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**Resource Centers and Lending Libraries**

Erie Elementary  
Prophetstown Elementary  
Tampico Elementary  
Wallace Education Center  
Southside School  
Merrill School

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## From the Coordinator

Thank you for taking time to complete and return the evaluations and parent questionnaires. They will be very helpful as we plan next year's program, request funding, and make our end of year report to the Illinois State Board of Education.

May is the last month for home visits for this program year. Your parent educator will contact you in August to set a time for your September visit. If you should have a change in address or phone number over the summer, please let her know.



## "Special Day CELEBRATIONS"

Join us in June and July as we celebrate summer with weekly activities in local parks throughout the county. Check the June newsletter for more details.



## Parents As Teachers Toy Lending Libraries and Resource Centers to close for the year.

The library located in the **Erie Elementary Learning Center** will close on April 28. After this date, you will not be able to borrow new items. If you have items at home that you borrowed from this library, please return them to the school as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call Vernie Olson at Erie Elementary, 659-2491.

The **Merrill School and Wallace Education Center** locations will be open the first 2 weeks of May for returns and playtime only. The hours of operation are listed on the enclosed calendar. If you are unable to return your borrowed items during these hours, please talk to your parent educator or call Pat at 625-1495 to make other arrangements.

The toy lending libraries located in the preschool rooms of **Prophetstown and Tampico Elementaries** will close at the end of the school year. If you have items at home that you have borrowed from there, please return them any school day before or after classes. If you have questions or need to make other arrangements, please talk to your parent educator.

If you have toys from the **Morrison** lending library, please make arrangements with Laura to return them.

# May Parent/Child Activities

These end of the year group meetings have been planned as family events. There will be activities for all ages, so bring the entire family.

## MAY DAY CELEBRATION

**Date:** Monday, May 1  
**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Washington School Gym  
Sterling

Bring the family to make May Baskets for their family and friends. We will end the evening with ice cream sundaes. Sponsored by Washington School Parent Center and Parents As Teachers. Hosted by Janie

## A PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Date:** Thursday, May 11  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Heritage Park  
Erie

**Raindate:** Tuesday, May 16, same time  
Parents and children are invited to bring a sack lunch and stay for playtime. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. Hosted by Kathy and Debbie

## LIBRARY STORYTIME

**Date:** Tuesday, May 16  
**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Sterling Public Library  
Anita Elgin, Children's Librarian, will be our "Guest Reader" for this special storytime. She will read two *Daisy* books and tell us about the summer program to be offered by the library. Parents and children will enjoy a duck activity and snack following the story. Hosted by Mary, Debbie, and Sue



## PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Date:** Wednesday, May 17  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 12 noon  
**Place:** Kelly Park  
Morrison

**\*\*In case of rain, we will meet in the Odell Public Library.**  
Parents and children are invited for a picnic and playtime in the park. Please bring your own sack lunch. Drink and dessert will be furnished. Hosted by Laura and Debbie

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

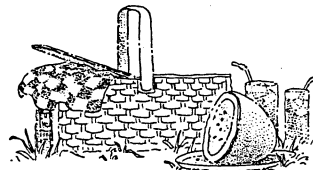
**Date:** Friday, May 19  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 12 noon  
**Place:** Jaycee Park  
Prophetstown

**\*\*In case of rain, we will meet in the Prophetstown Elementary Preschool Room.**  
Parents and children are invited for a picnic and playtime in the park. Please bring your own sack lunch. Drink and dessert will be furnished. Hosted by Laura and Debbie

## STORYBOOK LAND PICNIC





**Date:** Tuesday, May 23  
**Time:** Noon - 1 p.m.  
**Place:** Centennial Park  
Rock Falls

**\*\*In case of rain, we will meet in Merrill School, Rock Falls.**  
Bring a sack lunch and join us for playtime and outdoor activities in the park. Drink and dessert will be furnished. Hosted by Sandy, Linda, Dawn and Debbie



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# May Lending Library Hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The lending libraries at Merrill and Wallace schools will be open this week for playtime and return of toys only.	1 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie	2 Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Linda	3 Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie Wallace library/center 3:30-5:30 p.m./Janie	4 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Sue	5	6 
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14 	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21 Mother's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  MEMORIAL DAY	29 Memorial Day observed	30	31	Morrison If you have items from this lending library, please talk to your parent educator about a time to return them.	Prophetstown If you have borrowed items from the lending library in the Pre-school Room, please return them any school day before or after classes.	Tampico If you have borrowed items from the lending library in the Pre-school Room, please return them any school day before or after classes.

## Strength Training for Little Fingers

Play with playdough and clay.

String beads.

Fingerpaint. Shaving cream makes a clean substitute for real paint.

Work puzzles.

Cook, especially when it involves stirring, spreading, cutting with a dull knife.

Dress dolls.

Tear up paper for pasting and gluing.

Play "office" by using tools like scissors and hole punchers.

Drive toy cars and trucks along masking tape roads.

Build with Tinker Toys, Legos and blocks.

Poke pretzel sticks into soft cheese cubes for a snack.

Shell peas.

Wash doll clothes and hang them up to dry with clip type clothespins.

Play with pegboards.

Pick dandelions.

Paint with water colors.

Garden together. Plant seeds. Pull weeds.

Scribble and draw.

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