

Week of June 15th, 2020:



Learning About Language Development!

What does my Teacher or Home Visitor look for in this area of development when working with my child?

1. Listening to and understanding language such as following directions
2. Using language to express themselves
3. Using appropriate communication skills such as engaging in conversation

Check out our monthly calendar to learn about our virtual family engagement events and parent cafes!

More information and resources can be found on our website, HS4KC.org

If you have further questions on language development, please reach out to your Home Visitor or Teacher! They would love to hear from you!

News You Can Use



In Your Kitchen!

While preparing meals, encourage your kids to help by giving them simple one to two step directions for jobs they can do independently. For example, have them gather ingredients for a recipe, set the table or wipe the table after a meal.

Song Of The Week

Tooty Ta

This is a fun dancing song that encourages children to listen to the words and follow along.

You can find the video here:

https://youtu.be/ea4TVg0_8Dk



Activity Idea

Talk about your day!

During meal times, go around the table and ask everyone, "What was the best thing about your day?" Take turns sharing how everyone felt about it, what they enjoyed, and what they are excited about for tomorrow! You can do this with your infants too! Talk to them about your day and also what you did together. Pause, and listen for them to babble back!





Recommended Resources

Explore outside!

Talking Walking Collage

So much is happening outside right now! Flowers are blooming, birds are hatching, and sprinklers are watering. Bring your kids outside to talk about all the things they can feel, hear, touch, see and taste.

Engaging your child in conversations about their surroundings helps build their vocabulary and makes them more aware of their environment.

See the next page for a fun activity you can do with any age child. If you have an infant, you can take them for a stroll and talk about what you see and hear.



Remember the Dentist!

Some dentists are open! Call your dentist to schedule visits for you and your children. If you need help finding a dentist for your family, ask your teacher or home visitor

Talking Walking Collage

Primary Objectives

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills
- 9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary

Why It's Important

Engaging your child in conversations about her surroundings is a good way to develop vocabulary and make her more aware of her immediate environment. By making a collage from materials relevant to the conversation, you give your child an opportunity to recall the details of your talk and make it easier to share the memory with others.

Materials

Paper; glue; tape; paper bag

What You Do

1. Invite your child to join you on a "talking walk." Explain that you will explore outside and see what you can find. *What do you think we will see on our walk around the playground?*
2. As you walk together, talk about what you see. Point out insects under stones and squirrels in trees. Observe the weather, clouds, people, and passing cars.
3. Encourage your child to use the paper bag to collect leaves, sticks, and other materials. Wonder aloud and ask questions that prompt her to describe what she finds. *I wonder why some leaves are green and some are brown. I hear a bird singing high up in the tree. What do you hear?*
4. When you return from the walk, encourage your child to talk about what she saw and heard. Provide her with paper and glue to make a collage using the objects she collected.
5. Offer to write down her description of the objects as she works on the collage. When finished, display the collage and description and encourage your child to share it with other family members or friends.

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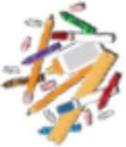
Summer Family Engagement Events

Making Connections

Join us for weekly fun and interactive family activities done through **Zoom!**

Zoom links are on last page.

We cannot wait to see you there!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Education Week 	1 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Home Made Learning Games- It's Free and It's Fun!" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 8:30pm	2 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Home Made Learning Games- It's Free and It's Fun!" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 1pm	3 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Home Made Learning Games- It's Free and It's Fun!"	4 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Home Made Learning Games- It's Free and It's Fun!"
PFCE Week	8 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Transition To Kindergarten Like A Pro" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 8:30pm	9 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Transition To Kindergarten Like A Pro" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 1pm	10 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Transition To Kindergarten Like A Pro"	11 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Transition To Kindergarten Like A Pro"
Health Week	15 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Healthy At Home" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 8:30pm	16 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Healthy At Home" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 1pm	17 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Healthy At Home"	18 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Healthy At Home"
Special Education Week 	22 Engagement Event @ 10am: "We Can Be Bucket Fillers! And You Can Too!" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 8:30pm	23 Engagement Event @ 10am: "We Can Be Bucket Fillers! And You Can Too!" <hr/> Virtual Parent Café @ 1pm	24 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "We Can Be Bucket Fillers! And You Can Too!"	25 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "We Can Be Bucket Fillers! And You Can Too!"
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***Please note that the topics for each week's events are subject to change. Continue to check out our Facebook page for the most up to date information.**

For more information or if you have any questions please contact:

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Outcomes Week 	6 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Reaching New Heights" Virtual Parent Café @ 8:30pm (TBD)	7 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Reaching New Heights" Virtual Parent Café @ 1pm (TBD)	8 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Reaching New Heights"	9 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Reaching New Heights"
Nutrition Week	13 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Zoom with Michigan Foods" Virtual Parent Café @ 8:30pm (TBD)	14 Engagement Event @ 10am: "Zoom with Michigan Foods" Virtual Parent Café @ 1pm (TBD)	15 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Zoom with Michigan Foods"	16 Engagement Event @ 2pm: "Zoom with Michigan Foods"
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Department/Title

Education

"Home Made Learning Games- It's Free and It's Fun!"

PFCE

"Transition To Kindergarten Like A Pro!"

Nutrition

"Zoom with Michigan Foods"

Special Education

"We Can Be Bucket Fillers! And You Can Too!"

Outcomes

"Reaching New Heights"

Health

"Healthy At Home"

PFCE (TBD)

"Parent Leadership & Super Science!"

Education (TBD)

"It's Just a Scribble... Why You Should Wait to Throw it Away"

Activity Description

You really don't have to look too far around you in order to find items that support your child's learning! Join us for a Scavenger Hunt and then practice using everyday materials for fun and learning with your child.

We've got the tools for you to know exactly how to make your child's transition a great one! Learn what the transition to Kindergarten will look like and even transitions within Head Start!

We will explore Michigan's seasonal foods in a fun way...Zooming thru fruits and vegetables!

All people carry with them an invisible "bucket". We have the choice to be "bucket fillers" or "bucket dippers". Join us as we identify simple ways that we can be "bucket fillers". You're sure to go away feeling uplifted!

Explore the possibilities at children's fingertips when they are afforded every opportunity to attend school regularly and on time. Learn to recognize school days as a series of educational moments that can significantly impact a child's development and growth.

Staying inside isn't always easy. Join us for fun physical activities you can do as a family.

Parents, want to learn valuable leadership qualities AND have fun with science? Look no further! Using easy DIY activities at home, we will tie science fun into everyday leadership skills.

Join us as we look at the importance of "process" over "product" for young children. They will participate in a spontaneous art lesson and you will certainly look at their creations with new eyes as we conduct a virtual art expo!

"Zoom" is a free application that can be used on a phone, laptop, desktop or iPad.

Engagement Event Links:

Tuesday's @ 10a: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88437879054?pwd=KzdzNDBTd2I3Q2xQUkVXRFRd5RDNQUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 3787 9054 Password: 749038

Thursday's @ 2p: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281554371?pwd=ZVlxK01LeIB5SjNlZit1VtDcWl3QT09>

Meeting ID: 892 8155 4371 Password: 719852

Virtual Parent Café Links:

Tuesday's @ 8:30p: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86449064701>

Meeting ID: 864 4906 4701 Password: 616276

Wednesday's @ 1p: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82766266908>

Meeting ID: 827 6626 6908 Password: 988460

***Be sure to check us out on Facebook and Twitter for more information on upcoming events**

