



Berrien RESA's

PLAYGROUPS

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You and your young child are invited to join in the fun!



Parent Connection: Shared Attention

When you and your child are examining, touching, or talking about the same object together, this is called, shared attention. Showing interest in the things your child finds interesting shows him that you value his ideas. These moments can lead to great teaching opportunities and builds attachment because your child learns how special she is to you. Use these tips to increase the quality and the amount of time you have shared attention with your child:

- Come down to your child's level and make eye contact
- Lead your child by asking open-ended questions, but be careful not to take over the activity.
- Pay attention to what your child is saying and repeat them to show your understanding.
- Add fun play into your daily routine, sing songs in the car, play during bath time, make a game out of getting dressed, etc.
- Let your child help with activities like making meals, folding clothes, and cleaning.

Join other parents at playgroup this month where we will share more ideas about ways to engage with our children.

Featured Recipe: KOOL-AID PLAYDOUGH

Combine and mix well:

- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 packages Kool-Aid

Add:

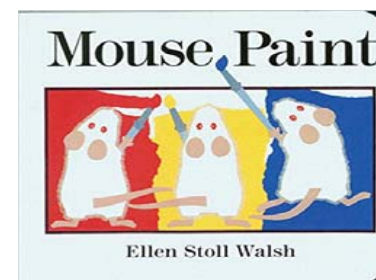
- 3 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups boiling water

Stir well. Knead when cool. Store the playdough in a zip-lock bag in refrigerator.

This month's featured book:

"Mouse Paint"
by Ellen Scott Walsh

Each family attending a playgroup will receive a free book to enjoy!



Playgroups are a chance for parents with young children (infants - age 5) to get together with other parents and young children and have some fun! Each month Berrien RESA's highly qualified staff choose a children's book as the theme for Playgroup activities. At the beginning of the group, the story is read during circle time. Then parents can play together with their children through a variety of activities. At the end of the group, every family gets a copy of the book to take home and enjoy over and over again. Each month, information is also provided on a popular parenting or child development topic.

For more information about Playgroups or other early education services, please visit www.berrienresa.org!



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Check it out!

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This Month's Playgroup Calendar: SEPTEMBER 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11 Eau Claire 10-11 a.m. St. Joe (Lincoln) 6-7 p.m.	12 Berrien Springs 9:30-10:30 a.m.	13 Watervliet 9:30-10:30 a.m.	14 Three Oaks 9-10 a.m.
17	18 Niles (Ballard) 6-7 p.m.	19 Buchanan 9:30-10:30 a.m.	20 Bridgman 9-10 a.m. Benton Harbor 1-2 p.m.	21 Niles (Northside) 10-11 a.m.
24	25 Coloma 9:30-10:30 a.m. Berrien Springs 6-7 p.m.	26 Stevensville 9-10 a.m. OR 10:15-11:15 a.m.	27 St. Joe (Brown) 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	28

BENTON HARBOR
Boys and Girls Club
600 Nate Wells Sr. Dr.

BERRIEN SPRINGS
Mars Elementary
(A.M. playgroups)
One Sylvester Avenue

BRIDGMAN
Bridgman Elementary
3891 Lake Street

BUCHANAN
Ottawa Elementary
109 Ottawa St.

COLOMA
Coloma Elementary
262 S. West St.

***EAU CLAIRE**
Eau Claire District Library
6528 E. Main St.
(This location will be lead in both Spanish and English.)

NILES
Ballard Elementary
(P.M. playgroups)
1601 Chicago Road

Northside Child Development Center
2020 N. Fifth Street

ST. JOSEPH
Brown Elementary
2027 Brown School Road

Lincoln Elementary
(P.M. Playgroups)
1102 Orchard Avenue

STEVENSVILLE
Christ Lutheran School
4333 Cleveland Ave.

THREE OAKS
Three Oaks Elementary
100 Oak Street

WATERVLIET
South Elementary
433 Lucinda Lane

Ustedes son bienvenidos en todos los grupos de juegos, pero el grupo de juego de Eau Claire será bilingüe.
Ven y acompáñanos!