

## Week of the Young Child Family Activities April 6-12, 2024

### Celebrate Week of the Young Child as a Family!

The Week of the Young Child is a fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. It is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 52 Affiliates. Share a picture of your WOYC celebration with us on Twitter @FBISDEarlyChild, using #PreKisFUNdamental



Scan the QR code to learn more and for more fun learning activities to try with your family!

### Prepare and Plan Ahead!

#### Kick-off Saturday April 6th

- Review the activity menu below and plan your celebrations
- Take some time to rest and reenergize

### Fun Family Activities to Try:

#### Music Monday April 8th

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills—All while having fun and being active!

- Play music made for children.
- Sample music from around the world.
- Make and play home-made instruments with recycled household materials.

#### Tasty Tuesday April 9th

Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more while encouraging healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home.

- Pick an ingredient your children have read about—apples, blueberries, carrots, butter, zucchini. Ask children “What shapes do you see?” Bake waffles, pancakes, bread, and pizza.
- Choose a recipe with simple ingredients and 1, 2, 3, directions and make a meal or snack together.
- Ask questions while cooking for example, “What ingredient is used in the smallest amount?” “Which is the largest amount?” “Is there more flour than sugar or butter?”

#### Work Together Wednesday April 10th

When children build together, they experience teamwork and develop their social and early literacy skills. Grab some materials and create!

- Build replicas of your favorite places with blocks or Legos as a family.
- Provide opportunities for your young child to help out at home by doing simple chores, taking part in gardening, or even with spring organizing.
- Use household materials like boxes, straws, toothpicks, and paper to invent a useful item or a toy!

#### Artsy Thursday April 11th

Children develop creativity, social skills, and fine muscles with open-ended art projects that let them make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands.

- Create a chalk-art scene or mural outside in the driveway, on the sidewalk, or outside your front door.
- Add water to chalk to make chalk paint and create with a paintbrush.
- Draw a chalk road on the sidewalk for toy cars and trucks. Add crossroads, curves, landmarks, and destinations.

#### Family Friday April 12th

Parents and families are children’s first teachers. Family Friday focuses on engaging families to support our youngest learners.

- Take some time to tell stories about family and friends. Storytelling is a great to share your family’s traditions and culture.
- Read with your child. Choose a favorite book or take a trip to your local library and pick out a new book to explore together.