

# Wee R Kids Parent News



For the  
♥ Love ♥  
♥ Reading

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## Upcoming Statutory Holidays

### No Stat in June

Providers receive these days off and the office will be closed on these days.  
Thank you.

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
8:00am-4:30pm  
Please call ahead  
Fridays as only one  
staff member is in  
the office

Dear Parents,

It sure has been a lovely May. Now on to June. Can you believe it, one more month and then the kids are out of school again? Time sure does fly.

I am sure that you have a lot of plans this summer, please remember to communicate any holidays or days off to your provider as soon as you can so that she can also start to plan her summer as well.

Have a great June! Happy Summer everyone!

~Angel



## Fun Activities for home

### Home Cooking

#### David's Father's Milkshake

##### What you need:

1 Cup of Chocolate or Vanilla Ice Cream  
 1/2 Cup of Whole Milk  
 3-4 Tbsp of Chocolate Syrup  
 Whip Cream  
 Cherry

Put all ingredients into blender and blend until smooth. Pour into tall glass, put whip cream on top and don't forget the cherry.

This is a great snack to make after reading David's Father with your children.



### Sing a Song

#### I'm Learning to Read

You take a "g" and an "r"  
 And make a "gr"  
 You take an "s" and an "h"  
 And make a "sh"  
 You put two "e's" together  
 And make "ee"  
 You put two "o's" together  
 And make "oo"

Every letter has a sound  
 And sounds turn into words  
 You put them all together and what've you got?

You're learning to read  
 You take an "l" and an "a"  
 And make "la-la-la-la-la"  
 You take a "b" and an "r"  
 And make "brrrrr"  
 You take an "o" and a "y"  
 And make "oy"

You take a "b" and an "l"  
 And make "bl-bl-bl-bl-bl"  
 Every letter has a sound  
 And sounds turn into words  
 You put them all together and what've you got?

You're learning to read  
 You take a "b" and a "z"  
 And make "bzzzzzzz"  
 You take an "o" and a "k"  
 And make O.K.  
 You take a "c" and an "h"  
 And make a "ch-ch-ch-ch-ch"  
 You take an "h" and an "a"  
 And make a "ha-ha-ha-ha-ha"  
 chorus

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
 OPQRSTUVWXYZ and Z

## Arts & Crafts

### My Own Story Book

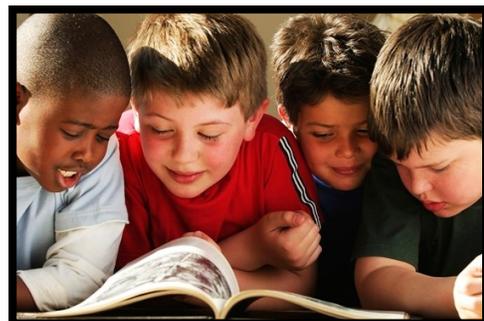
##### What you need:

White or Coloured Paper  
 1 Sheet of Card Stock (Any Colour)  
 Stapler  
 Felt Pens, Pens, Crayons, Paint  
 Anything else you can think of

Fold as many sheets as you think you will need in half. Do the same to the card stock. Put the card stock on as the cover and fold together until it resembles a book.

Have the children decorate the cover and name their book. They can write the story from their imagination. Encourage the children to draw or paint pictures for each page as well. If the children would like help, you can write the story as they speak it to you.

Make sure to have their names on the books.





# AROUND TOWN

**Junior Naturalists**  
Every Saturday 10am-12pm  
Helen Schuler Coulee Centre  
FREE!

**Peter Pan Ballet**  
University of Lethbridge Theater  
June 2-4  
More Information 403-329-2616  
\$15 ticket

**Tipi Program**  
Galt Museum  
June 17 1pm-3pm  
Learn all about the Blackfoot Style Tipi.  
For more information call  
Leslie Hall 403-320-4700

**The Flower Beadwork People**  
June 24 2pm-4pm  
Talk and craft from the Métis People.



**Reminder!**

Please remember to bring sun screen to the day home, if you do not wish to use sun screen, please communicate this to your provider and remember to bring a long sleeve cotton shirt and pants for outings. Remember to bring a hat as well.

Please remember that we do need to receive payments each month on the first of the month. If you have made other arrangements with the office, please make sure to honour those arrangements each month. It is important to keep in contact with us. If you have any questions about payments, please feel free to call our office.



# How Kids Can Love Reading?

**Use books to bond.** Make reading time special for you and your child. Set up a routine and pick a favourite "book nook" — a comfortable place to read. Bedtime stories are traditional, but think about other times of the day you and your child can share books, such as over breakfast, during bath time, or after preschool.

**Get to know the librarian.** Go to the library as often as you can or as often as your child wants to go. Show your child all the books that are out there — not just the ones designated for pre-readers, but all the books she'll learn to read in kindergarten. Encourage your child to get to know the librarian so she can help pick out interesting books or books that relate to your child's interests.

**Model good behaviour.** Your child wants to be like you. Read around your child. Don't wait until after bedtime to dive into your novel.

**When you read to your child, read with expression.** Show her that books can come to life. Get silly. Make animal noises. Toot and make chug-chug noises when you read *The Little Engine That Could*. Be loud and soft and everything in between. Sing part of the book if you're in the mood.

**Point to the words as you read.** Pre-readers are learning the basics: that print runs left to right and top to bottom, for example, and that books have a cover and a back.

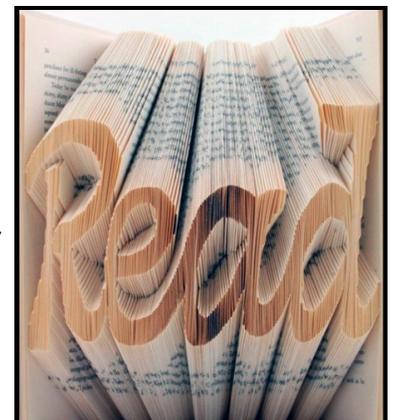
**Find books that relate to your child's interests.** Introduce your child to books about a variety of subjects. Help your child find exciting books that appeal to her current interests.

**Talk about a book as you read it.** Even before your child can read, you can start building comprehension skills. Talk with your child about a book: "What do you think this book is about?" "What's he doing in this picture?" "What do you think he'll do next?"

**Read everywhere you go.** You'll show your child that reading is an important part of everyday life. When you see a stop sign or other familiar sign, read it out loud: "S, T, O, P. That says stop!" Read store signs, menus, everything you see. Encourage your child to "read" familiar signs. This will reinforce her sense of mastering reading.

**Make books part of everyday life, not a special treat.** Don't tell your child she can listen to a story only if she finishes her dinner. When reading is associated with systems of reward and punishment, it loses its appeal. Instead, pick times to read that feel natural and fun for you and your child.

**Go with the flow.** Don't make your child sit through a book if she's restless. As your child gets older, her attention span will increase.





## Activity Corner

### Sports Picnic

#### What you'll need:

Food  
Sports Equipment  
Family/Friends



Bring food, people and of course dad's favourite sports equipment. After eating dad's favourite food, bring everyone together for some fun games.

You can do almost anything, just make sure to find enough room for everyone to join in!

## Yummy Treats

### Root Beer Float

Make sure you have large glasses for this treat. Scoop out some vanilla ice cream and place it in the bottom of the mug/glass. Pour Root Beer into the mug/glass until foam is at top. This treat needs both a straw and a spoon.



### Oven Baked Pancakes & Sausages

1 pound pork sausage links  
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
5 teaspoons white sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs  
1-1/2 cups milk  
3 tablespoons shortening, melted



Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Grease a 10x15 inch jellyroll pan. Place sausages in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain and set aside.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, white sugar and salt, set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add milk and shortening; mix well. Gradually stir in dry ingredients until smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared jelly roll pan. Arrange sausages on top of the batter.

Bake for 15 minutes, In the preheated oven, or until pancakes are cooked through. Cut into 10 pieces and serve hot with butter and syrup.



Quotable:

*"Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope."*  
~Bill Cosby