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Rock Island Early Childhood Programs

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What's Happening in Preschool

Greetings from Marshall!

The children are working on being healthy and choosy, just like our good friend Choosy says. We dance daily to Choosy. Sometimes it's before lunch and sometimes after lunch, and we may even do it both times. Choosy is teaching us what our body does, how and where our body moves, the relationship our body has with self and others. Some movement actions are traveling (marching, jumping, galloping etc.) stabilizing (balancing, standing, swinging etc.) and manipulating (throwing, catching, striking -swinging a bat). Some movement concepts are effort awareness - such as time (slow, fast) force (strong, starting, stopping) control (rocking, stepping, single movements), space awareness such as self space are up, down, straight, curved and relational awareness are body parts, shapes and roles (leading, following, etc) associations to (letters, colors) and locations (near to - far from, on - off, around - through). We enjoy all of Choosy's songs. But our favorite songs are "I'm Moving I'm Learning", "Choosy says", "Swing and Sway", "My Heart Says Thanks", "Celebrate Rap", "Stir the Soup".

Choosy activities that you can do at home with your child: marching (pretend you are in a marching band), pretend to be an animal and see how far you can jump, see how long you can balance on one foot at a time. Make a sock ball and practice throwing at a target and catching the tossed sock ball.

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Prevention Initiative Update

Take a Walk

Looking for something to do with baby when it's cold or windy outside?

Plan a walk around the house, and help baby to strengthen her eyes.

Hold baby facing forward or up on your shoulder and take a walk throughout the different rooms in your home.

Stop at sites of interest and let baby explore using her eyes.

Find objects that have bright colors, make soft sounds, and give baby time to listen and look.

Prevention Initiative Program (Children birth to three years)

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UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS:

- 3-7: Federal Head Start Review
- 3: Exploring Parenting 9-11am
- 10: Exploring Parenting 9-11am
- 11: Eggstravaganza 4-7pm
Broadway Pres. Church
- 12: Policy Council Meeting
- 13: Center Meeting 9am ONLY
- 14: NO SCHOOL (Training Day)
- 17-31: Spring Intercession
NO SCHOOL

Director's Corner

It appears that the furry groundhog was right this year. ☺ We have had a cold and icy winter so far. Please remember to keep your children bundled up and warm as they get onto the busses in the AM. The good news? Spring is only 25 days away!

While March is a short month for school attendance, please remember that we will continue to have our Exploring Parenting classes for the first two weeks as well as Eggstravaganza on Tuesday, March 11th.

As the warmer weather approaches, your children will be outside more frequently. Please make sure to mark your calendars for March 13th for our center meeting this month. We will be having Keene Hart presenting on Injury Prevention.

Wishing you all well!
Nicole ☺