



All Our Kids Family Connect Newsletter



Fireworks Safety Tips

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July. But fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burns and eye injuries.

If fireworks are legal in your area and you decide to set them off on your own, be sure to follow these important tips:

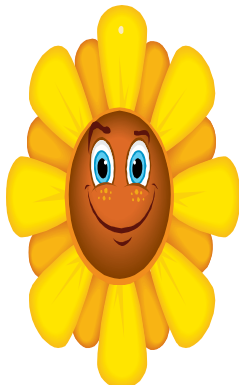
- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- ★ Read and follow all warnings and instructions
- ★ Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- ★ Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- ★ Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water in case of a malfunction or fire.
<http://www.cpsc.gov/kids/kidsafety/kiddfwks.html>

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Fun Summer Reading

Summer is a great time for reading. There are lots of reading programs available for the kids during the summer. A good place to check is your local library.



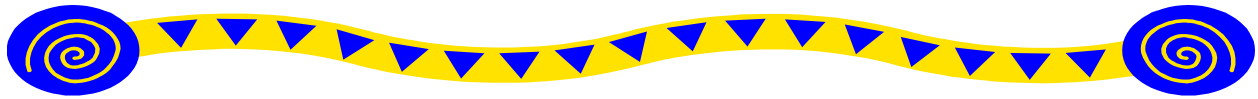
Suggested Preschool Books:

- Beasty Bath** By: Robert Neubecker (A young child's imagination transforms bath time into a monster-filled adventure).
- Froggy Plays T-Ball** By: Jonathan London (Froggy looks forward to playing in his first T-ball game but finds it hard to remember the rules).
- Harold and the Purple Crayon** By: Crockett Johnson (Harold uses his purple crayon to create amazing adventures that are only limited by his incredible imagination).
- It Looked Like Spilled Milk** By: Charles G. Shaw (Uses illustrations and text to tell about the shape of clouds).
- Jazz Baby** By: Lisa Wheeler (Baby and his family make some jazzy music).



Did you know?????

A new Illinois law requires parents enrolling their children in kindergarten at a public, private or parochial school to have proof that an eye examination was conducted on their child by Oct. 15 of each school year.



Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten Checklist

- Listen to stories without interrupting
- Recognize rhyming sounds
- Cut with scissors
- Trace basic shapes
- Begin to share with others
- Button shirts, coats, pants and unzip
- Speak understandably
- Talk in complete sentences with at least six words
- Look at pictures and then tell stories
- Identify the beginning sounds of some words
- Begin to control oneself
- Identify some alphabet letters
- Recognize some common sight sounds like “stop”
- Sort similar objects by size, color & shape
- Count to ten
- Bounce a ball

<http://school.familyeducation.com>

ALL OUR KIDS EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK

“Making Sure All Our Kids are AOK”

Prevention & Protection—West Niles Virus



Personal Protection

Adults and children are encouraged to stay indoors at dawn, and dusk through early evening, when mosquitoes are most active. When outdoors between dusk and dawn, wear loose-fitting, light colored, and long sleeved tops and long pants made of tightly woven materials to keep mosquitoes away from the skin.

Mosquito Repellents

- Use repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Apply sparingly to exposed skin and/or clothing as indicated on the product's label.
- *DEET is not recommended for use on children under 2 months of age.*
- If you are concerned about using repellent products on children you may wish to consult a health care provider for advice or contact the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) through the toll free number, 1-800-858-7378 or npic.orst.edu.

Application

- When using repellent on a child, apply it on your own hands and then rub them on your child.
- Do not allow your children to apply insect repellent to themselves; have an adult do it for them.
- Keep repellents out of reach of children.
- Do not apply repellent to skin under clothing. If repellent is applied to clothing, wash treated clothing before wearing again.

AOK—Family Calendar of Events

JULY

- *July 2nd* East Peoria Fire Department Car Seat Check (1-4pm)
- *July 3rd* Glen Oak Park Independence Spectacular (4-10pm)
- *July 4th* Methodist Red, White & Boom (Peoria & East Peoria Riverfront)
- *July 11th-19th* Heart of Illinois Fair
- *July 15th* *FREE* South Pekin Family Safety Night (5:30-7:30pm)
- *July 17th* Click It or Ticket (IDOT) Night at Peoria Chiefs
- *July 19th* Peoria Pirates Fan Appreciation Night
- *July 20th* Peoria Chiefs—Family Day
- *July 21st* Peoria Chiefs—Half Priced Monday
- *July 27th* Uftring Chevrolet Washington— Car seat check
- *July 28th-31st* Tazewell County 4-H Fair

AUGUST

- *Aug. 6th* East Peoria Fire Department Car Seat Check (1-4pm)
- *Aug. 8-17* Illinois State Fair (Springfield)
- *Aug. 13th* Taste of Peoria
- *Aug. 21st* Pekin Fire Department Car Seat Check (1-4pm)
- *Aug. 24th* Center for the Prevention of Abuse—Duck Race (Peoria Riverfront)
- *Aug. 29-Sept. 1* Delavan Fall Festival