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Downtown Ithaca Children's Center
September 2014 - Newsletter

CLASSROOM NEWS

Firefly Room – We are working on our alphabet. We will be taking loner walks in the neighborhood. Please remember to send in sneakers.

Green Room – We have many new friends that we are getting to know and teach the “ropes” to. We are also saying goodbye to a few friends.

Purple Room – We are excited for the school year to begin and meet some new friends.

Rainbow Room – We are meeting our new friends and continuing to work on a letter of the week.

Dragonfly Room – We have taken many trips to Stewart Park on the TCAT Bus. We are also learning how to use scissors.

Butterfly Room – We have been enjoying walks around the neighborhood. We have also been working on fine motor and sensory skills.

Blue Room – We have been exploring outside and painting with pudding.

Yellow Room (School Age Program) – We have had a fun summer going on field trips. We loved going to Sylvan Beach and playing in the sand and riding on the roller coaster.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The Yellow Room, Firefly Room, Purple Room, and Green Room went to Sylvan Beach. We had such a great time playing in the water and the sand. We loved the amusement park rides. Thank you to every one that supported this trip by donating bottles for the bottle drive and had their car washed. We would also like to thank True Insurance, Alternatives Federal Credit Union, and Purity Ice Cream for sponsoring our field trip.

-Parenting the Hardest Job in the World – An 8 Week series for Parents/Caregivers.

Parenting Skills Workshop Series-P.S. It Works! Communication Skills for All – a class for every parent, share your strengths and learn new strategies.

Learn to talk with your children using the skills: encouragement, can do, choices, self control, and respecting feelings.

Facilitators: Kathy Duell and TBA

When: Wednesdays – 5:30-7:30 pm

September 24-November 12, 2014

Registration for the Series closes on October 1st.

Reserve your space early.

Where: Downtown Ithaca Children's Center, 506 First St.

Space is limited for this free workshop.

To register: call 272-2292 or email jcg33@cornell.edu

For free childcare register by Friday, September 20.

Sponsored by: Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension and Downtown Ithaca Children's Center

Upcoming Events – September

1	Closed for Labor Day
29	Board Meeting from 5:45-7:45 pm at DICC

Read It and Eat



This photo originally appeared in FamilyFun Magazine

Bring the incredible, edible alphabet to life for your little learner with these ABC-inspired foods that the two of you can talk -- or sing -- about before he gobbles them down.

What you'll need

- SPELLBINDING SANDWICHES:
- Sandwiches of your choice
- Alphabet cookie cutters
- ALPHABET SOUP:
- 1 cup alphabet pasta
- 1 quart low-sodium broth
- LETTER CRUDITÉS:
- Raw vegetables such as peppers, celery, and carrots

How to make it

Spellbinding Sandwiches (ages 2 years and up): We love alphabet cookie cutters, and we've turned ours to a purpose nobler than cookies: sandwiches. Even the pickiest eater can't resist his own initials scripted in PB&J.

Alphabet Soup (ages 2 years and up): In Susan Meddaugh's delectable "Martha Speaks," alphabet soup turns a mute mutt into an expert elocutionist. We can't vouch for the soup's magical powers, but we do know it's a toddler favorite. For a homemade soup with less sodium and more letters than store-bought varieties, boil one cup of alphabet pasta in a quart of your favorite low-sodium broth. After your tot has slurped up her name, challenge her to spoon out the rest of the letters in her bowl as you call them out.

Letter Crudites (ages 4 years and up): Your preschooler will have so much fun with these veggie letters, he'll want to know how to spell more. To make them, cut vegetables such as peppers, celery, and carrots into strips, then use them to spell his name and any other words he's learning to recognize.

