



Positive Parenting

By The Guidance Center's *Family Resource Center* and



Nurturing Language Development



During the first five years of life, your child's language development grows in leaps and bounds. As

your child's first teacher, there are many ways to encourage positive language development.

AGE 0-6 MONTHS

Have conversations with your baby. Repeat baby's sounds back to him so he knows you think what he says is important. Talk to your baby all the time. Tell them what you are doing and what they are doing. Point out things

you see while driving with your baby. Play music and read books to your baby. Speak clearly to your baby.

AGE 6-12 MONTHS

Teach your baby his name and give him names for common objects such as ball, bear, or bottle. Again, talk about what you are doing ("I am putting on your shirt."). Show your baby pictures in books and magazines. Play peek-a-boo and sing fun, repetitive songs.

AGE 12-18 MONTHS

Point out body parts on yourself and your baby, naming as you point. Talk about the different sounds animals make and what cars sound like. Read simple stories (board books with one

to three words on each page are recommended for this age). Make your own book to read with pictures of family members, animals, flowers, and babies.

AGE 18 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

Read with your child every day. Rhymes with different sounds, actions, and pictures are fun at this age. Give easy one-step directions, such as "Bring me your socks please." Expand your child's sentences after they speak. "You would like some cheese please."

In next month's issue we will be covering language development from ages two to five. Stay tuned!



Volume 3, Issue 5

May 2005

Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Language Development
- ☺ Celebrating Literacy
- ☺ Romulus Reading Fair
- ☺ Build Your Child's Book Collection
- ☺ Tiny Tots Concert Series
- ☺ Let's Talk Language Tip
- ☺ Forty Assets Training

Language Milestones - Age Birth- Two Years

Here are some milestones in your child's language development you can look for.

AGE 0-6 MONTHS

- Experiments with sounds of saliva.
- Uses different cries to signal being angry, wet, or hungry.
- Babbles ("ba ba" is the most common sound).

AGE 6-12 MONTHS

- Begins to wave goodbye.
- Responds to own name.
- Looks for named parent and recognizes familiar voices.
- May say first word.

AGE 12-18 MONTHS

- Identifies a few body parts.
- Can say two or more words.
- Follows one-step instructions.

AGE 18 MONTHS - TWO YEARS

- Understands many words; says about fifty.
- Begins to use two to three word sentences ("More juice.").
- Sings simple songs.



Romulus Reading Fair



Join us at the Preschoolers Reading Fair at the Romulus Public Library on May 7th! The fun will begin at

10:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM. All preschool participants will get a free book and reading time with

familiar public figures. Refreshments will be provided, and a raffle will be held. This event is for parents, guardians, and children infants to four years of age. The fair is sponsored by Romulus Community Schools, the Romulus Public Library, the Guidance Center's Romulus Family Resource Center, and Great Parents, Great Start of Wayne RESA. Children are never too young to enjoy a good book.

Come spend a fun Saturday morning reading with us!



Save the Date



Come join us for a training on the forty assets as identified by Search Institute

researchers. Learn about the different types of assets and pick up tips about how to help children make wise decisions

for a fruitful life. These assets focus on positive things that help children thrive and grow up with ease, and are featured in the newsletter every month. They are building blocks to success and have a long-lasting effect. This training is sponsored by The Guidance Center, Everybody Ready, and Wayne County RESA. We hope to see you on **May 25th** at the Center for Excellence in

Southgate. Space is limited. To register, contact Linda Stanko at (734) 282-5497 or email

everybodyready@yahoo.com



Celebrate Literacy and Reading

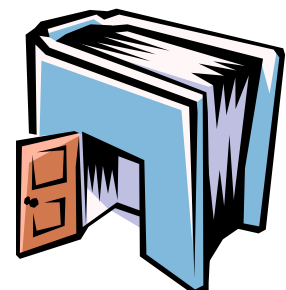
Celebrate readers and writers and encourage literacy this month. Make a little extra effort to read to your child every day this month, and treat yourself to a good novel or four. Come check out one of the Family Resource Center's many literacy bags, which offer fun ideas and activities that help children connect with the story. Some titles available are:

•[The Grouchy Ladybug](#)

- [Green Eggs and Ham](#)
- [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#)
- [Inch by Inch](#)

And many more! Another interactive reading activity is to choose a simple recipe, read it together, and then make it with your child. This will help reading skills, and math skills! There is science in cooking as well. This is also an integrated activity that will teach kids that you have to be able to read to do other things, such

as cook, learn more about a topic, or build a model. Remember, books open doors!



Building Home Libraries



Many children enjoy creating a special place in the home to store books that have special meaning or value to them.

By encouraging children to collect their personal favorites you will nurture their interest in books and support a life-long love of reading. The National Reach Out and Read organization offers these tips to set up a home library for your children.

- Find a special place. A bookshelf or bookcase in your child's room, a sturdy box or container works well.

- Encourage your children to choose books to add to their collection. A book buying trip to a yard sale or bookstore can be a fun Saturday morning family activity.

- Take your children to the library regularly. Even children with well stocked bookshelves enjoy new supplies of reading materials. Teach your children to treat the library books with care.

- For babies and young toddlers, choose sturdy books to survive rough handling. Board or cloth books work well.

- Display a few books with the covers facing front. An appealing, colorful cover might entice a youngster to pick up a book and

look inside.

The more you and your child read together, the more likely it is that your child will succeed in school. Reading at home is a positive experience and prepares your child to enjoy future success and pleasant reading encounters.



Tiny Tots Concert Series



Introduce your child to the exciting world of music with incredible artists featured in highly interactive, visually

stimulating and refreshingly innovative live performances. The concerts, presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, are geared toward children ages three to six. Set your tot's imagination loose,

and begin a lifetime appreciation of the wonders of great music.

Concerts take place in The Music Box at The Max and begin at 11 A.M. Pre-show activities begin at 9:30 A.M. and include face-painting,



balloon artists, "kid-friendly" concessions and much, much more.

For more information, visit the website at www.detroitssymphony.com.

Let's Talk Language Tip



Let's Talk Language Toddler Tip: When you go grocery shopping, include your toddler by providing him/her with coupons or labels cut out from boxes. Invite your child to search for the items while you walk down different aisles. Label recognition is a pre-reading skill that helps children match symbols. This encourages the development of language, cognitive, and social skills.



Mission Statements

Everybody Ready

Our Vision: All children will be physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually prepared to enter kindergarten “Ready to Learn, Ready to Succeed, Ready for Life” through the love, nurture and support of their families, their caregivers and their communities.

Our Mission: Everybody Ready engages the community to support families and caregivers as they meet the needs of children 0-5.

Please check out our website www.everybodyready.com. On it you will find upcoming events for children 0-5, and information telling you all about Everybody Ready. Look for our open quarterly meetings. We always have a keynote speaker talking about issues of young children.

Please call 734 282-5497 with any questions.

The Guidance Center

The Guidance Center’s mission is to enhance the development and mental well being of children, adults, families and communities through the delivery of creative, innovative, and quality programs. Services will be delivered with excellence and professionalism in an atmosphere of caring, hope, and respect.

Infant Massage

The Family Resource Center is pleased to offer a free infant massage class to parents of babies ages one month to crawling. Learn to nurture your baby with infant massage.

The many benefits of infant massage include:

- ◆ Bonding – enhances communication, encourages positive interaction and helps parents feel more competent and confident in their role.
- ◆ Relief for baby from discomforts such as teething, colic, congestion, gas, and emotional distress.
- ◆ Relaxation – helps baby sleep deeper and longer.

Our qualified instructor will guide you through the infant massage process with demonstrations and handouts for you to keep. For more information, please call the Family Resource Center at (734) 785-7705, ext. 7053.



After Baby Comes is a support program that offers a home visit, weekly playgroup, and infant massage. In order to qualify for this program, you must be a first time parent with a child under the age of one year. **For more information about ABC, call Rachel at (734) 785-7705 ext. 7215.**

Family Resource Center
15601 Northline
Southgate, MI 48195
(734)785-7705 ext. 7053

Everybody Ready
One Heritage Place
Suite 230
Southgate, MI 48195
everybodyready@yahoo.com
(734)282-5497

U.S. Postage
PAID
Non-Profit
Permit No. 55
Wyandotte, MI