



7 Subtle Ways to Encourage Your Kids to be Readers by Echo Vetter from Parent.co

‘A friend said to me recently, “Movies and television feed you the story. Other mediums make you work for it.”’

‘I want my children to work for it. Don’t get me wrong. We watch movies, we watch TV and we have a great time doing that. But I also want my children to grow up believing that reading is a normal part of everyday life. I want to equip my children with minds that are adept at reading and writing, imagining and creating. I want them to be familiar with the mental and emotional process of reading books. I believe that a love of reading is a gift that will improve the quality of their life for all of their days.’

1. **Let Your Kids See You Reading.** Our Children are our shadows, our mimickers. Let them see mom and dad reading often.
2. **Do Not Pressure Your Children to Read by a Certain Age.** Teach them to love to read. Back off when they get frustrated but respond attentively when they express interest. Be patient and have faith.
3. **Read to Them. A Lot.** Read to them every day. Read books you love and they love. Your consistency and enthusiasm will pay off.
4. **Go to the Library.** Let them pick out books to bring home and get them a library card. Yes, it may take them a while to learn to be quiet but they will learn.
5. **Make Books Readily Available to Them.** Provide them with books they love and enjoy. Remember that your first goal is to teach them to love to read.
6. **Let Them Take Books to Bed. Just Books.** The sight of them settled in with a book should just fill your heart.
7. **Lastly, Make Time for Reading.** It is easy to over schedule. Slow down enough and turn the screens off long enough to make space for reading. If they say they are bored, suggest a book to read.

I hope these ideas help you and your children on a journey towards a life and love of reading. The possibilities, the adventure, the knowledge awaits!

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Please check your child’s parent folder every day. There is important information there! Also, make sure your child always has a change of clothes and pull-ups, if necessary. Thank You!

Pixie Butterflies

We are enjoying water days, especially the extra sensory play it provides. We are making new friends as new children join our school family. This month we will be celebrating America's birthday, digging for dinosaurs and we will be joining a pirate crew. Have a safe and fun 4th of July!

-Ms. Stacy & Ms. Stephanie



Elf Butterflies



Water days are so much fun! We have learned about the water cycle and the ocean in June. This month as we will celebrate and learn about Independence Day, we will make fireworks with red, white, and blue shaving cream! During July we will continue learning about plants, flowers, and much, much, more.

-Ms. Beryl & Ms. Jessica

Julia Butterflies

The Julia class has been enjoying our summer. Each week we have a theme such as ocean, camping, space, and specials. Please be sure to write your child's name in their swim suit and towel for water day. We will keep your child's things at school and will be washing them so that they will be ready for the next week. Also, check your child's folder daily for important notes and art work. Have a Happy 4th!

-Ms. Vicky & Ms. Jazzy



Buttercup Butterflies



This month we will be learning about fairy tales, different sports, adventure through places around the world, and so much more. July will be filled with a lot of hands-on activities, as well as engaging in special events brought forth by our own teachers. Please remember to bring in a swim suit, extra change of clothes, and to check your child's folder for important information every day.

-Ms. Paige & Ms. Jasmine

Employee of the Month

Ms. Dara



Ms. Dara was first a parent of a WPDN student in 2012–2013 and has been employed with WPDN since August 2016. Dara has been a great asset to WPDN since becoming the Office Manager. Dara is so helpful when it comes to answering the phones, greeting parents and students, and helping the teachers and staff accomplish tasks that would otherwise be challenging to get done without her. She is a multi-tasking master, carefully managing the needs and concerns of the families as well as the staff. Since Dara has been employed with WPDN, the whole administrative team has been able to flow more smoothly. We are so grateful to have someone who creates such a warm and welcoming presence at WPDN, and we are proud to have her as the ambassador of our school.



Ms. Megan's 4th Work Anniversary—July 15
&
Ms. Dara's Birthday—July 29

Toilet Paper Roll Fireworks

If you have one or even a few toilet paper rolls lying around this is a great craft for you and your loved ones! You can turn those rolls into firework stamps. This is a great frugal craft to do for the 4th of July.

Here's what you'll need:

- Scissors
- Red & Blue Paint
- Toilet Paper Roll
- Tape
- Piece of Blank Paper

1. Start by cutting slits around one side of the toilet paper roll then cut one slit all the way through and open it up.
2. Roll the toilet paper roll really tight and tape it together. Pull the slits back so they stick out.
3. Have the kids dip it in paint and stamp it on a piece of paper.



Important Dates To Remember

WPDN will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observation of Independence Day.

Super Supper

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Spaghetti & Italian Sausage with Side Salad

Feeds 1 adult & 2 children.

\$5.00 each

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