

# Stories Abound

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

Stay healthy and safe.

Don't forget to wash your hands and wear your masks!



## News You Can Use

--Our activity kits have been moved inside to the entryway for the winter. They are great for when you need a break from the screens or want something to do on the cold winter days. We have kits available for all ages and they change every week. Stop in and pick up yours today.

--Speaking of the entryway, it is open for Express Services Monday thru Friday from 10 am to 7pm to speak with a librarian, pick-up holds, or request other items. Appointments can be made for browsing, computer usage and curbside pickup.

--Check our free resource links. They are perfect for a cold, snowy day or to supplement your online learning. They are all completely free and don't require any login or sign up information. The site is updated frequently, so keep checking back!  
[www.prek-12resources.com](http://www.prek-12resources.com)

--If you are looking for previous newsletters, resources or information, about upcoming events make sure to check out our website  
[monticellopubliclibrary.org](http://monticellopubliclibrary.org)



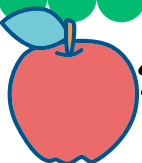
## Did You Know?

Play and learning go hand in hand. Playing is the natural way for a child to explore, get creative, and start developing academic and social skills. Think of play as a science lecture with lab. Play is the child's lab.



## Upcoming Events

- March 2nd- Dr. Seuss Birthday
- March 2nd- Read Across America Day
- March 12th- Monticello No School
- March 14th- Daylight Savings Begins
- March 14th- Pi Day
- March 17th- St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th- Incredible kid day
- March 20th- First day of spring
- March 29th-April 5th- Monticello Spring Break. No school
- March 31st- National Crayon Day



## School Readiness Tip:

Read for fun as a family...and read with children early and often to help them think creatively, learn new words and add to their language skills. When your child is ready, read books about going to Kindergarten. Reading is a very important skill connected to doing well in school.



## Try It At Home: Get on a Roll

### You will need:

- Open field of snow
- 'Sticky' snow conditions

### Description:

- Have participants roll a snowball until they can no longer move it
- Object is to make the biggest possible snowball.

### Skills Explored:

Walking, Pushing, Pulling, Squatting

### Tips:

- Stay low (bend knees)
- Push from bottom half of snowball
- Push from legs rather than arms
- Roll snowball in all directions

### Safety:

- Push big snowballs with lower body
- Spread participants out to avoid collisions



### Variations:

- After participants can no longer move the snowball, have them work in partners to try and make it bigger
- After partners, go to groups of 3, 4, 5, and so on, until the whole group makes the biggest snowball they can.

FYI: Kids are more likely to play outside if they are able to stay warm! Proper layering before heading outside is crucial to staying warm. For the first layer (direct skin contact), avoid cotton as it traps moisture and will keep you cold. Choose a moisture wicking layer if possible. The second layer should be an insulating layer. A sweater or fleece is best. The third layer should be an outer protective layer. Something that is wind resistant, water repellent, and breathable is best.

Remember, kids are likely to stay outside longer if they can keep dry and warm!