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*The North wind doth blow and we shall have snow
And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?
He'll sit in a barn and keep himself warm
And hide his head under his wing, poor thing... (anon)*



IPADS & EARLY LITERACY: Facilitated Classes for Parent and Child

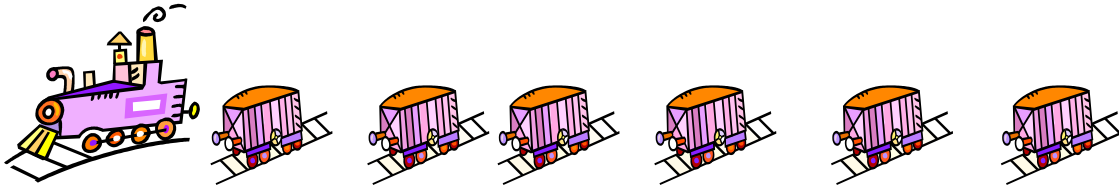
We will continue to offer early literacy classes for parents and children (ages 2-6), using six new iPads purchased with a generous grant from the Senter Fund in Brunswick. In these small, supervised gatherings, we'll show you and your child some of the best "apps" for teaching letters, phonics, and numbers, as well as those that build vocabulary and reading fluency. We also have some great book apps that we'll all read together. And you'll have plenty of time to explore the iPad features on your own.

Beginning Thursday, February 16, you can come and use the iPads with your child on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00, on a first-come first-served basis. We'll be there to help you learn the basics and find the right apps. Or, you can pre-arrange a time for your own iPad "playgroup" by contacting Roberta Jordan by phone at 443-5141 (extension 25) or by e-mail (rjordan@patten.lib.me.us).

wee bee yoga!

Join us, **Thursday, Feb 2, 10:30am** in our Storytime Room, for a Family Yoga Program with Amy DeLaTerre of Wee Bee Yoga. This will be a fun and engaging children's yoga play session for older babies to preschool-age children, along with their caregivers. We will move and stretch our bodies, share songs, hear stories, and explore playful movement activities and yoga poses inspired by nature, animals, and the world around us. No previous yoga experience is needed, and children and adults should wear comfortable clothing that they can easily move around in. Older and younger siblings are most welcome to attend this program. No registration required.

- ✦ Amy DeLaTerre has been sharing yoga with people of all ages for over a decade. She is a Kripalu-certified yoga instructor, and has completed teacher-training programs in Children's Yoga with Shakta Kaur Khalsa, creator of The Radiant Child Yoga Program, and Prenatal and Postpartum Yoga with De West of The Yoga Workshop. Amy received her MA degree in Environmental Leadership and Contemplative Education from Naropa University. Her thesis project was the completion of a book entitled *Yoga for Wholeness: An Exploration of Yoga as Holistic Education*. Before having her own children, Amy was a preschool teacher for many years. She lives in Bath with her husband and two young boys, and teaches two weekly Family Yoga Classes at Bath Dance Works, on Mondays at 3:45-4:45pm, and on Tuesdays at 10:15-11:15am. Visit www.weebeeyoga.com for more info about Amy's local class.



All Aboard...**The Maine 3 Railers Model Train Club** will be here all day time, during February vacation week, Feb 21, 22, 23, and 24, for a special show and tell. Electric train displays will take over the Storytime Room and "engineers" will be on hand to talk about their exciting collections. All ages.



Our **STORYTIMES** program runs throughout the school year with a December and June break. It's a wonderfully fun way to teach your child early socialization and literacy skills. Each age appropriate program is thoughtfully prepared and no registration is required. Parents and caregivers have a chance to make and meet friends, too! After Storytimes, you're welcome to stay and read to your children or play with our castles, pirate ship, blocks, puzzles, Legos, and storybook character toys. Climb aboard our little red sailboat, *Time of Wonder*, built in collaboration with the Library and the Maine Maritime Museum, by area children and master boat builders. While you're here, get a library card and check out some wonderful books to bring home.



Tuesdays with Miss Jessica ~ 10:30am-11:15am

Stories & Crafts for young ones, with volunteer, Jessica Mahnke.



Book Babies ~ Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 15 & 29, 10:30am,

Gather with your little ones (babies & toddlers), for twenty minutes of fun rhyming stories, finger plays & songs. Children's author, Rosemary Wells says, "*Read to your bunny often. It's twenty minutes of fun. It's twenty minutes of moonlight, and twenty minutes of sun.*"



Time for Twos ~ Thursdays, Feb 2, 9 & 16, 10:30am-11:00am

Join the circle of little two year old friends and enjoy short stories, songs & puppets



Preschool Storytimes ~ Fridays, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 10:30am-11:15am

Join the fun reading adventure for three to five year olds with stories, songs, puppets & crafts.



KIDS' BOOK CLUB, Tuesdays, Feb 7, 14 & 28, 4:00pm-4:45pm, ages 9 & up

We're reading ***The Day of the Wave***, a gripping story of courage, by local author, Gina Hamilton who will join Book Club, Feb 14. Here's what it's about...*"On the day after Christmas, in 2004, an earthquake and tsunami devastated the island of Sumatra, Indonesia, especially the northern Banda Aceh region. This book, written for the 9-12 age market, follows the story of Merpati, a 12-year-old girl, separated from her parents and sister, and responsible for the care of a tiny orphan and an ancient blind villager, as she tries to keep them all alive, while refusing to give up hope of seeing her cherished family again in the grim days that followed the day of the wave. Day of the Wave is a coming of age story in a very complex and difficult setting. It also offers young people and teachers a strong multicultural component about daily life for villagers, especially girls and women Sumatra"*. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Building a better Bath... **The Morse Mentors**, a mentoring group from Morse High School, are available, afterschool, 2:30pm - 4:30pm, to help elementary and middle school students with homework. Kyle Hietala, a Morse High School sophomore honors student, summer camp counselor, and energetic tutor, is our enthusiastic leader who has brought this new program to fruition. His tutoring will emphasize mastery of material, and its practical applications to the real world, including reading, writing, math, even music writing! Other high school students have joined **Morse Mentors** and are ready to help your child. We will select the suitable mentor match for your child. All tutoring takes place in the Children's Room's new *Home Work* section. Mentors will meet the parent before the tutoring begins and apprise the parent with the tutoring progress. For further information and to register your child, please contact Carol in the Children's Room.





Exploring Art Series with Carol McFadden ~ Wednesdays, 4:00pm-4:45pm

This is a hands-on art history program in which children, ages 6-11, recreate their own versions of the masters' works of art & explore craft techniques of world art. Limit 12, **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



Feb 1 ~ The Color Power of Henri Matisse. This French Fauvist painter was known for his rich, bright colors, fanciful patterns, flattened abstract forms, and graceful lines. Scissors, paper & glue will be used.



Feb 8 ~ Egyptian Hieroglyphics, Picture Writing. Ancient Egyptians left stories on their pyramid walls. What is a mummy, a scarab, a shawabti, a sarcophagus? Come & explore the meaning behind these ancient artifacts as we investigate them by drawing pictures on "papyrus" scrolls.



Feb 15 ~ Beyond the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Explore the art of distinguished children's book illustrator Eric Carle by painting a wall mural.



Feb 29 ~ George-Pierre Seurat's Dots. Learn about the Neo-Impressionism art style by using his Pointillism technique. Ink pad paint will be used.



- ✚ **Chess Club** meets **Fridays**, 3:30pm-4:30pm, ages 7-11
Join enthusiastic chess leader, Nathaniel Rines, along with beginners and seasoned chess players. We supply the chess sets. If you'd like, bring a snack. No registration required.
- ✚ **Lego League** meets **Tuesdays**, 3:30pm-4:15pm, for ages 6+
A few things to know...our Lego Leader is Matt Boyle, a high school junior; bring your own Legos in a bin; either bring your finished work home at the end of each session or leave it in our display case for a short time. If you'd like, bring a snack. No registration required.
- ✚ **Learn Italian** for children ages 6 & up, **Thursdays**, 3:30pm-4:30pm, with Morse High School exchange student, Ruyao Zhou who likes to be called Zhou, pronounced Zoo. She was born in China, raised in Italy and is currently a senior at Morse High School. Your child will learn Italian words, numbers, songs and basic communication. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
- ✚ **Homeschool Time** ~ **Thursdays**, 1:00pm-2:00pm,
All homeschooling families are welcome to join other homeschoolers in the Children's Room at the

Patten Free Library. The goal is to offer a place of connection, to have fun, to learn new things using the resources of the Library, and to socialize with other area homeschooled families. Drop by and see what happens. Please pass the word☺

"Do We" Really Know Dewey? Children's Library Class, Feb 2, 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Need help locating books in the library? Have fun while learning about how books are arranged on the library shelves with the Dewey Decimal System. Your child will learn some important searching skills by looking up items in the MINERVA Library Computer Catalog. Group classes for other days and times may be arranged. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

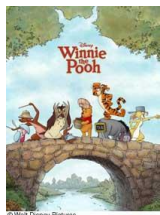


✚ **Pictorial Haiku**, Thursday, Feb 2, 3:30pm-4:30pm, ages 7+

Let's learn about Haiku through words and pictures! Children will pick a word out of a hat; draw a picture of the word; and write words to describe the picture. Then, they'll add the words into the picture to create a pictorial haiku. There are no rhyming words in haiku, and each 3-line verse has only 17 syllables or less! The three lines are often arranged so that the first line has five (5) syllables, the second line has seven (7) syllables, and the third line has five (5) syllables. This is called the 5-7-5 rule. **Haiku does not always follow the 5-7-5 rule.** But to be haiku, the verse must express a thought, feeling or mood. The verse cannot be composed of more than 17 syllables; it cannot have more than 3 lines; and it cannot rhyme. Here's an example... *Snowflakes* by Kaitlyn Guenther

Snowflakes are our friends (5)
They descend when winter comes (7)
Making white blankets (5)

VACATION WEEK ~ FAMILY FILMS (upstairs in the Community Room on the big screen!)



WINNIE THE POOH (rated G; 63 minutes; 2011) **Wednesday, Feb 22, 2:00pm**

"This all-new movie reunites audiences with the philosophical "bear of very little brain" and friends Tigger, Rabbit, Piglet, Owl, Kanga, Roo-and last, but certainly not least, Eeyore, who has lost his tail. It's business as usual in the Hundred Acre Wood. Pooh wakes up absolutely famished, but has no honey. That sets him out on his journey, which is derailed when he finds a note from Christopher Robin that reads: "Gone out. Busy. Back soon." But when Owl misinterprets the note, the whole gang is on a wild quest to save Christopher Robin from the imaginary culprit. It turns out to be a very busy day for a bear who simply hoped to find some honey."



CARS 2 (rated G; 113 minutes; 2011) Friday, Feb 24, 2:00pm

“Star racecar Lightning McQueen, and the incomparable tow truck, Mater, take their friendship to exciting new places when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world’s fastest car. But the road to the championship is filled with plenty of potholes, detours and hilarious surprises when Mater gets caught up in an intriguing adventure of his own: international espionage. Torn between assisting Lightning McQueen in the high-profile race and towing the line in a top-secret spy mission, Mater’s action-packed journey leads him on an explosive chase through the streets of Japan and Europe, trailed by his friends and watched by the whole world”.

