

Home City Families

NOVEMBER 2023
NEWSLETTER

Family Playgroups

Mondays- Indian Orchard Library @ 10:30

Tuesdays- Forest Park Library @ 10:30AM &
Sixteen Acres @ 1:30PM

Wednesdays- Mason Square Library Gross
Motor Group @ 10:30AM

Thursday- HCF Family Space @ 10:30AM

Fridays- East Forest Park @ 1:30PM
& 1st and 3rd 11/3 & 11.17 Baby and Me
Playgroup @ 10:00AM

*See Facebook or website calendar for details

Programs/Dates to Highlight

Friendship Fun
Craft 11/16
10:30AM
HCF Playspace

Tinkergarten
family series-
Sundays in
November

No Programs
11/10, 11/23 &
11/24

Family Learning Guide Theme

My Family and
Friends

*download guide from
facebook or our website

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Who is Home City Families?

We are an EEC grant held by the Springfield Public Schools and our mission is to support families throughout Springfield families with young children birth-6. We offer parent/child playgroups, parent education, new baby outreach visits, information and referrals, ASQ developmental questionnaires and more!

We are a small but mighty team of 4 which includes: Jennifer- Project Manager, Kim- Family Program Coordinator, Courtney- Early Childhood Program Specialist & Linda- Outreach Specialist.

Everyday ways to enhance your child's social and emotional development:

Talk and listen to your child. Talk out loud about what you are doing, seeing, hearing, and thinking during the day.

Babies "talk" using many sounds, gestures, and actions. When he babbles, talk back. Show excitement when he begins to say words.

Read, play, and explore together. Be actively involved – it's the best way to learn and build relationships at any age.

Explore outside. Consider the child's interests and personality when choosing activities. Young children need physical activity every day ... and so do parents.

Introducing HCF's Milo!
Join us to follow Milo's adventures throughout Springfield!



Milo's Adventures

Did you know?

If babies' bodies grew at the same rate as their brains, they would weigh 170 pounds by 1 month old!



COURTNEY'S CRAFTY CORNER

Thankful Turkey!

On November 1st, create a turkey body and tape it up on the refrigerator or wall. Each day talk about what your child is thankful for that day. Write it on a feather and add it to the turkey. Review it at the end of the month!

Be sure to take a picture of it, you'll love looking back at it in the future!



The idea of thankfulness is a hard concept for little ones to understand, try introducing it as things they love instead! As they get older introduce thankfulness.



HOME CITY FAMILIES, the Springfield Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant funded by the Department of Early Education and Care, offers a network of information, support and programming for families in Springfield.

