

Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

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Tutors: please go over this newsletter (whatever is appropriate) with your adult student and encourage him/her to visit the Story Times with their children, it's a lot of fun!



Middletown Library: 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, **Tuesdays, 11:30 am**

Redbud Library, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, **Thursdays, 11:00 am**

Upper Lake Library, 310 2nd St, Upper Lake, **Thursdays, 2 pm**

Lakeport Library, at Library Park (until August 31st), **Fridays, 10:15 am**

Child Development Programs/ Early Connection Preschools:

Get your 3 or 4 year old children ready for Kindergarten!

State Preschool programs are either free to income qualified families, or require a share-of-cost based on income and figured on a sliding scale. Children receive breakfast or lunch daily.

The LCOE Child Development program offers State Preschool programs for three hours a day, morning and/or afternoon currently at Burns Valley, Eastlake, Kelseyville, Lakeport, Lower Lake, Middletown and Pomo Elementary schools.

The programs integrate literacy, math, art, science, sensory exploration, imaginative play, and physical activity so that your child receives the optimal balanced learning experience.

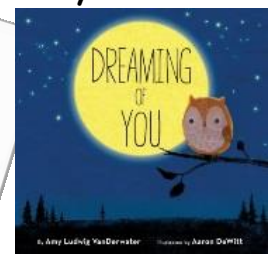
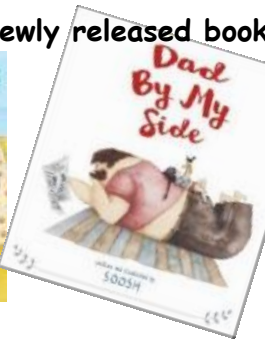
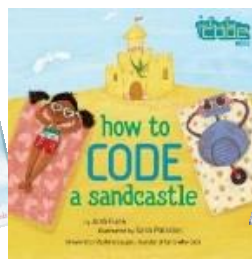
For further information about our programs please contact **Child Development Services 263-4563**

One of the very exciting parts about preschool is the new adventure of starting to read.

The single most important activity to help prepare your child for this crucial, life-long skill is to read to him/her every day as early and as often as possible. You can read books, and even simply practice reading the words that surround you (on cereal boxes, at the grocery store, on street signs etc.).



Be the first in line to check out these newly released books at your local library:



Sometimes you fly, by *Katherine Applegate,*

A sweet book of encouragement, filled with humor and insight into the effort behind any meaningful accomplishment in life.

How to code a sandcastle, by *Josh Funk:* Pearl and her trusty rust-proof robot, Pascal, need to build a sandcastle before summer vacation is over, and they're going to do it using code. Humor, relatable situations, and bright artwork is used to introduce kids to the fun of coding. *Ages 4 and up*

Dad by my side, by *Soosh:*

"A child celebrates a close connection with her father, from how they play together and teach each other new things to how he protects her and always makes time for her"-- a universally relatable story of familial love for parents and children to share.

Dreaming of you, by *Amy Ludwig VanDerwater*

The gentle rhymes and gorgeous, serene illustrations of this soothing bedtime story combine to create a comforting story perfect for transitioning from a busy day to being tucked in peacefully at night.

0 Singing songs is a great way to have fun while fostering your child's language development, and it is beneficial for their brain development, too!



I like to go to (pre)school Tune "The Farmer in the Dell"
I like to go to school, I like to go to school.
Heigh-ho-the-derry-oh, I like to go to school.
I like to sing new songs, I like to sing new songs.
Heigh-ho-the-derry-oh, I like to sing new songs.
I like to play with friends, I like to play with friends.
Heigh-ho-the-derry-oh, I like to play with friends.



Two songs, one tune (Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star):

The Counting Song,
Come along and count with me
It is very fun you see
Count the books and count the chairs
Counting, counting everywhere
Come along and count with me
It is very fun you see!



Bring Your Smile to Preschool
Bring your smiles everyone.
Hop on down for some preschool fun.
Singing, dancing, playing too;
Lots of fun for me and you.
Running and jumping in the sun,
Exercise is so much fun.

With all the summertime activities and hotter temperatures kids will be thirsty and hopefully drink more water instead of sugary sodas. Check out this easy and colorful project to reuse and recycle empty plastic bottles:

Water Bottle Wind Spirals



What you need:

Several plastic water bottles

Permanent markers in various colors (washable ink will not stick to the plastic)

Scissors

What you do:

1. Remove the labels, wash and dry the bottles thoroughly inside and out.
2. Once the bottles are dry, let the kids get creative with the markers and watch them have lots of fun. It doesn't matter how they fill in the colors, just make sure the bottle is covered from top to bottom.



3. Time to turn your bottles into spirals: Cut the bottom off the bottle (that might have to be done by an adult or an older child under supervision).

Starting at the bottom of the bottle, help your little one to cut a spiral up and around the bottle until he or she reaches the spout area.

4. When all of the bottles have been cut remove the lid, head out to the yard and find a slender tree branch to hang them from; slide the neck of the bottles onto the branch, the more - the merrier!

Enjoy the colorful spirals bounce and dance in the breeze.

Here is a quick video of the process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxOeaF46pB0ounty>

