Happy Mothers’ Day!!

Welcome to May, Talk With Your Baby supporters! This is my favorite time of the year! May is also a very special month for us, because it’s the month when we celebrate Mothers’ Day on May 8th! We would love to take a moment to thank all the mothers, grandmothers and caregivers that talk and read with their babies every day! Without you, our program wouldn’t be possible, and we are so thankful! Remember, it is not too late to sign up for classes!

Check out the TWYB Facebook Page!

Be sure to log on to FaceBook and check out and like the Talk With Your Baby page! We post new research, links to events around the community and fun things to do with your children weekly!

www.facebook.com/talkwithyourbaby/

Agency Spotlight

St. Joseph Department of Child Services

The Robinson Community Center has a long-standing history of extending help to others during challenging times. A recent partnership with the St. Joseph County Department of Child Services has really shown us the great need for foster families right here in our community.

DCS is facing many challenges and currently there are over 10,000 children in the Indiana foster care system. Some foster children come for a few nights, some come for a few weeks, some never get to go home. We are looking for families that want to help a child in need. Foster children range in age from newborns up to age 18. Be a foster parent and change the life of a child. Contact Mary Ellen at 574-232-6728 or Glenda Graham 574-232-7122 to learn more!
Research

Research Shows Parent/Child Craft Time Has Lifelong Benefits

A team of psychologists and researchers at Elmer’s Products teamed up to study the huge impact of creative time for kids, and how parents can save minutes to sneak in some arts and crafts during their busy schedules. Here are the benefits of creative time for kids:

• Crafting encourages key visual-processing skills
• Hands-on craft help develop fine motor skills
• Craft time will develop close attention to detail, improved focus and improved memory skills later in life

The research suggested that even 20 minutes of craft time a day can develop these skills in children!

Check out www.parenting.com for more information!

Kids’ Corner

Looking for a fun activity to do with your child, or want to help them make something special for mom or grandma for Mother’s Day? Check out these handprint crafts below!

Cut out your child’s handprints using construction paper, and add a personal message between to create this adorable card!

Using some paper and paint, you can create this adorable flower and use it as art or as the cover for a card!

Ideen taken from Pinterest

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