

Stories Abound

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



Upcoming Events

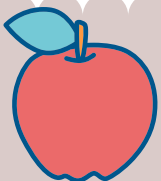
- August is Family Fun Month!
- August 2- Friendship Day
- August 10- National S'mores Day
- August 29- International Bacon Day
- August 29- Summer Reading Ends.
Don't forget to turn in your reading logs!

Stay safe, stay home & wash your hands

Did You Know?



Enjoy time for play alongside children. Try drawing, building with blocks, or pretending together. They will learn from watching and will be more open to talking with you about the big and little things in their lives.



School Readiness Tip:

(Best for ages 0-8)

Asking young children "what do you see?" builds the science skill of observation. You can do this anywhere--out in nature, while driving, or even while shopping. To keep their observations going, follow up with "tell me more."



News You Can Use

Our entryway is open for Express Services Monday thru Thursday from 12pm to 6pm to speak with a librarian, pick-up holds, or request other items. A computer/printer station will also be available by appointment.

Still haven't signed up for summer reading? That's okay! There's still plenty of time left. Summer Reading is going until August 29th. We have a ton of family friendly activities that you can do to earn points for prizes in addition to logging your book titles. We are proud to have a digital version from Beanstack and a paper version available for patrons of ALL AGES! (Kids AND Adults are able to participate in our summer program.)

It's simple: track your reading or activities and earn prizes! That's it. Check out our link on our website: ww.monticellopubliclibrary.org/slp-2020 to download the app, register and learn more about Beanstack. You can request a paper version from the library if that's more your thing, too.

Check our free resource links. They are perfect for a rainy or extra hot summer day. They are all free and don't require any login information. The site is updated frequently, so keep checking back!
www.prek-12resources.com



Try It At Home: Ice Exploration

You will need:

- *Items to freeze, such as leaves, shells, sticks, rocks, pennies, etc.
- *Plastic containers of different shapes and sizes to freeze the items in
- *Large bowls or flat plastic tubs
- *Toothbrushes or nail brushes
- *Eyedroppers
- *Salt
- *Towels
- *Flashlights
- *Water



How to do this:

1. Place items like leaves, shells, rocks, and pennies into plastic containers filled with water. Place in freezer. Once frozen, pop out the ice cubes and place them into a large bowl or flat plastic tub.
2. Look at the materials available as tools. Use these tools to excavate the items out of the ice. Things to consider: How will you use each tool? What do you think will happen when you use each tool? How can you get the items out of the ice? What other tools could you use? What other techniques could you try?

Try These Tips and Tricks to Make It Easier or Harder:

- *Have an excavation race! Freeze similar items in the same amount of water and race against someone else to see who can get the items out first. Afterwards, discuss how each child got the items out. What was the fastest method? The slowest method? The most creative method?
- *Freeze small items in water balloons instead of plastic containers. Place the item in the balloon, fill it with water, and then freeze it. Once it is frozen, cut the balloon off. Excavating objects from a rounded shape is another fun challenge!

What is my child learning?

This activity requires both flexibility and persistence, which are cognitive and affective components of creativity. Children must remain persistent in the task, but also willing to change their problem-solving tactics if necessary. Both divergent and convergent thinking are essential to successfully complete the excavation. Divergent thinking produces a multitude of potential excavation methods, while convergent thinking is utilized to decide on the method that is most likely to be successful. The cycle between divergent and convergent thinking gives birth to the creative thinking process.