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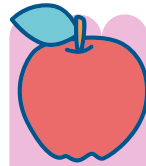
Upcoming events, ideas and activities for families to do at home from the Monticello Public Library

Wishing you a safe and healthy spring! Don't forget to wash hands, keep your distance and wear a mask.



News You Can Use

- Looking for a way to keep busy this summer and help out your community? We need a helping hand with our outdoor movies, summer youth programs, and activity kits! We are also considering serving as a free lunch spot for kids 18 and under but we can't do it without you! We will have opportunities for volunteers working with groups or working on your own. Serve at your own pace with short and long term options. Let's work together to make this summer one to build memories on. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Katrina at the library for more details. Call us at 608-938-4011 or email us at mntpublib.info@gmail.com
- Check out the library entryway for the latest activity and craft kits for ages. Every week is a new theme and activity.
- Don't forget to check out <https://www.prek-12resources.com/> for a variety of free resources for all ages and interests. All of the links on this site are aligned with the Common Core Standards and are all age appropriate. With these links, all materials are free to use, without having to sign up or register for anything!



School Readiness Tip:

Play is the centerpiece of learning. High-quality play experiences help improve children's memory, language abilities, and social-emotional skills. Children learn by playing with every day objects and by pretending. The most effective ways for kids to learn about the physical and social world are by testing out new materials, playing with sand, water, and mixing bowls while engaging themselves in pretend play. Encourage your child to use their imagination



Upcoming Events

- April 1- April Fool's Day
- April 2 Good Friday
- April 4- Passover Ends, Easter
- April 6- National Library Worker's Day
- April 7- World Health Day
- April 13- First Day of Ramadan
- April 15- Tax Day
- April 22- Earth Day
- April 25- World Penguin Day
- April 27- Tell a Story Day
- April 30- Arbor Day



Did You Know?

April is National Poetry Month. Today, it is the most widely celebrated literary festival in the world, with everyone from publishers to poets, libraries, families, bookstores, and schools joining in the celebration.



Try It At Home: Make a Homemade Kite

The weather is getting nicer. Now is a good time to slow down once and fly a kite. Flying a kite produces a very calming peaceful feeling, which definitely can reduce stress and promote mindfulness. Get on your feet. Go out and play!

You will need:

- Newspaper
- String or ribbon
- Glue
- 2 straight sticks about 2-3 feet long,
(one slightly shorter than the other)
- Craft knife or small knife to cut into wood
(For safety, adults should do this part!)



Directions

- Carefully carve a small notch into both ends of each wooden stick. The notches must be cut in the same direction.
- Take the string and tie the sticks at the center, so they are shaped like a cross. Make sure the notches are lined up. The horizontal stick should be slightly shorter than the vertical stick.
- String your string into the notches around the ends of the sticks.
- Help your child unfold the newspaper and cut a pattern to match the shape of the kite frame. Make it an inch or two larger than your frame, all the way around, so you can fold the edges over.
- Help your child spread the newspaper over the stick frame, fold the edges over the string, and glue them in place. (Now is a great time to decorate your kite with lots of colors or designs if you want.)
- Tie a long string to the kite where the sticks cross.
- Now, it's time to fly the kite! Ask your child to observe how the wind affects the kite. Ask questions like, "Can you tell which direction the wind is blowing? Can you fly the kite when it's not windy? Why not?"

FYI: Building a kite is a great way to explore wind and how it moves things! Kite flying is good for hand-eye coordination. It is especially good for our neck and eyes too. In a world where we are constantly looking down at our computers and cell phones, it strengthens the neck and eyes to look up and far away at your beautiful kite flying through the sky.