

Bright Horizons at Wheaton News



Curriculum Night

**Save the date:
Tuesday, September 19th**

Curious about your child's **Bright Horizons®** educational journey? Come visit the center to meet our teachers, connect with other families, and learn about **The World at Their Fingertips®**, our world-class curriculum. Discover our many activities and find out how your child's own interests will inspire learning and discovery.

Come experience Bright Horizons for yourself on Tuesday, September 19th from 6:00-7:00pm.



Important Dates

End of Summer Bash: **Friday, August 25**

Center Closed: **Monday, September 4th**

Curriculum Night: **Tuesday, September 19th**

Center Closed: **Monday, October 9th**

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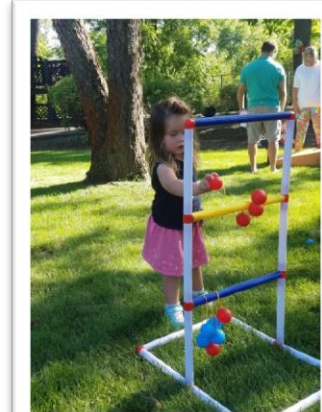
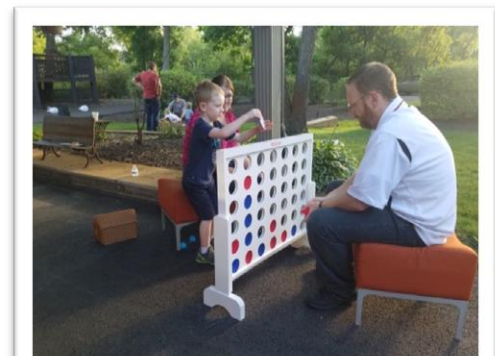
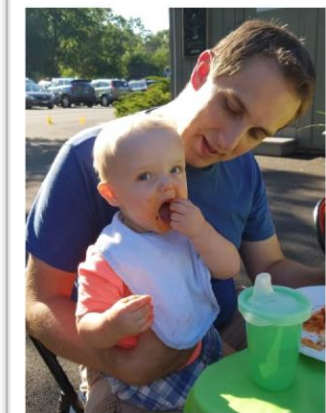


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Monday-Friday 6:30 am-6:30 pm



OUTDOOR FAMILY GAME NIGHT



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Math: Easy as 1-2-3

Children are born mathematicians. From birth to age five, they're naturally curious, readily taking in information from their environment. The early years are a great time to begin building math literacy, but many adults feel intimidated about how to do it. No need to worry. Children learn best through playful, everyday moments. As parents, we just need to capitalize on those moments.

Here's how:

Talk about math. Introduce math concepts through casual conversations and every day activities, such as cooking or getting dressed. "These shoes are too small. These shoes are bigger." "Let's cut the apple in half." "Do you want one orange slice or two?" "Can you get a pair of socks?" Can you help me find the mate?"

Play with math. Integrate math into playful interactions, which is so much more effective – and fun – than doing worksheets. For example, count how many blocks you can stack before a tower topples. Line a row of trains up and count them. Arrange rocks, pine cones, or other shells in a pattern or spiral. Count the stairs as you hop up and down them.

Look deeper. After your child can successfully count a variety of objects, introduce addition and subtraction through casual experiences. "How many more strawberries than blueberries are on your plate?" "How many stuffed animals would be left if we took three off your bed?"

Make comparisons. Ask open-ended questions to nudge your child toward more abstract mathematical thinking. For example, "What shapes do you see in this slice of pizza?" "What's the same and what's different about this sea shell and this pine cone?"

Early playful math experiences build math vocabulary and understanding and can ward off the math phobia that seems to affect so many children in the later years. In addition to math sense, early math experiences build problem solving and critical thinking.

FROM THE FAMILY ROOM BLOG

Ideas for a Summer Bucket List with a Toddler

Summer can tend to fly by! In order to get the most out of the season, create a list of activities to complete with your toddler so that you can take full advantage of the long days and sunshine!

Here are some ideas for a summer bucket list to complete with your child:



- 1) Bring your toddler to a **beach** or a lake where they can play in the sand and dip their toes in the water.
- 2) Set up a **sensory table** where your toddler can enjoy playtime outdoors and you don't have to worry too much about the mess.
- 3) Take a **walk**. Strap your toddler into a stroller or let them expend energy by walking alongside you while checking out a park or simply enjoying your neighborhood.
- 4) Visit the **zoo**! Let your toddler compare real-life animals to those in their story books.
- 5) Take advantage of local **community events**. Look up event boards and entertainment listings happening near you that the little ones would enjoy.