

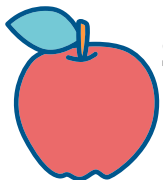
Stories Abound

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

Did You Know?



Watching sports as a family is a great way to build math understanding. Talk about the score. Who has more points? If they make this basket or hit a home run, will they catch up?



School Readiness Tip:

(Best for ages 0-8)

Unstructured play time (when kids make the decisions about what to do) has been shown to help develop independent thinking and planning skills. These skills predict long-term success, not only in school but also in work and personal life.

Upcoming Events



- June is dairy month!
- June 5th National Doughnut Day
- June 9th Summer Reading Begins!
- June 20th Summer Begins
- June 21st Father's Day
- June 30th Mysterious Creatures of Wisconsin Live Stream
- July 2nd Colossal Fossils Live Stream

Stay safe, stay home and wash your hands!



News You Can Use

Right now, we are doing limited curbside pickup. We won't be able to do inner-library loans at the moment, and pick up times are limited. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and website for the most up to date information about how to place and receive your pickup and how to return your materials to the library.

Summer Reading kicks off this year on June 9th. 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:

<https://www.monticellopubliclibrary.org/slp-2020> to download the app, register and learn more about Beanstack. You can also request a paper version if technology is not your thing.

We are also excited to have videos from Circus Dogs and Duke Otherwise that we will be posting at a later date. We will also be having live streams of Mysterious Creatures of Wisconsin and Colossal Fossils talking about dinosaurs and dragons. Make sure you check out our Facebook page and website for the links.

Check our free resource links. They are perfect for a rainy summer day.

<https://www.prek-12resources.com/>



Try It At Home: Fairy Tale Flip

You will need:

Paper
Pen or pencil (something to write with)
A book of fairy tales (optional)



How to do this:

Choose a fairy tale to retell through the eyes of a character or object other than the main protagonist.

1. Consider these alternate story angles and points of view:

- A story from the seven dwarves' perspective.
- A story on the adventures of Mary's little lamb.
- A story from the point of view of the witch in Hansel and Gretel.
- What would the beanstalk in Jack and the Beanstalk say about Jack, his mother and the Giant if he were the storyteller?
- Miss Muffet was clearly frightened by the little spider that sat down beside her. How might her scream have made that spider feel?
- How would Cinderella's fairy godmother tell her story? Or what if Cinderella's slipper could talk? What would it say?
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff outsmart the troll under the bridge, depriving him of a meal. What would the troll say if he could tell his story?
- Your Favorite Fairy Tale!

Write down a reimagined fairy tale. Include as many details as possible. For younger kids who aren't able to write, have them draw a picture and include lots of details.

Try This to Make it Harder:

*Act out the newly created flipped fairy tale!

Make the set, costumes, and props and invite an audience to enjoy the performance.

What is my child learning?

One of the unique things about a fairy tale is that so many people already know how the story ends. Twists on popular versions provide new perspectives that challenge our routine understandings and force us to be flexible in what we think we know about the story. These "new" stories also challenge our expectations, or simply put surprise us! Both flexibility and surprise are important criteria for determining if someone or something is creative.