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Parent to Parent

Sue Trad submitted this homemade Easy Bake Oven mix recipe. You can find additional recipes at:
www.hermanhomestead.com.

Easy Bake Brownies - 6 pieces

2 1/2 tb sugar
1 ts oil
1/8 ts vanilla
4 ts chocolate syrup
2 tb + 1 ts flour
Stir together all ingredients till smooth.
Pour into greased and floured pan.
Bake 15 minutes.

Do you have information you would like to pass on to the families who read this newsletter? If so, **Parent to Parent** is an opportunity for you to do so.

Submit your "tip", by the 15th of each month, by one of the following ways:

E-Mail: rhodes@whitesideroe.org

Mail: Pat Rhodes
1001 West 23rd St.
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Phone: 815/625-1495



From the Coordinator

Thank you for taking time during your March home visit to complete our program evaluation forms. Your response helps us plan for next year's program and acquire the necessary funding.

SIGN with your BABY

Did you know babies have control over their hands long before they develop the fine motor skills required for speech? Using Joseph Garcia's method, babies can tell you such things as "I'm hungry," "I'm thirsty," or "I have an earache," many months before they can speak. By teaching infants to sign, starting as early as eight months, parents are recognizing the many benefits of this method of early communication.

Our program has purchased a **SIGN with your BABY** learning kit. You may view the video in April at the Merrill and Wallace PAT Lending Libraries. See the schedule below for dates. If you are not able to visit one of these libraries, please talk to your parent educator to make other arrangements.

April 1, 3, 4, 8 and 11 at Wallace
April 16, 17, 23 and 24 at Merrill








Now is a good time to tell your friends and relatives about Parents As Teachers.

Several of our families will be graduating from our program in the spring due to the fact that their youngest child will enter school in the fall. This means we have room to enroll new families. You may refer friends through your parent educator or call Pat at 625-1495.

Whiteside County Parents As Teachers

April Lending Library Hours

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | <p>1 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie</p> | <p>2 Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Sandy</p> | <p>3 Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie Wallace library/center 3:30-5:30p.m./Janie</p> | <p>4 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Mary</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>8 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie</p> | <p>9 Erie library 9-10 a.m. Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Laura W.</p> | <p>10 Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie</p> | <p>11 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Sue</p> |  | <p>13 CHILD FAIR 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. SVCC</p> |
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|  | <p>28</p> <p>29 Wallace library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Debbie</p> | <p>30 Erie library 9-10 a.m. Merrill library/center 10 a.m.-noon/Linda</p> | <p>Erie The toy lending library is in the preschool room, which is now located in the old high school annex. Times you may visit are listed above.</p> | <p>Morrison A toy lending library is available in Morrison. Please ask Laura McCullough about its location and when you may use it.</p> | <p>Prophetstown The toy lending library is located in the Pre-school Room. You may use it any school day before or after classes or when you attend an activity.</p> | <p>Tampico The toy lending library is located in the Pre-school Room. You may use it any school day before or after classes or when you attend an activity.</p> |

April Parent/Child Activities

These activities are designed for children under age four and their parents, but older children are always welcome.

Family Fun Night

Date: Thursday, April 4
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: East Coloma School Gym
Rock Falls

Bring the family for an evening of fun! Run, dance, climb and jump. We will end the evening with ice cream sundaes. Hosted by Linda Berentes, Sandy Davis, and Laura Woodfall

When Will It Be Spring?

Date: Tuesday, April 9
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Odell Public Library
Morrison

and

Date: Thursday, April 11
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Prophetstown Elementary
Preschool Room

We will have story time together followed by an opportunity for you and your child to explore a variety of spring activities including seed planting, flower painting, and insect counting. Laura is planning activities for the younger children while Debbie plans for the older ones.



Lapsit: Funny Bunny Fun

Date: Wednesday, April 10
Time: 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Place: Sterling Public Library
Conference Room

Lapsit is a play time designed especially for parents and their children ages 1 - 3 years. You and your toddler will enjoy songs, fingerplays, a simple activity, and time to share books. Feel free to bring siblings along.

Hosted by Pat Rhodes

No Carrots for Harry

Date: Tuesday, April 16
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Place: Sterling Public Library
Conference Room



Join us for story, craft, and snack time. Anita will read our book of the day and tell us about the children's summer program she is planning.

Hosted by Sue Austin and Mary Etnyre

Rainbows

Date: Tuesday, April 23
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Erie Elementary Cafeteria

Join us for an evening of many colors. We will paint and play with colors and learn the pattern of a rainbow. Kathy has planned rainbow activities for the younger children while Debbie has planned for the older ones.

April Parent/Child Activities

For families with children 3, 4 and 5 years old

When Will It Be Spring?

Date: Tuesday, April 9
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Odell Public Library
Morrison

and

Date: Thursday, April 11
Time: 1 - 2 p.m.
Place: Merrill Elementary - Room 4
Rock Falls

and

Date: Thursday, April 11
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Prophetstown Elementary
Preschool Room

We will have story time together followed by an opportunity for you and your child to explore a variety of spring activities including seed planting, flower painting, and insect counting.

Hosted by Debbie Klein

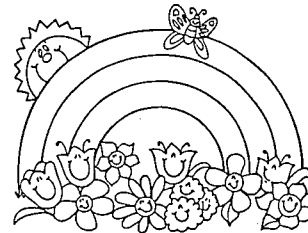
Rainbows

Date: Tuesday, April 23
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Erie Elementary Cafeteria
and

Date: Thursday, April 25
Time: 10 - 11 a.m.
Place: Wallace Education Center
Room 21 - Sterling

Join us for a fun time with many colors. We will paint and play with colors and learn the pattern of a rainbow.

Hosted by Debbie Klein



Multicultural Family Cooking Classes

Bring the family for an evening of food and fun! Parents will cook in the kitchen while children make crafts and snacks.

Date: Tuesday, April 2 - Chinese food
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Washington Elementary Gym - Sterling

Date: Tuesday, April 9 - Mexican food
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Washington Elementary Gym - Sterling

Date: Tuesday, April 16 - African food
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Washington Elementary Gym - Sterling



Sponsored by U of I Cooperative Ext., Washington School, and Parents As Teachers
Hosted by Janie Atilano

CHILD FAIR 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

Book Bee Sign-in 8:30-9:00a.m. Starting Time: 9:00a.m. Location: Room 2K2

The Book Bee, sponsored by the public libraries in the Sauk Valley, returns this year. A book list for the Bee is available at all public libraries and on the Web at youseemore.org/sterling. Pre-register by March 15. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If you have questions, contact Anita Elgin at the Sterling Public Library, at 625-1370. Each participant will receive a paperback book.

ANTHONY THE ILLUSIONIST Starting Time: 10:30 a.m. Location: Mathis Theater

Do you believe in magic? If you do then come see this half-hour show of illusions put on by Anthony Barnhardt in The Mathis Theater at 10:30 a.m. Anthony has been thrilling audiences around the Sauk Valley region for years. Come see this amazing performance. You'll be spellbound!

STARLAB EXHIBIT Starting Times: 9:30, 11:15, and 12:00 Location: East Mall

Come explore the universe inside STARLAB, an incredibly precise and exciting planetarium. Three half-hour programs feature a look at the stars, with a Starfield and Native American Mythology presentations.

Monster Bubbles (from the Discovery Center in Rockford) Time: All Day Location: Front Lawn Near the West Mall Entrance

Everyone loves making bubbles. How about five-foot bubble creations? Staff from the Discovery Center will be on hand to assist children of all ages in making a giant bubble wand. The fun begins when they try out their new creations in hopes of creating five foot bubbles. Come join the fun!

Fingerprinting Time: All Day Location: Sauk Gymnasium

CGH Medical Center, the Sterling Optimist Club and the Sterling Police Department will sponsor the fingerprinting/child safety program at Child Fair. Parents will receive a small booklet with a photograph of their child and emergency information. A new feature to the booklet is the addition of a DNA sample (a strand of hair) from their child.

Pine Car Derby Tracks Time: All Day Location: Sauk Gymnasium

For the second year in a row, area Boy Scout Troops will sponsor a Pine Car Derby Track. Parents and children can race demo pine cars available on-site. Additional Boy Scout activities and demonstrations will take place throughout the day.

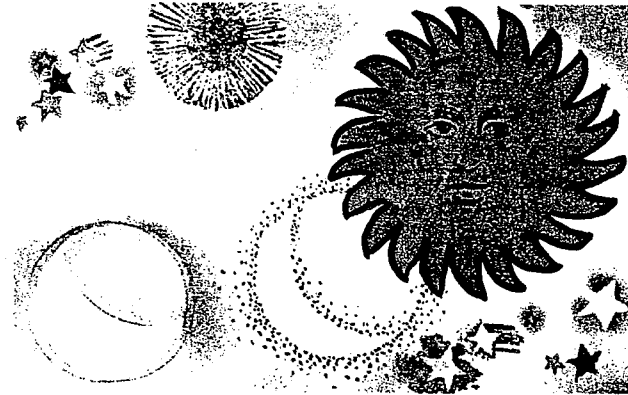
EXPLORE CHILD FAIR!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

9a.m. - 1p.m.

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