

Fall Newsletter



Milton Early Childhood Alliance

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Milton Early Childhood Alliance

Our Fall Programming...always free!

Two Fun StoryWalks®

StoryWalk® at Trailside Museum - take some time to enjoy the outdoors, breathe some fresh air, and visit with some animals while enjoying a terrific children's story at the same time! Look for the wooden sign boards on the outdoor fencing of the Trailside Museum. During this time, the Trailside Museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM by pre-registration at www.massaudubon.org/reservations.

StoryWalk® at Milton Public Library - Look for the bright yellow sign boards on the grounds of the Library in mid-October for a terrific story on kindness and sharing!

Please remember to follow the state's health and safety guidelines by wearing a mask and social distancing. Please remain at each post until the next story page is available to enjoy.

Kindergarten Days!

Kindergarten Days will be held from Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10. Visit our sponsors and receive a gift or a discount. Children must be present and wearing their yellow kindergarten t-shirt to receive their gifts. While visiting, please follow the state's health and safety guidelines by wearing a mask and social distancing. Please take a moment to thank our sponsors since this has been a particularly difficult year for them.

Baby and Me Infant Playgroup Series

Is there a new baby in your home? Join us, and Ms. Jen from Milton Public Library, for this popular playgroup series! You will participate in open discussions in a supportive environment, read stories, sing songs, learn early literacy skills, next steps, what to expect, valuable resources and information, and better understand your child's growth and development. This group is for mothers/fathers/grandparents with their infants up to 6 months old. This playgroup will meet virtually on Zoom for one hour each week for a total of 7 weeks from October 8th through November 19th. Registration is required by emailing cpcmecasld@verizon.net to obtain the Zoom link and password. Completion of the Ages & Stages Questionnaire, to help better understand your child's growth and development, will be requested of you. Upon completion of the series, you will receive free gifts for you and your child to enjoy!

Continued: Our Fall Programming...always free!

Help Your Child Learn From Home

Join us for 4 virtual at home learning workshops. On Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM, we will talk about Tips to Help Manage Anxiety and Engage and Motivate your Child and on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM, we will discuss how to create a Supportive at Home Learning Environment. For families with children 2.9 to 10 yrs. Facilitated by Beth Greenawalt, Parent Coach and founder of www.Parent-Solutions.com.

Registration is required by emailing cpcmecasld@verizon.net to obtain the Zoom link and password.

Our upcoming workshops will be:

January 26, 2021: Understanding your Child's Learning Styles and Development

March 16, 2021: Re-engage and Motivate Your Child to Finish Strong.

Many thanks to the Milton Junior Woman's Club for their generous support of this programming!

Nature Tales 4-Part Series

Owls! Join us for a STEM and Early Literacy Adventure virtually at the Trailside Museum. This event will be held on Zoom on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM. You'll enjoy a children's story, a guided movement activity and see two live animals! This will be an interactive event, with as many questions answered as possible. For ages 2.9 through 7 years old. We strongly encourage parent participation.

Registration is required by emailing cpcmecasld@verizon.net to obtain the Zoom link and password.

Our upcoming programs will be:

January 23, 2021 Animal Habitats

March 27, 2021 Animal Movements

May 22, 2021 Animal Five Senses.

Many thanks to the generous sponsors of our Kindergarten T-shirt initiative for making this programming possible!

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Dental 1, Elliott Physical Therapy, The Fruit Center Marketplace, The Ice Creamsmith, Ichiro Sushi, Mackie's Barbershop, Milton Public Library, Mr. Chan's, Starbuck's, and The Toy Chest at the Nutshell. Please help us thank them for their generosity!

Milton Public Library is going strong virtually!

Children's programming at the Milton Public Library continues to happen. Join Ms. Sara on Mondays at 6:30 PM for Night Owls Story Time, Ms. Jen on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, for Up to Five Live Story Time, and Ms. Elaine on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM for Smaller Wonders Story Time. Registration is required to receive links to all live programming. Visit www.miltonlibrary.org to register for these and many other children's programs.

Are you looking for childcare? If so, we can help!

Just email cpcmecasld@verizon.net, let us know the age of your child, and we'll send you a comprehensive listing of all licensed childcare programs and providers in town, surrounding cities and towns, or via your driving route.

Are you looking for resources and/or information?

The Milton Early Childhood Alliance maintains a comprehensive Milton Parents Resource Manual on our website. Check it out at www.miltonearlychildhoodalliance.org.

Children Grow and Change Every Day

Through the Help Me Grow program, the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a free, simple, tool you can use to find out what your child's strengths are, and the areas where they may need more practice. The program is designed specifically for the age of your child anywhere between birth and 5 ½ years old, and can be done multiple times during your child's first five years of life. Simply complete a Questionnaire in the comfort of your home, then, submit it to us for scoring. We'll let you know the results, help you with next steps, if needed, and provide you with fun, simple activities to help with your child's continual growth and development - all for free!

Our ASQ online link is:

<https://www.asqonline.com/family/8fd7d7>

Food Assistance

Milton Public Schools:

call 617-898-1051

email jmorgan@miltonps.org or

Milton Food Pantry:

call 617-696-0221

www.miltonfoodpantryma.org

Project Bread:

call hotline 1-800-645-8333

www.projectbread.org

WIC - Women, Infants & Children

call Quincy's office 617-376-8701

www.wic.bamsi.org/

Interfaith Social Services

call 617-773-6203 x19

www.interfaithsocialservices.org/food/

Fall Farm Fun

Visit each website for more information.

[Brookwood Community Farm, Milton](#)

[Tougas Family Farm, Northborough](#)

[Ward's Berry Farm, Sharon](#)

[Davis Farmland, Sterling](#)

[Langwater Farm, North Easton](#)

[Russell Orchards, Ipswich](#)

[Honey Pot Hill Orchards, Stow](#)

[Pakeen Farm, Canton](#)

[Shelburne Farm, Stow](#)

[Sauchuk Farm, Plympton](#)

[Kimball Farm, Westford](#)

[Cider Hill Farm, Amesbury](#)

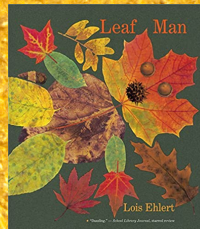
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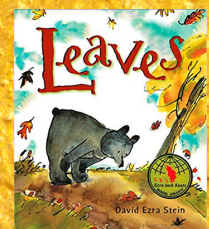
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Great Fall Books for Children



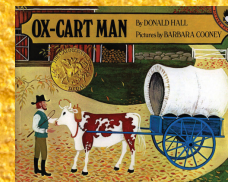
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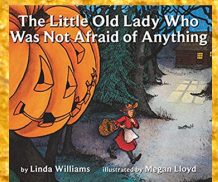
Leaves by David Ezra Stein



Apples A to Z by
Margaret McNamara



Ox-Cart Man
by Donald Hall



The Little Old Lady
Who Was Not Afraid of Anything
by Linda Williams



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