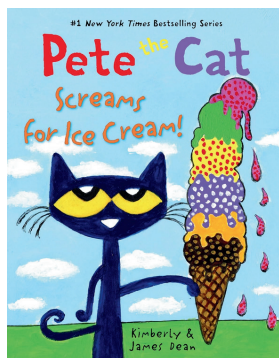


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Featured Book

I scream! You scream! Pete screams for ice cream! The Just Chillin' ice cream truck is coming today and Pete the Cat can't wait. He runs as fast as he can to find the truck. It's getting late, but his friends need his help. Will Pete take a little time out of his day to help his friends? Through this book, children will see that helping others can strengthen relationships and create a sense of community. By helping others, even in small ways, anyone can make a big difference in someone's life and the world. Children will follow Pete the Cat as he learns that it's always cool to be kind.



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Sensory

Edible Sand

Materials

- Food Processor
- Crackers

Make Edible Sand

Blend the crackers in the food processor. Smash any chunks of crackers that do not get blended. Add to a tray with trucks, shovels, buckets, and other sand toys.



Art Project

Fizzy Sidewalk Paint

Materials Needed

- A container of baking soda
- ½ cup cornstarch
- Warm water
- Food coloring
- Vinegar
- Brushes & sponges

Instructions

Mix the dry ingredients then add water, stir until the mixture is not too thick. Using paintbrushes and sponges, squeeze bottle paint with the DIY chalk paint on your desired surface creating whatever pictures works best.



Finger Play

Mr. Sun

Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
(Make a circle with hands)
Please shine down on me (spread fingers like rays of sun)
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Hiding behind a tree (put the sun behind you)
The little children are asking you (hands together like pleading)
Please come out so we can play with you
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Please shine down on me



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Nutrition

Ice Cream in a Bag

Ingredients

- One gallon-sized bag
- One quart/sandwich-sized bag
- Ice
- ½ cup rock salt
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tbsp sugar
- Flavor

Directions

Place the cream, sugar, and any flavoring into the smaller bag and seal tightly and be sure there are no leaks. Fill the large bag with a third of ice and pour in the salt. Place the smaller bag inside the larger one and add a bit more ice. Use your hands to move the bag around continuously.



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Referral Services

Submit Your Complete Update Survey

It's that time of year for you to fill out the Complete Update Survey! You should have received an email and paper copies over the past several weeks. You can also scan this QR code to fill out the form. The form should take about 15 minutes to complete.



If you have any questions, contact our Referral Specialist, Jessi, at jguzman@salccc.org or (309) 686-3750 Option 3.

Trainings

Introduction to Early Intervention: Program Overview, Making Referrals, & Supporting Intake

This training provides a broad overview of the structure and goals of the Early Intervention System, when/how to refer families, and what to expect following the referral being made. This training is led by Sarah Ziemba, M.A., CCC-SLP/L.

Thursday, June 26

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | In-Person or Online via Zoom

Registration Deadline: 11:55 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18

Register at www.salccc.org/provider-services/training.

Health & Safety

Swimming Pool Safety

- Appoint an adult who can swim to watch children while they are in the pool. The supervising adult should not read, talk on the phone, leave or turn their back on the pool area, or do any other distracting activity while watching the children.
- Personal flotation devices do not replace adult supervision.
- Keep ladders, patio furniture, and toys away from above-ground pools.
- Keep pool water clear and remove floats and toys when the pool is not in use.
- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a telephone, and emergency numbers near all pools.

Grants

CPR/First Aid Reimbursements are still available!

Applications are still available to request reimbursement for CPR and First Aid training costs. Be sure to keep your certification current and submit your documentation to take advantage of this ongoing support!

Learn more about how to apply for these funds and what they cover by going to www.salccc.org/provider-services/grant-opportunities.

Home Child Care Network

Home Child Care Network is seeking licensed home care providers to join their **free** program. Their program offers free monthly training, technical support for grants and budgets, mental health support including screenings, and add-on rates for 2nd and 3rd shifts and weekends, with monthly payments guaranteed by the 15th of the month.

For more information, call (309) 685-8064.

Home Daycare Professional Group

Third Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting



Higher Education Navigation

Thinking about advancing your Early Education Career?

Contact a Higher Education Navigator for Help:

1. Determining your educational goals
2. Identifying which programs are available to best fit your needs
3. Connecting you with Early Childhood Education scholarship opportunities
4. Acting as a point of contact with Higher Education Institutions
5. Completing your Gateways membership
6. CDA cohort
7. Other assistance as needed

Call (309) 686-3750 Option 7

For more information on any of our programs and services
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