Talk With Your Baby

Robinson Community Learning Center

Celebrate National Children’s Day on June 7th!

If you haven’t heard, National Children’s Day is an annual springtime event celebrated around the world to recognize the special place of children in every nation, and how we can provide a better life for them in the future. Of course, there’s no better way to do this than by spending more time with our kids. Try taking them to the Studebaker National Museum, where they can try their hand at car repair, or to the Potawatomi Zoo to see the new baby Amur leopards, otters, and bats! If you’d like a hands-on activity, try out the Hannah Lindahl Children’s Museum, where touching mastodon bones, firefighting equipment, and Native American Artifacts is encouraged for all ages!

SB Summer Family Activities

Looking for something family-friendly to do around South Bend in the summer? Check out these exciting (and free!) opportunities:

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Party**
Friday, June 5 from 4:00-8:00 pm
at the Main Branch library
Meet the Michigan Ghostbusters, make superhero masks, meet South Bend’s K-9 unit, and find the newest and best books for readers of all ages!

**DTSB First Fridays, 5:00-9:00 pm**
June 5, Dog Days of Summer
July 3, As American As…
There will be family-friendly activities for all ages!

**Downtown Gridiron Movie Night**
9:00 pm at the College Football Hall of Fame building
June 12: Back to the Future
July 24: The Lego Movie
August 22: Guardians of the Galaxy
Research
Outside Play Important for Development

Research has shown that kids who play outside (Fjortoft 2004 & Burdette and Whitaker 2005) for at least an hour per day receive these benefits over their peers who don’t play outside as much:

• Become fitter and leaner
• Develop stronger immune systems
• Have more active imaginations
• Have lower stress levels
• Have greater self-respect and respect for others

So what are you waiting for? Try our Kids’ Corner fun outdoor activities with your baby, toddler, or preschooler today!

Kids’ Corner

Not sure what to do outside you’re your toddler or baby? Think about these activities to get the whole family outside!

Grow a mini garden! Put different types of seeds in an ice cube tray and see what grows best!

Make a scavenger hunt! Practice reading simple words (or listening if your child can’t read yet) to find outside treasures.

At the beach, build a sandcastle and a moat. Your child will have just as much fun knocking down the sandcastle as they will filling the buckets with sand and water.

Or, put a sheet on the lawn and have story time outside with one of these books on the right.

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