

CHILD CARE CHRONICLE

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April 24- 28

The Week of the Young Child highlights the importance of families, early childhood professionals, and communities working together to support every child's healthy development and early learning. The Week of the Young Child has been celebrated since 1971. All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and we have a great opportunity to do our part to help young children. Week of the Young Child is time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to bring the community together to help give all young children a great start.

Our classrooms have activities planned to celebrate the Week of the Young Child, and we will have a center wide celebration on Friday, April 28.

You are invited join us for breakfast from 7:00-8:30 before we parade around the community. We have also invited local legislators and ECCC board members. Allyson will be giving tours at 8:30 to any of the local legislators and anyone else who is interested in learning a little bit about what we do here and why high quality early learning programs are so vital to so many people. Check your child's baskets for more information soon and join us as we parade on campus and through the community on April 28!



One Book, Every Young Child

This initiative is a joint effort of state agencies, libraries, museums and statewide nonprofit organizations. The partners are seeking to involve adults and children statewide in sharing and talking about books and stories. ECCC is participating by having guest readers come in the month of April. Chuck Mummert, the mayor of Elizabethtown, is coming to read to our classes on April 5th. If you are interested in coming in to read, let us know!

Happy Easter! Don't forget that ECCC is closed on Friday, April 14 for Good Friday. Enjoy your time with your family.

You are invited...

Join us for a workshop and discussion about money and your kids on Monday, April 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm! This is presented by Thrivent Financial. We will cover topics such as saving for your child's future, education savings options, paying an allowance, how to talk to your child about money, and much more! Pizza and refreshments will be served at this workshop. Also free child care will be provided during this workshop. Please RSVP to the ECCC office by April 5th.

Have you done your taxes yet?

It's not too late to sign up through VITA to get your taxes done for free. Families that make less than \$62,000 qualify. Call 2-1-1 for an appointment right here in Etown. Hurry, taxes are due April 15th!!

Here is a fun literacy activity that you can do with your child...

Tell your child that you're going to create a story about anything he wants -- and he can make it as outrageous or funny as he wishes. One of you then provides the opening line, and you take turns adding new sentences. Write the sentences on paper so you can read the story out loud afterward. You can also create instant stories while riding in the car or preparing dinner.