

LEARNING IS

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ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILD

Fun activities, aligned with the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards, to help prepare children for school success.



## We're learning in the grocery store!

### Babies

As you shop, describe to your baby what he is seeing. Use different words to describe the colors, shapes, smells and noises he may experience. Tell him what you plan to do with the items you purchase and how many you will buy. Use facial expressions to enhance your experiences...[read more!](#)

### Toddlers

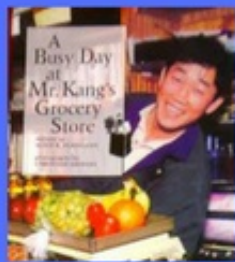
When in the grocery store, have your toddler help you decide which item is largest, smallest, heaviest, etc. For example, compare the size of a lemon and a grapefruit, and help her decide which item is larger or smaller. ...[read more!](#)

### Preschoolers

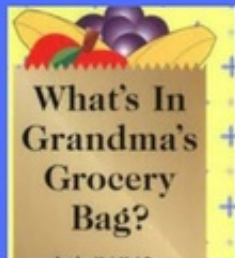
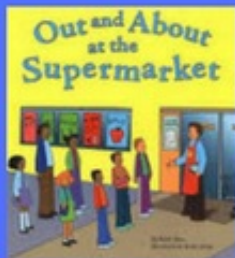
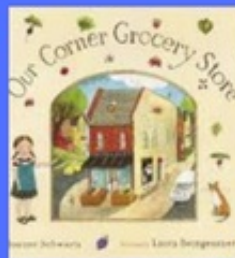
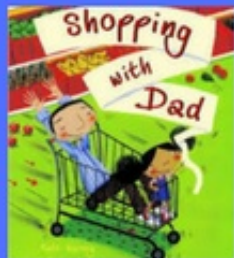
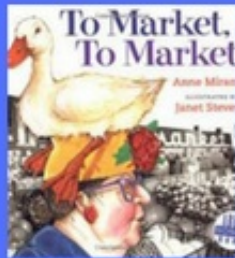
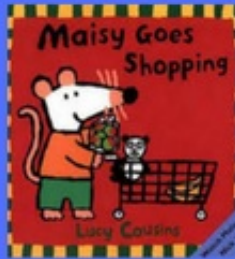
As you put away your groceries, talk about the items that were purchased. Help your preschooler describe each item-hard, soft, rough, smooth, red, green, etc. How many different words can he use to describe the item? You can take turns coming up with a new word! Create a shopping page on a tablet with pictures and descriptive words.....[read more!](#)

### Kindergartners

During the next grocery trip, have your kindergartner assist in matching the coupon with the item. Point out the name of the items and the picture on the coupons. Translate the amount on the coupon into money. "50 cents is two quarters" or "\$1.00 is the same as four quarters or one dollar bill". Make your own play money and coupons and practice shopping. Allow your child to shop in your kitchen with their coupons and money to prepare for shopping in a store....[read more!](#)



11 books  
about the  
Grocery  
Store



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- Grandpa's Corner Store* by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan
- Out and About at the Supermarket* by Kitty Shea
- Put It On the List* by Kristen Darbyshire
- A Visit to the Supermarket* by Blake A. Hoena
- Our Corner Grocery Store* by Joanne Schwartz and Laura Beingessner
- A Busy Day at Mr. Kang's Grocery Store* by Alice K. Flanagan
- To Market, To Market* by Anne Miranda
- Shopping with Dad* by Matt Harvey and Miriam Latimer
- What's in Grandma's Grocery Bag?* by Hui-Mei Pan
- Just Shopping with Mom* by Mercer Mayer
- Maisy Goes Shopping* by Lucy Cousins

[Print this list!](#)

**What can you do with the monthly book lists?**

Each month Learning is Everywhere provides a list of books that compliment the activities. What can you do with this list?

- **Print the list** and take it to your local library. Your librarian can help you find the books on the list. Then read the books with your child. Help your child circle or cross out the books on the list as you read them.
- Make a short video of your child reading or giving a book review of one of the books on the list. What was their favorite part of the book? Share the video with family and friends. Tag PA's Promise for Children on **Facebook**, **Twitter** or **Instagram**!
- Share the list with your friends who have children. You can forward this email to them!
- Visit **PA's Promise for Children** where you can share this list via social media, like Facebook or Pinterest.
- If you are a teacher, **print this list** and give it to the families of your students. Or post this list where families can see it so they'll know which books are being read in your classroom.
- If you are an early learning community partner, host a special reading event for families using the monthly book lists. Each month has a different focus--find them at **PA's Promise for Children**. Include an activity from the monthly list to engage families.



How do you use this book list? **Share with us on the PA's Promise for Children**, the **Facebook page**, or send it to Mary at **marhal@pakeys.org**.

## Your feedback is needed on the CCDBG State Plan!

The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has been hard at work developing the Child Care Development Fund and Block Grant (CCDBG) State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2019-2021.

The Child Care Development Block Grant is one of the primary federal funding sources for monitoring regulated child care programs, child care subsidy through **Child Care Works**, and child care quality improvement through **Keystone STARS**.

Two public hearings are available during May. These hearings provide an opportunity to learn more about what is the State Plan and why it is important, as well as to provide testimony regarding what is in the State Plan.



All testimony should be prepared in writing and submitted at the end of each public hearing. This helps OCDEL keep a clear and accurate record of the testimony, comments, and questions. The public hearings are:

- **May 8, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at 801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. All are welcome to attend; however, this is a secure building. Please be prepared to show ID upon entrance. If you choose to provide testimony, please RSVP no later than noon, May 4, 2018. Please RSVP to **jsands@pa.gov**, and use the subject line: *RSVP: Philadelphia Public Hearing*
- **May 9, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at 475 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120. There is a limit of 50 seats in this session. If you choose to provide testimony,

please RSVP no later close of business, May 7, 2018. Please RSVP to [jsands@pa.gov](mailto:jsands@pa.gov), and use the subject line: *RSVP: Pittsburgh Public Hearing*

If you cannot attend one of the public hearings, you can provide comments in writing. To view the State Plan go to the [PA Department of Human Services website](#) and scroll down to access CCDBG State Plan. Comments are due by May 26, 2018. Use template for comments provided on the [website](#). Send to [RA-PWCCDBGComments@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWCCDBGComments@pa.gov) or mail to: Office of Child Development and Early Learning, 333 Market Street, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17126.

## Love Your Teacher? Share your story!

Help us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-12)!

Teachers play an important role in shaping the lives of Pennsylvania's youngest learners. They work with families, children and partners to ensure that each child has opportunities to learn and grow.

Are you a parent or family member whose child loves their teacher? Share:

- Your child's favorite teacher's name and early learning program or school
- Why he or she is your child's favorite teacher-why is this teacher special?
- A picture of your child and their favorite teacher!

Email your story to Mary at [marhal@pakeys.org](mailto:marhal@pakeys.org). Send your story by May 5 to be highlighted on PA's Promise for Children website and Facebook page during Teacher Appreciation Week! Although Teacher's Appreciation Week runs May 7-12, we will continue to publish stories as they're received.

## Early Learning: Talk, Read, and Sing!

A resource from the U.S. Department of Education, [Too Small to Fail](#), shares tip sheets on fostering health social and emotional development for families and early learning professionals. There is also a milestones document, a summary of research and a poster about talking about feelings. All but the poster are also available in Spanish.



## National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

Often when we think of children's health, we think of things related to physical health, such as colds and flu, asthma, or broken bones. But children are much more than their physical bodies, and children's health encompasses more than physical health.

The well-being of the whole child includes a healthy mental and emotional state as well. Just as children suffer from physical illnesses and injuries, they can also suffer from emotional and mental disorders. Your child's health can also affect how well she learns!



**National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day** on May 10, 2018 is a day for everyone to learn about and promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth their families.

[Click here](#) to learn why positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development from birth. PA's Promise for Children has a [one-page graphic](#) that shows how you can help keep your child healthy.

Pennsylvania CHIP offers care for children by providing benefits to cover behavioral health care. Visit [www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com) for more information on the mental health services covered by PA CHIP and how to apply.



## Hands & Voices of PA Parent Group

The [Hands & Voices of PA Parent Group on Facebook](#) engages families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing in the growth, development, and education of their child and to provides families opportunities to connect with other families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Join more than 500 families connecting and engaging through this [Facebook Group](#). If you're a family member of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, please consider joining the Facebook group!

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[From Seed to Table: Teaching Kids about Gardening](#)

Are you following the [Sunshine Fun-Time](#) board on Pinterest?

## Do you have a preschooler?

Will your preschooler enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2018? [Sign up for the monthly Kindergarten, Here I Come enews](#). Each month get activities, tips and resources you can use to help your preschooler prepare for an upcoming Kindergarten year.



Thank you to our [Include Me](#) partners for ensuring the activities in this

newsletter are inclusive of all children and their families.



The Arc of Pennsylvania's Include Me Preschool program aims to increase the capacity of parents and professionals to include children with all abilities in all aspects of life.

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) provides families access to high quality services to prepare children for school and life success.

Find more information about Quality Early Learning in Pennsylvania  
[Pennsylvania Department of Education](#) | [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#)  
[Pennsylvania Keys to Quality](#) | [Pennsylvania's Promise for Children](#)  
[Early Intervention Technical Assistance](#)

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