

Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

July, 2020

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.



Storytime in the Park is happening!

Come and listen to Miss Barbara reading to children of all ages!
Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:15 am



You must register and receive a confirmation before being able to attend Storytime since only 10 participant families are allowed at each program. It is easy:

Just fill out the short form available at the library website under event/storytime, or use this link:

http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Lake_County_CA_Library/Events/Storytime/StorytimeRequest.htm

If you need help filling out the form please call Barbara at the Lakeport Library: 707-263-8817 extension 17102.

Storytime in the Park is held with the permission of the City of Lakeport at Library Park: 200 Park St, Lakeport, CA 95453.



Celebrate Fourth of July with your family, read, sing ...and be SAFE!

Teaching toddlers about Independence Day can be easy and fun. Try planning a birthday party for the USA to get your toddlers excited and engaged. Toddlers may not truly understand that July 4th is America's birthday - the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 - but birthdays should be familiar to them from their own parties. Do little things that emphasize our country, from the colors of red, white, and blue, waving a flag, to singing "Happy Birthday" to the USA.

On the Fourth of July tune: "London Bridge"

It's our country's birthday,
Birthday, birthday.
It's our country's birthday,
On the Fourth of July!

Pictures in the Sky tune: "Frere Jacques"

Fourth of July, Fourth of July,
It is fun, it is fun.
A picnic in the park,
And maybe after dark,
Pictures in the sky, Fourth of July.

Red, White, Blue tune: "3 blind mice"

Red, white, blue
Stars and stripes too
Stars and stripes too
We celebrate Independence Day
Each July 4th, the American Way
With red, white, blue.

SING
with us

In the Summer it is hot tune: "Farmer in the dell"

In the summer it is hot, in the summer it is hot,
Oh, when it's hot
I (activity) a lot,
In the summer when it's hot!

Let kids come up with different activities for additional verses.

🎆 4th of July dish brush Fireworks 🎆

If you have an old round dish brush in your kitchen, grab it so your kids can make this fun fireworks craft. It requires hardly any preparation. The best brush is a well-used one so the bristles are more spread out but you can use a new one too.



What you need:

- Paint
- Paper
- Round dish brush,
- Or a fork instead

What you do:

Have your kids dip their brush into blue paint and stamp all over a white piece of paper. Then add red paint to the brush for blue and red fireworks, or any color you like.



If you do not have a brush handy simply use a fork instead:

Have the kids dip the bottom of their fork into the blue paint and press down so it shows the lines. Tell them to go around in a circle. Wipe off the fork and dip it in red paint, going over the top of the blue parts with the fork.



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Hot outside? Time for yummy Fourth of July Treats!

Red, White, and Blue-berry Smoothie:

Put raspberries, blueberries, Greek yogurt (or vanilla ice cream!) in a blender and give it a swirl! Add stevia or honey if you want it sweeter.



Fourth of July Fruit Salad: Bananas, strawberries, blue grapes (or blueberries): Let your little ones assist with washing the fruit and cutting it into slices with plastic knives. They help to mix it all together in a large bowl and spoon it into individual plates. Decorate it with a spoonful of Greek yogurt on top.

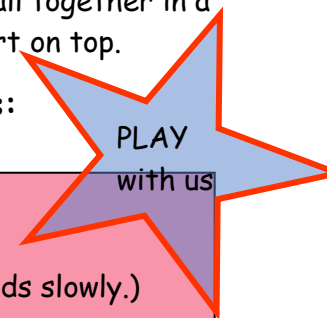
Time to kick back with your smoothies and play some **Summer Fingerplays:**

Summer Day

The summer sun shines overhead,
(form circle with arms.)
And clouds float calmly by.
(Float hands in air.)
We lie down on a meadow bed,
(Lay one hand on top of the other.)
And watch birds fly in the sky. (Gently flap hands.)

Bright Sun

Bright sun shining down.
(Spread fingers and lower hands slowly.)
Shining on the ground.
What a lovely face you have,
(Form circle with arms.)
Yellow, big, and round!



🎆 It is still time to participate in the **Summer Reading Program**. Summer Reading End / Log All Reading: Saturday, August 29th, 2020 Check out the library website for more details:

http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Lake_County_CA__Library/Events/SRP.htm

The library is open for **Grab & Go Library service**: normal operating hours for in-person checking out of materials and for computer use only. Masks required. Entry to the Upper Lake Library by appointment only.

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