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# Talk With Your Baby

Robinson Community Learning Center

## Happy St. Patrick's Day from TWYB!

TWYB wants to wish all our supporters a Happy March and hope everyone is excited for St. Patrick's Day! In the spirit of the holiday, the theme this month is everything green! South Bend even dyes the East Race Waterway green during the Annual St.

Patrick's Day Parade, which is a great event to bring your children too! Here are the details:

**March 12th, 11:00 am, 500 E Jefferson Blvd, South Bend, IN**

Dr. Seuss also celebrates his birthday on March 2nd so bring a classic title like Green Eggs and Ham to story time and celebrate all the wonderful events that happen in March!

March is an even greater month this year because TWYB starts classes! Look below for upcoming class dates and times and be sure to register or recommend a friend!



### Check Out Upcoming TWYB Classes!!

#### Robinson Center

March 22, 29,  
April 5, 12,  
19

11:30 am -  
1:00 pm

Join us on *Tuesday* mornings! Lunch and childcare provided.

#### Robinson Center

March 23, 30,  
April 6, 13, 20

6:30 pm - 7:30  
pm

Join us on *Wednesday* nights! Childcare and snacks provided.

#### Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture

March 30,  
April 6, 13, 20,  
27

1:00 pm - 2:00

Join us on *Wednesday* afternoon! Childcare and snacks provided.

#### LaSalle Branch Public Library

April 28, May 5,  
12, 19, 26

6:00 pm - 7:30  
pm

Join us on *Thursday* nights! Dinner and childcare provided.

## Agency Spotlight

This month, we highlight a very special agency: **The SBCSC Family Literacy Program!!**

At this organization, parents prepare for the high school equivalency test and participate in a variety of family and parent-child activities, while their children are on site at an early childhood learning center. In addition to offering TWYB classes to the parents, Family Literacy focuses on reading, math and self-sufficiency skills like employment. The early childhood learning center focuses on an environment where it teaches children language through hands-on experiences. TWYB is so happy to have such a wonderful partner in the community! To learn more about Family Literacy call (574) 283-7505!

## Lunch & Learn

### TWYB Facilitators:

TWYB is happy to announce that we will be holding another Lunch and Learn on March 30th, 2016 from 11:30am – 1:00pm! This Lunch and Learn is special because we will be hearing from a wonderful speaker discussing dental health! Our speaker is Tina Oats, who works at the Dental Center as the Community Dental Health Education and Outreach Specialist.

### **Mark your calendars!!**

Wednesday, March 30th from 11:30am – 1:00pm at the RCLC!

To RSVP, please contact Madison Zeiss at (574) 631-6916 or at [mzeiss@nd.edu](mailto:mzeiss@nd.edu)!

## Research

### Inviting Families into the Classroom

Kathreen Francis, a reporter for Early Childhood News recently published an article about how parents can be more involved in the classroom lives of their young children! She states that “parents are the experts on their own children and their presence through daily play and projects should be viewed as a critical part of a child’s success”. Although she understands how busy life is, she offers a few suggestions for ways to bring the family into the classroom!

1. Reading good books that affirm the family relationship both at home and at school will allow the child to connect the two!
2. Try to take a day every once in a while and supervise a field trip or classroom activity with your child’s class!
3. Work with your child to create a collage of activities that he or she enjoys doing with the family and allow your child to bring it to school as a reminder!

## Kids’ Corner

Although we are quickly approaching spring, the snow is still falling outside so here are two, fun, St. Patrick’s Day themed, hide-and-seek games to get your kids moving indoors!

### Hide the Shamrock

#### Materials:

- Green construction paper
- Scissors

#### How to play:

- Cut a shamrock out of green construction paper
- Choose one child to hide the shamrock around the house
- Have the other child or children search and find it
- Whoever finds it hides it next

Ideas from [www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com)



### Pot of Gold

#### Materials:

- Colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Masking tape

#### How to play:

- Cut out tiny green feet, a brown pit and small gold circles (to create the pot of gold)
- Find a location to hide the pot of gold and tape it anywhere you wish
- Tape the green feet a few feet apart to form a path to the pot of gold
- Have your child follow the footprints to the treasure!