

Stories Abound

Upcoming events, ideas and activities for families to do at home from the Monticello Public Library



In Case You Missed It

The library closed its doors on March 16th due to COVID19. We are hoping to reopen as soon as possible! In the meantime, please make sure that you check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MonticelloPubLib/>) and website (<https://www.monticellopubliclibrary.org/kids>) for some links, games to play, resources for learning and more!

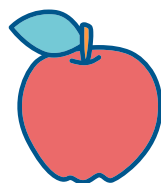
We have a new website that we have created with links to various websites with games, activities and more. Each link is free and does not require you to sign in. These are great for preK-12th grade! There are activities for math, science, social studies, reading, physical education, virtual field trips, research sites for kids and more! Check them out and have fun.

<https://prek-12resources.weebly.com/>



Upcoming Events

- April is National Poetry Month
 - Passover begins Wednesday April 8th
 - Easter Sunday April 12th
 - Earth Day Wednesday April 22nd
- Even though the library is closed to the public, we are working at home and getting ready for summer reading! We are hoping to see you soon. Stay safe, stay home and wash your hands!



School Readiness Tip:

(Best for ages 0-5)

Providing quality interactions can help to reduce stress in kids. Even something simple like getting down to their level shows them they have your full attention.



Did You Know?

When children experience positive and safe environments, they will learn more and retain more information.



Try It At Home: Imagine a World (great for all ages)

You will need:

Paper
Pencil, marker, crayon or pen
Photo editing software (optional)

How to do this:

1. Imagine a funny situation that might happen if one of these were true:

Cats could speak.

There was no gravity between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. each night

Humans could breathe underwater

Kids could study whatever they wanted to at school

Artwork was never criticized

some other scenario of your choosing

2. Picture how to tell this story in a visual way rather than verbally telling the story. Draw a picture, make a collage, or use photo-editing software to create an image that shows the humor. Write a caption such as “Imagine a world where cats could speak” to go along with the picture.

How can I make this more challenging for my child?

*Think about other limitations of daily life that could be changed. Write new “Imagine a world...” starters and share them with others.

*Rather than a still drawing, think of ideas for a short film or animation that would bring more detail to the story.

*Do some research on storyboarding, and try making a storyboard to tell the story through a series of pictures.

What is my child learning?

Incongruity is a fancy word for when something doesn't fit or make sense. Many times, things are funny because they are incongruent with how we expect them to be. Our expectations often come from the connections or associations we make between something and its usual surroundings. For example, we don't commonly think of gravity as something we can turn on and off. This activity provides examples of silly scenarios, and by resolving incongruencies (i.e., making the silly make sense) children will be funny and creative. In fact, activities just like this are part of the Torrance Tests for Creative Thinking, the gold standard for measuring creative thinking.