



Learning Express Monthly News



May 2019

This month we are celebrating all of the women who play the important role of “mom” in a child’s life. A mom was quoted recently saying that the thing she enjoyed most in life was being a mom. Even through the sickness of pregnancy, the sleepless nights, the dirty diapers, the thing she enjoyed most was just being a mom! Wow!! The smiles, laughter and snuggles of a little one somehow seem to make it all worth it. So, to all of you who sometimes feel like you are struggling, or feel like maybe you are failing at the “mom” role, know that there is a child who probably thinks that the most important thing in life is you!

Happy Mother’s Day!

TIME FOR THE ZOO!!

The Learning Express staff is so excited to be able to spend time with your family at the Decatur zoo! This is one of our FAVORITE events of the year! If you have any questions about departure times or the schedule for the day, please talk to your parent educator.

May 1--Christian County families

May 2--Fayette/Montgomery County families



PRE-K Screenings

There are still screenings being held this month! If you are uncertain if your child needs to be screened for Pre-K this spring, please talk to your parent educator. You will find a complete list of May screening dates under “Important Dates in May” at the end of this newsletter.



Illinois Early Learning Guidelines

Domain One: Social and Emotional

Standard: Children demonstrate an emerging ability to understand someone else’s feelings and to share in the emotional experiences of others. Young children develop empathy over time. Young infants do not have the ability to understand and share in the feelings of others, yet there are certain behaviors and experiences that support the development of empathy. Through special and meaningful relationships with primary caregivers, children observe and learn about social behaviors that support an awareness of feelings in others and, eventually, an understanding of them. You as the parent are the first models of empathetic behavior. Name your child’s emotions and recognize the behavior your child is exhibiting. Example, “I see you are mad by the way you are stomping your feet!” Also, praise your child when he or she responds in a sensitive manner to another child.

Important Dates in May:

May 1--Field Trip to Decatur Zoo--Christian County

May 2--Field Trip to Decatur Zoo--Fayette/Montgomery Counties

May 6--Mom's Night Out--4:00-5:30--Davis Memorial Church, Taylorville

May 12--Mother's Day

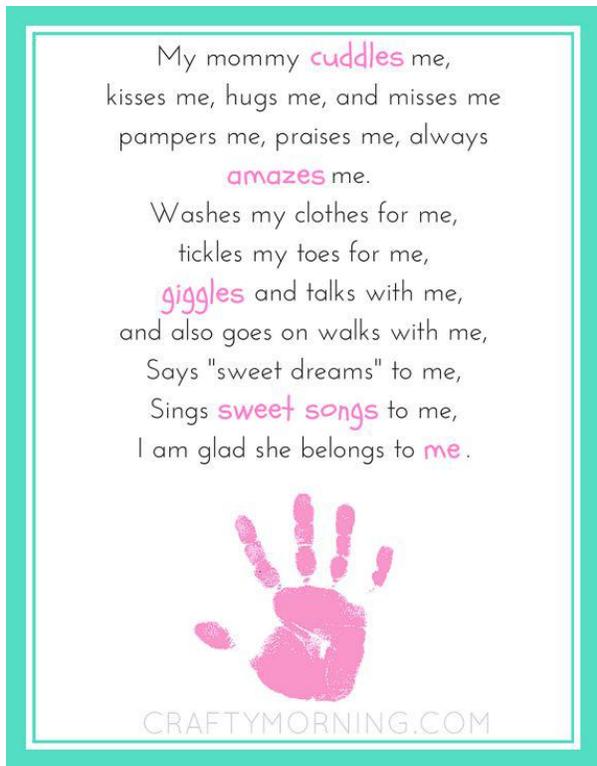
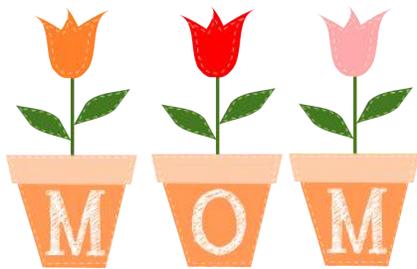
May 13--Pre K Screenings--Hillsboro

May 22--Pre K Screenings--Litchfield--8:00-3:00

May 23--Pre K Screenings--Litchfield--1:00-7:00

May 27--Learning Express Office Closed for Memorial Day

SIGN OF THE MONTH:



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: ELIZABETH ANN SETON PROGRAM

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Program (EAS) has an office located in Litchfield, IL. They provide services to any woman who is seeking to learn how to provide a solid foundation for herself and her children. This program provides education, one on one mentoring, group mentoring and practical assistance to pregnant and parenting women. In addition, they have a Babybox program for pregnant women who do not have safe sleeping area for their new baby. The EAS program coordinator, Kandi Histo, would love to meet you! Please call her at (217)324-3270 to schedule an appointment. Their office address is 309 S. State St., Litchfield, IL 62056.

Don't forget to check out our website! Go to www.roe3.org and click on Learning Express. We will post pictures after each event!