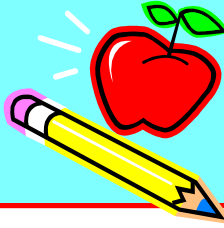




NEWS TO KNOW



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Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for May

April 27 was National Tell A Story Day. Gather three random items from around the house (a cup, a shoe, a toothbrush, etc.) and place them in a bag. Pull the

items out one at a time as you tell a story based on those items. Change the items and allow each family member to have a turn.



WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

Project Nurture is KIDSFIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDSFIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.

Thanks to all of you for making this year's Arkansas Children's Week a success.

THANK YOU

KIDS FIRST - LR Staff
KIDS FIRST - LR Parents
Julie Mayberry
Ronald McDonald
Latrice Small from Ocean Dental

Teacher/Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. This year Friday, May 7 is Provider Appreciation Day, a day to recognize the work of childcare providers, teachers, and educators of young children everywhere.

Merci

Gracias

Grazie

Thanks for showering your hard working staff with appreciation!

Thank You



UAMS - KIDS FIRST Safety Week

May 17 - 21, 2010

In conjunction with ACH Injury Prevention Center

- Car Seat Check-up Event: Tuesday, May 18 from 9 am - 12 noon
- Parent Sessions

More Information to Follow!

**SAVE THE DATE -
PRESCHOOL
GRADUATION WILL BE
ON JUNE 11!**

Muffins for Mothers

For our wonderful mothers at KIDS FIRST

Come and join us in the conference room for a muffin and juice in honor of you and all the wonderful things you do for your family.

Friday May 7, 2010
7:30-9:00 am

Happy Mother's Day!

**MAY is
BETTER HEARING
And SPEECH Month**



What is communication?

Communication refers to the different ways we give and receive messages. Communication involves receptive language, expressive language, articulation, fluency, voice, hearing and pragmatics.

Receptive Language

Receptive Language is the ability to understand what others are saying.

Expressive Language

Expressive Language is the ability to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas verbally or in writing.

Articulation or Phonology

Articulation is the ability to pronounce speech sounds or speech patterns.

Fluency

Fluency is the smoothness in which sounds, syllables, words, and phrases are joined together when speaking.

Voice

Voice is the production of sound using the vocal cavity. Areas of vocal production include quality, pitch, nasality and volume.

Hearing

Hearing is the sense that allows an individual to hear what is being said.

Pragmatics

Pragmatics is the area of language function that embraces the use of language in social contexts: knowing what to say, how to say it, and when to say it.

Happy Birthday to You!

Children

Rudnick C. - 3rd
Elijah B. - 10th
Benshunna B. - 23rd

Staff

Kelli (Rm. 7) - 1st
Becky W. (Rm. 12) - 22nd
LaTasha (Rm. 8) - 22nd
Terra (Rm. 12) - 24th
Monitia (Rm. 4) - 30th



Arkansas Child Passenger Protection Law

A child must ride restrained in an appropriate child safety seat until six (6) years old or until weighing sixty (60) lbs. Use your child's age and weight to determine whether your child still needs to ride in a harness type child safety seat or a booster seat.

Children 6-15 years of age must wear a seat belt in all seating positions.

This is a primary law, meaning that a driver can be stopped and issued a ticket for not having a child in an appropriate child safety seat or seat belt. The minimum fine is \$25 per child. The maximum fine is \$100 per child.



National Nurses Week 2010



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Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. KIDS FIRST honors the 22 nurses on staff, as well as the 44 PRN nurses who cover vacations/sick days.

Thanks for your dedication and service.

Perfect Attendance

The following 11 children had perfect attendance during April. They each received an entry into a drawing for a special prize.

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| Zoe P. | Darrell T. | Tremaine B. |
| Clark H. | Isa'Tajae L. | Carrington C. |
| Angel S. | Kayleigh E. | Christian G. |
| Markus J. | Keavon K. | |



The winner of April's prize is
Christian G.!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE!!!