



What are Playgroups?

Playgroups are free literacy-based events for families with children ages birth-5 years of age. Each playgroup is based on a children's book and features hands-on family fun activities such as:

- Story time
- Sensory play
- Creative art experiences
- Fine and gross motor centers
- Infant area
- Snack time

Playgroups last for one hour and have a casual, easy-going feel. We'll start with a short circle time after most of the group has arrived. We'll read the featured story and each family will receive a copy to take home. The rest of the time is set aside for you to play and spend time with your child(ren). Playgroup ends with another quick circle time where we will sing the "goodbye" song.

Playgroups are hosted by Berrien RESA's Early Childhood Education Department. Information and resources about child development will be available for parents. A highly qualified Parent Educator will be available to talk to parents about their child's development.

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Questions?

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Here's what parents are saying about playgroups:

"We love playgroup so much! The learning activities are so creative and fun and give me great ideas. We love the books too!"

"It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and for your child to make new friends. The free book is a great bonus for families to receive."

"They are valuable resources for parenting tips and education tips for children. The free books are awesome! There is always a new fun station my child enjoys."

"My son looks forward to playgroup days. We often go to two per month. He loves the different activities they set up, along with singing and getting a new book."

You and your child are invited to join the fun!

Infants and children up to age five are welcome!

Enjoy early childhood activities and play centers.

Meet other families with young children.

Every family will take home a free book. Snacks provided. All playgroups are free and no registration is required.



Learn more by visiting www.berrienresa.org!





Berrien RESA Early Childhood Education Dept.
Read, Play & Learn Playgroups
2019-2020 Schedule
 Revised 08/21/19



<p><u>Benton Harbor</u> Sammie Smith Family Investment Center 301 S. Martin Luther King Dr. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 17 Tues, Oct. 22 Tues, Nov. 19 Tues, Jan. 21 Tues, Feb. 18 Tues, Mar. 17 Tues, Apr. 21</p>	<p><u>Berrien Springs</u> Mars Elementary (A.M. playgroups) One Sylvester Ave. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Weds, Sept. 11 Weds, Oct. 09 Weds, Nov. 06 Weds, Jan. 08 Weds, Feb. 12 Weds, Mar. 11 Weds, Apr. 15</p>	<p><u>Berrien Springs</u> Mars Elementary (P.M. playgroups) One Sylvester Ave. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 24 Tues, Oct. 22 Tues, Nov. 26 Tues, Jan. 28 Tues, Feb. 25 Tues, Mar. 24 Tues, Apr. 28</p>
<p><u>Bridgman</u> Bridgman Elementary 3891 Lake Street 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Thurs, Sept. 19 Thurs, Oct. 31 Thurs, Nov. 14 Thurs, Jan. 16 Thurs, Feb. 20 Thurs, Mar. 19 Thurs, Apr. 23</p>	<p><u>Buchanan</u> Ottawa Elementary 109 Ottawa St. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Weds, Sept. 18 Weds, Oct. 30 Weds, Nov. 13 Weds, Jan. 15 Weds, Feb. 19 Weds, Mar. 18 Weds, Apr. 22</p>	<p><u>Eau Claire</u> Eau Claire District Library 6528 E. Main St. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 10 Tues, Oct. 08 Tues, Nov. 12 Tues, Jan. 14 Tues, Feb. 11 Tues, Mar. 10 Tues, Apr. 14</p>
<p><u>Niles</u> Ballard Elementary (P.M. Playgroups) 1601 Chicago Road 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 17 Tues, Oct. 29 Tues, Nov. 19 Tues, Jan. 21 Tues, Feb. 18 Tues, Mar. 17 Tues, Apr. 21</p>	<p><u>Niles</u> Northside Child Development Center (A.M. playgroups) 2020 N. Fifth Street 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Fri, Sept. 20 Fri, Oct. 25 Fri, Nov. 15 Fri, Jan. 17 Fri, Feb. 21 Fri, Mar. 20 Fri, Apr. 24</p>	<p><u>St. Joseph</u> Brown Elementary (A.M. Playgroups) 2027 Brown School Rd. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Thurs, Sept. 26 Thurs, Oct. 24 Thurs, Nov. 21 Thurs, Jan. 23 Thurs, Feb. 27 Thurs, Mar. 26 Thurs, Apr. 30</p>
<p><u>St. Joseph</u> Lincoln Elementary (P.M. Playgroups) 1102 Orchard Ave. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 10 Tues, Oct. 08 Tues, Nov. 12 Tues, Jan. 14 Tues, Feb. 11 Tues, Mar. 10 Tues, Apr. 14</p>	<p><u>Stevensville</u> Christ Lutheran School 4333 Cleveland Ave. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Weds, Sept. 25 Weds, Oct. 23 Weds., Nov. 20 Weds, Jan. 22 Weds, Feb. 26 Weds. Mar. 25 Weds. Apr. 29</p>	<p><u>Three Oaks</u> Three Oaks Elementary 100 Oak Street 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Fri, Sept. 13 Fri, Oct. 11 Fri, Nov. 08 Fri, Jan. 10 Fri, Feb. 14 Fri, Mar. 13 Fri, Apr. 17</p>
<p><u>Watervliet</u> South Elementary 433 Lucinda Lane 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Thurs, Sept. 12 Thurs, Oct. 10 Thurs, Nov. 07 Thurs, Jan. 09 Thurs, Feb. 06 Thurs, Mar. 12 Thurs, Apr. 16</p>	<p><u>Welcome Winter</u> Dec. 3, 2019 6:00-7:30 p.m. OR Dec. 4, 2019 10:00-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Parenting Matters</u> March 28, 2020</p> <p><u>Read Around the County</u> Niles-May 20, 2020 St. Joseph-May 21, 2020</p>	<p>You and your young children (birth-age 5) are invited to join the fun!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy early childhood activities and play centers • Free book and snack provided • No registration required • Free and open to the public 	