

Fall Newsletter

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Our Fall Programming...always free!

Story Walk at The Trailside Museum - enjoy a children's story with your family, daily 8:00-4:00, about an elephant who's sneezes are so big they could cause a catastrophe with his animal friends. It's a silly book that's loads of fun to read with children! And, look for our new trilingual Story Walk at this location, coming in the next few weeks, welcoming the river otter back to its home! The Trailside Museum is located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton.

Story Walk at Brookwood Community Farm - enjoy a trilingual children's story with your family, daily from dawn to dusk, about children working together growing, weeding, and nurturing a community garden and enjoying a great feast after the harvest. A very appropriate story for this location on a working community farm! Brookwood Community Farm is located a 11 Blue Hill River Road on the Milton/Canton line.

Story Walk at Milton Cemetery - enjoy a children's story with your family, daily 8:00 AM to dusk, about a shy skunk who's ashamed of his smell until his woodland friends teach him that he is special and unique. This is a beautiful, peaceful location to enjoy a great story with your family while taking in its special location around the pond. Milton Cemetery is located at 211 Centre Street in Milton.

Many thanks to our translators: French translation by Marianne LeBigot, French Reading Specialist, Milton Public Schools, and Spanish translation by Yalennys Velazquez, owner of Little Spanish Garden Bilingual Childcare in Milton!

Stories and Friends Meet Up and Scavenger Hunt

Are you a family new to town? Do you have a new child? Do you want to meet and connect with other families with young children? Do you care for your grandchildren and want to meet others?

Then, join us for our Stories and Friends Meet Ups. We'll be holding four sessions in the great outdoors where you will have the opportunity to meet other families, enjoy reading a children's story, participate in a scavenger hunt, and enter our free raffle to win a nice gift! Registration is not required; however, you will need to sign in to be entered into our free raffle. The four sessions will be held on:

Wednesday, September 29th at 4:00 PM at Brookwood Community Farm

Thursday, September 30th at 10:30 AM at The Trailside Museum

Wednesday, October 6th at 4:00 PM at the Pond at Milton Cemetery

Thursday, October 14th at 10:30 AM at The Trailside Museum

Rain dates will be October 20th and/or 21st with specific information announced if needed.



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Handling Your Child's Big Feelings Parent Workshop

All children have feelings. Sometimes they need help learning how to manage and express these feelings, which are the foundation of your child's emotional intelligence. Tips for managing behavior due to the pandemic, sibling rivalry, and how temperament plays a role in behavior will be discussed. This workshop will meet virtually, via Zoom, on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Registration will be required to receive the Zoom link and passcode. The registration link is: <https://forms.gle/qHSxeKJJ8L567aSG8>.

Many thanks to the Milton Junior Woman's Club for their generous support of this program!

Literacy Fun Through STEAM with the Easton Children's Museum

Calling all future scientists, technologists, engineers, artists, and mathematicians! Have loads of fun while enjoying a story and working together as a family on fun experiments. Activities will be age appropriate for children 3 to 7 years old with adult supervision. All supplies and materials will be provided and may be picked up one week prior to the program date at a designated location to be determined. We'll be holding four sessions, live via Zoom with the Easton Children's Museum – two this fall and two next spring. Space is limited and registration will be required to receive the Zoom link and passcode.

Session 1: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: Build A Tree! Let's explore balance and strong foundations by using creativity and imagination with materials supplied to your family. November 13th at 11:00 AM; the registration link is <https://forms.gle/nQrdwY4dwYsPyxUh9>

Session 2: Where The Wild Things Are: Float My Boat! Let's explore buoyancy and flotation by being inventive and imaginative with materials supplied to your family. December 11th at 11:00 AM; the registration link is <https://forms.gle/kWLGyrUFfn2Y8i278>

Many thanks to our Kindergarten T-shirt sponsors for their generous support of this program!

Learning Through Play Preschool Playgroup Series - upcoming

Our Learning Through Play Preschool Playgroup Series with Dotty Alexander, Ed.D., Curry College's Undergraduate Education Coordinator, returns in a new way this winter! Look for all details in early to mid-December for an eight week series beginning in January!

Many thanks to the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton through the Community Health Grant for their generous support of this program!

Milton Public Library

Check out the Library for great children's programming this fall! Night Owls Storytime, on Monday evenings, will be going back to Zoom in October; Up-to-Five-Live, on Tuesday mornings, will be held outside as long as weather permits; Smaller Wonders, with two sessions on Wednesday mornings, will be held indoors; and Take-and-Make Crafts will be available monthly. Visit <https://miltonlibrary.org/> for these and many other children's programs!

Are you looking for childcare? If so, we can help!

Just email cpcmecasld@verizon.net, let us know the age of your child, and we'll send you a comprehensive listing of all licensed childcare programs and providers in town, surrounding cities and towns, or via your driving route.

Are you looking for resources and/or information?

The Milton Early Childhood Alliance maintains a comprehensive **Milton Parents Resource Manual** on our website. Check it out at www.miltonearlychildhoodalliance.org.

Children Grow and Change Every Day - is your child on target for their age?

Through the Help Me Grow program, the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a free, simple, tool you can use to find out what your child's strengths are, and the areas where they may need more practice. The program is designed specifically for the age of your child anywhere between birth and 5 ½ years old, and can be done multiple times during your child's first five years of life. Simply complete a Questionnaire in the comfort of your home, then, submit it to us for scoring. We'll let you know the results, help you with next steps, if needed, and provide you with fun, simple activities to help with your child's continual growth and development – all for free! **Our ASQ online link is:** <https://www.asqonline.com/family/8fd7d7>.

Food Assistance

Milton Public Schools:

call 617-898-1051

email jmorgan@miltonps.org

Milton Food Pantry:

call 617-696-0221

www.miltonfoodpantryma.org

Project Bread:

call hotline 1-800-645-8333

www.projectbread.org

WIC - Women, Infants & Children

call Quincy's office 617-376-8701

www.wic.bamsi.org/

Interfaith Social Services

call 617-773-6203 x19

www.interfaithsocialservices.org/food/

Many thanks to our Kindergarten Days Sponsors!

Dental 1, Elliott Physical Therapy, The Fruit Center Marketplace, Harte Dental, Historic New England Eustis Estate, The Ice Creamsmith, Ichiro Sushi, Mackie's Barbershop, Milton Public Library, Mr. Chan's, Starbuck's, and The Toy Chest at the Nutshell. Please help us thank them for their generosity!

Mabel's Labels

Do you use clothing labels for back to school, sports, childcare or after school programs, senior housing, assisted living and/or nursing homes?

Mabel's Labels would be a terrific source for your clothing label needs! There are also labels for water bottles, lunch boxes, personal items, etc.

And, when you make a purchase, you'll be supporting the Milton Early Childhood Alliance!!

Simply visit this website:

www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com, type in Milton Early Childhood Alliance, and start shopping.

Shipping is free!!

Great Fall Books for Children



Leaf Man by Lois Elhert



Ox-Cart Man
by Donald Hall



Leaves by David
Ezra Stein



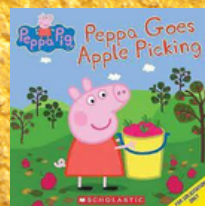
Apples A to Z by
Margaret McNamara



The Little Old Lady
Who Was Not Afraid
of Anything
by Linda Williams



The Biggest Pumpkin
Ever by Steven Kroll



Peppa Pig Goes Apple
Picking by Meredith Rusu



Let It Fall by Maryann
Cocca-Leffler



Fall Farm Fun

Visit each website for more information.

Brookwood Community Farm, Milton
Tougas Family Farm, Northborough
Ward's Berry Farm, Sharon
Davis Farmland, Sterling
Langwater Farm, North Easton
Russell Orchards, Ipswich
Honey Pot Hill Orchards, Stow
Pakeen Farm, Canton
Shelburne Farm, Stow
Sauchuk Farm, Plympton
Kimball Farm, Westford
Cider Hill Farm, Amesbury
West End Creamery, Whitinsville
Brooksby Farm, Peabody
Drumlin Farm, Lincoln
Simcock Farm, Swansea

7 Corn Mazes* Within a 2 Hour Drive (adapted from The Boston Calendar)

- Amazing Corn Maze at Hanson's Farm
Framingham, MA
<https://www.hansonsfarmframingham.com/corn-maze-and-hayride>
 - Marini Farm Corn Maze
Ipswich, MA
<https://www.marinifarm.com/corn-maze>
 - Sauchuk's Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch
Plympton MA
<https://www.sauchukmaze.com/>
 - Davis Mega Maze
Sterling, MA
<https://davismegamaze.com/>
 - Escobar Farm Corn Maze
Portsmouth, RI
<http://escobarfarm.com/>
 - Mike's Maze
Sunderland, MA
<https://mikesmaze.com/>
 - The Apple Place Corn Maze
East Longmeadow, MA
<https://www.theappleplace.net/corn-maze>
- *May have entrance fees.*

Leaf Rubbing Project

You'll need:

Various leaves not yet dried out
White paper
Crayons without paper wrappers

Instructions:

Help your child lay a leaf under a white piece of paper. Have your child use the side of a crayon and rub it back and forth over the white paper in area of the paper where the leaf is underneath. Watch the shape and structure of the leaf appear!

To make a pretty collage, suggest to your child that they use different shaped leaves and different colored crayons to create various leaf rubbings to fill the white paper with colorful leaves. Your child may need to press down hard to achieve the desired result.

Developmental Skill: This is a great fine motor skill that will help develop the muscles and tendons in their hand, wrist, and fingers!



We are grateful to the First Congregational Church for their generous support of our office space.