 Wall Street
Fall River

Town Annex
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
856 Main Road
Westport

▶ Tuesdays

YMCA
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
199 N. Main Street
Fall River

Somerset Public Library
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
1464 County Street, Somerset

▶ Wednesdays

Boys & Girls Club
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
803 Bedford Street, Fall River

Somerset Public Library
9:30a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1464 County Street, Somerset

Children's Museum
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
441 N.Main Street
Fall River

▶ Thursdays

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9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
856 Main Road
Westport

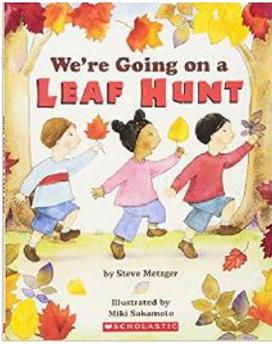
Fall River Public Library
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
104 N. Main Street
Fall River

Greene School
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
409 Cambridge Street
Fall River

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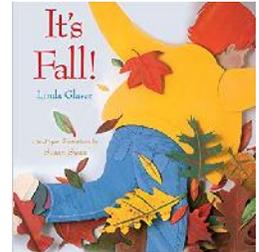
Fall Reading & Activities



Join three friends on a fun leaf-finding adventure! This bouncy new version of the popular song begs to be read out loud.

There are lots of beautiful fall leaves to find! Three friends have a big adventure hiking over a mountain and through a forest to collect leaves of all kinds and colors. What will they do with all their leaves at the end of the story? Jump and play in them, of course!

Simple text and bold, beautiful paper sculpture convey the animal life, plant life, weather, colors, clothing, and feelings associated with the fall season.



Seasonal Activities

Go on a color hunt outdoors and only collect red leaves; change the color you collect on different days. Place the leaves on the table and help your child count them. Collect different color leaves and sort them by color. Create a pattern with the leaves you collected with your child. Have your child place a green leaf under a piece of paper and rub the paper with a crayon. The leaf shape will appear. Have your child glue a leaf on a piece of paper and draw legs, arms, and a head to create a leaf person.



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