



Stories Abound

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



Upcoming Events

- Jan 1st- New Year's Day (Closed)

-Jan 13th- National Rubber Duckie Day

-Jan 17th- Martin Luther King Jr Day

-Jan 21st- **Monticello No School**

-Jan 21st- **Library Pajama Party**

-Jan 24th- Monticello Homecoming Begins

-Jan 28th- Fun at Work Day

-Jan 29th- National Puzzle Day

-Jan 29th- Monticello Homecoming Dance



Did You Know?

One of the most influential events in the U.S. happened in January – on January 1, 1892, Ellis Island opened, allowing for the immigration of over 20 million people. The first immigrant to set foot on the island was Annie Moore, a teenager from County Cork, Ireland who had crossed the Atlantic with her 11 and 7-year-old brothers.



School Readiness Tip

Did you know that play can also strengthen a child's communication and literacy skills? When children play, they practice engaging in conversations with their peers. Through conversation, kids learn how to take turns, negotiate, and use language in a meaningful way. With this practice, children can build stronger literacy and communication skills that will help them throughout their lives.

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.
- We are launching two new reading programs in January! Our first reading program is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! The goal is to start reading from birth to age 5 and try to read 1000 books before starting kindergarten. You can sign up on Beanstack or in the library.
- We want to encourage you to read (or have someone read to you) for 15-20 minutes everyday, so we created our Read Everyday Program. Every month, we have a fun coloring sheet to mark which days you have read. Color in everyday you read. When your calendar is full, return to the library for a small prize! You can find the calendar on our website, in the library or inside our activity kits at the beginning of each month.
- We will be hosting a pajama party on January 21. Come in your slippers and pajamas bring your stuffies and enjoy a story and hot chocolate and more!





Try It At Home: Snow Volcano

SUPPLIES FOR SNOW VOLCANO

- Snow
- Baking soda
- Warm water
- Dish soap
- Vinegar
- Red food coloring (or any other color you might have)
- Tall cup or plastic bottle



In a tall cup or plastic bottle, add 1 tablespoon of dish soap, fill halfway with baking soda and mix in 1/4 cup of warm water. If you use a bottle with a more narrow opening, you may get your lava to shoot up a bit into the air!

You can add several drops of red food coloring in the cup (the more food coloring the darker the lava). Of course you can experiment with your own colors too.

Place the cup in the snow and build a snow volcano around the cup. You want to pack the snow right up to the cup and make sure you can't see the cup. Just make sure to leave a hole in the top for the lava to come out.

You can now have the kids pour the vinegar in the top of the volcano and watch it erupt (the more vinegar the bigger the eruption). Go ahead and repeat as desired with more vinegar and baking soda.



BAKING SODA VOLCANO SCIENCE

Whether you make this snow volcano in the snow, the sand, or on the kitchen counter, the science is still the same. A baking soda and vinegar volcano science is a simple chemistry experiment that kids know and love.

When you make a snow volcano, you are mixing an acid (the vinegar) and a base (baking soda) which then produces a gas called carbon dioxide. This gas is fizzy and bubbly, but when you add in the dish soap you get extra frothy bubbles.

In chemistry when you mix two or materials you get a new substance and this activity the substance is the gas! You can now also explore states of matter including solids, liquids, and gasses in this snowy winter science.