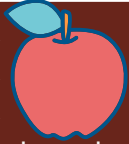


Stories Abound

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



School Readiness Tip

When your child takes the time to slow down and notice what is going on around them, they're using skills like focus and self-control. Being able to pay attention, manage behavior, and follow rules are important skills for learning in school and in life.

Try It: Name one of the senses like "see" or "hear." Encourage them to share everything they notice with that sense, like the sun shining or birds chirping. Then it's their turn to say one of the senses and your turn to share what you notice. Take turns using all your



Upcoming Events

- Nov 1st: Dia de los Muertos
- Nov 5th: Monticello No School
- Nov 5th: Board Game Day
- Nov 6th: Book Lovers Day
- Nov 11th: Veterans Day
- Nov 18th: Crafters Unite Holiday Wreaths
- Nov 24th: Monticello No School
- Nov 24th: Family Movie Day
- Nov 25th: Thanksgiving Day (Library is Closed for the long weekend)
- Nov 28th: Chanukah begins



Did You Know?

In the original Roman calendar, November was the ninth month of the year. It got its name from the Latin word "novem" which means nine. However, it became the eleventh month when the Romans added in January and February to the start of the year.

News You Can Use



- The library is currently open by appointment for browsing, faxing or computer use. Service with a librarian through our entryway for holds, requests, and customer service is available at all times with no required appointments.
- Our weekly activity kit themes for the month will be: pumpkins, scarecrows, pies, turkeys and poinsettias. Kits are available in the library entryway and are updated every Monday.
- On Nov 5th beginning at 2:00 pm, we will have our board game day for all ages. We will have a variety of classic favorites and new games for you to try!
- On Nov 24th, take a break from Thanksgiving preparations and celebrate your day off of school and join us for a family friendly holiday movie beginning at 1:00 pm. We will have snacks and drinks available.
- This month in our crafters unite series on Nov 18th, we will be making holiday wreaths. No registration is required.
- Don't forget to check out <https://www.prek-12resources.com/> for a variety of free resources for all ages and interests. Every link is free and does NOT require you to create an account. They are perfect for a cold and rainy day or when you are looking for something to do!



Try It At Home: Cranberry and Toothpick Sculptures

Materials:

- Toothpicks
- Fresh Cranberries
- Note: If you want to turn this into a healthy snack and a creative activity, you can use grapes, cheese cubes, or diced apples. Or, for something less nutritious, marshmallows or gumdrops.

Instructions:

Use cranberries to connect toothpicks. Start with a square or triangle, and continue to add toothpicks and cranberries as you build a taller or more elaborate structure.

Here are 12 ideas to get you started. The sky is the limit for your creativity and ideas.

1. Tower
2. Ladder
3. House
4. Dome
5. Fence
6. Christmas tree
7. Star
8. Wreath
9. Castle
10. Playground structures
11. People
12. Animals



You can encourage experimentation by asking questions, such as:

- What can you build with triangles? Squares? Lines?
- How high can you build?
- Can you make something round with straight toothpicks?

And you can encourage your kids to ask their own questions.

- What else could I build with besides toothpicks? (bamboo skewers? pipecleaners?)
- What else could I build with besides cranberries?
- How can I buttress the sides so my tower will stand when I make it taller?
- What kind of base could I create for this sculpture?

Creative thinking means learning to ask our own What if...? questions (even if only unconsciously) while we're creating and experimenting with different materials, techniques, and tools.

