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SOUTH SHORE FAMILY NETWORK

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF: Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hingham,
Kingston, Norwell, Pembroke, Plympton and Scituate.

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EARLY LITERACY, EMPOWERMENT & KINDERGARTEN READINESS

South Shore Family Network promotes early literacy, empowers parents and ensures kindergarten readiness for all children and families on the south shore.

EARLY LITERACY

In order to promote early literacy, South Shore Family Network offers a variety of literacy-based playgroups. The toddler-parent groups are for children ages 18 mos. through 3.5 years and the Raising a Reader playgroups are designed for the 3 to 5 year age group. Both programs utilize the dialogic reading model in which the adult helps the child become the teller of the story. The adult becomes the listener, the questioner, the audience for the child.

Children learn most from books when they are actively involved.

PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT

In an effort to empower parents in their role as their child's first and most influential teacher, South Shore Family Network offers access to consultants trained in "Active Parenting: The First Five Years", as well as the opportunity for families to access the Ages and Stages Questionnaire to complete with their child. Screening can enhance a family's knowledge of child development and age-appropriate expectations. If you are interested in either opportunity, please contact the program coordinator.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

All of the playgroups, parenting workshops, and screenings foster children's readiness for the transition to kindergarten and social and emotional development. South Shore Family Network shares information about kindergarten screenings and frequently provides support to community kindergarten transition events such as registration and orientations.

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PARENT-TODDLER LITERACY BASED PLAYGROUPS FALL SESSION 2018

Attending playgroups fosters brain development during the early years of your child's life
(For Toddlers 18 mos. to 3.5 yrs.)

DUXBURY PLAY GROUPS

Chandler School

Magic Dragon Wing

Friday Mornings at 9:00am
Sept. 7 through Dec. 21

KINGSTON PLAY GROUPS

The Kennedy Donovan Center

32 Crescent St., Kingston
Thursday Mornings 11:15 – 12:45pm
Sept 6 through Dec. 20



Learn More At
www.BrainBuildingInProgress.org.
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ACTIVE PARENTING First Five Years™



ACTIVE PARENTING

The Active Parenting Program will help you make the most of your child's first five years. Susan West, RN, Active Parenting Coordinator, teaches parents how to nurture children with "just right" combination of freedom and non-violent discipline using practical parenting skills that really work.

Susan West will be presenting a three session workshop of "Active Parenting" at the new Carver Elementary School on Thursday afternoons, October 4, 11 & 18 from 3:15 until 5:15pm. Child care will be available on a limited basis and pre-registration is required. Please contact Debbie Wightman at South Shore Family Network, dmwightman@sscac.org or 508-747-7575 Ext. 6247 or Paula Foley at foleys@carver.org or 508-866-6220 for registration information.



Track your child's developmental milestones using the Ages & Stages Questionnaire. South Shore Family Network will provide participating families with an age-appropriate questionnaire to be completed by your child's primary caregiver. The completed questionnaires are returned for processing and the information is used to plan activities for upcoming playgroups to ensure that children are gaining experience in areas that will help them progress towards the next developmental milestone. Any questions about the Ages & Stages Questionnaires should be directed to Debbie Wightman, South Shore Family Network Coordinator at 508-747-7575 Ext. 6247 or dmwightman@sscac.org



It's never too early to learn to love S.T.E.M. Join a South Shore Family Network's Pre-K playgroup to get your child excited about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

S.T.E.M. IS BACK FOR FALL!

These playgroups are designed for children 3 to 5 years (accompanied by an adult) to encourage children's natural curiosity about the world around them by integrating two popular S.T.E.M. curricula "The S.T.E.M. Sprouts" Teaching Guide and the "Hatch S.T.E.M." Activity Guide.

- Science activities include exploration of air and wind, local weather, experiments mixing common substances as well as investigating the five senses.
- Technology activities include investigating simple machines like levers, gears, wheels and pulleys. Learning about engineering is done primarily through building activities with blocks, legos and other building materials.
- Math experiences include weighing and measuring, counting, sorting, matching, and making and recognizing patterns.
- STEM playgroups are typically one hour to one and one-half hours long and experimentation can get messy so "play clothing" is highly recommended.

**Fall Parent-Child STEM Playgroup Schedule (Oct – Dec 2018)
At Libraries in Pembroke, Kingston, Hanover and Duxbury**

PEMBROKE LIBRARY

Monday Mornings @ 10:30am / Oct. 1, 15 & 22

KINGSTON LIBRARY

Wednesday Mornings @ 10:30am / Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – Nov. 7

HANOVER LIBRARY

Monday Mornings @ 11:00am / Oct. 29 – Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Dec. 3

DUXBURY LIBRARY

Wednesday Mornings @ 10:30am / Nov. 14, 21 & 28 – Dec. 5, 12 & 19

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RAISING A READER WORKSHOP & BOOK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

South Shore Family Network collaborates with "Big Ryan's Tall Tales" to facilitate Raising a Reader Workshops for children 3 to 5 years old accompanied by an adult.

These workshops are designed to empower families to support children's early literacy development. Children and parents will be actively engaged in books, songs and hands-on activities, all with a focus on early literacy.

RAISING A READER WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

HALIFAX LIBRARY

Monday Afternoons @ 1pm
Oct. 1, 15 & 22 – Nov. 5

SCITUATE LIBRARY

Tuesday Mornings @ 10:30
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

HINGHAM LIBRARY

Tuesday Afternoons @ 4pm
Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Dec. 4 & 11

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TO:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

BRAIN BUILDING IN PROGRESS

Parent-Toddler Literacy Based Playgroups are held weekly for 90 minute sessions facilitated by trained Early Childhood Professionals for children ages 18 months to 3.5 years when accompanied by an adult.

Raising A Reader Playgroups are held in six weekly one hour sessions facilitated by Ryan Racette from "Big Ryan's Tall Tales" for children 3 to 5 years when accompanied by an adult.

S.T.E.M. Playgroups are held weekly in six weekly one hour sessions at local libraries for children 3 to 5 years old when accompanied by an adult.

SEE INSIDE FOR SCHEDULED DATES AND LOCATIONS.



Free Parent-Child Playgroups are offered throughout the South Shore