

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

A United Way of Racine County quarterly newsletter for families of young children.

Winter 2019



Snow Paint

Make going outside during the colder months more exciting and colorful! Use the snow as your canvas, and paint away those winter blues.

Materials:

Kool-aid packets

Empty squirt bottles

Warm water

1. Add one flavor packet of Kool-aid to an empty squirt bottle, using one bottle for each color of snow paint.
2. Fill bottle(s) with warm water.
3. Secure lids, and shake bottles until Kool-aid is dissolved, then get outside and paint!

Inspired by: growingajeweledrose.com



Snowflake Tortilla Crisps

Don't pack away those cookie cutters! This is a great treat for lunch boxes or an afternoon snack.

Ingredients:

2 tortilla wraps

Olive oil

Sea salt (optional)



1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Brush or spray baking trays with olive oil.
3. Cut snowflake shapes from tortilla wraps.
4. Place the tortilla snowflakes onto trays and brush or spray them with oil.
5. Lightly sprinkle salt over tops.
6. Bake for 5-10 mins until starting to brown.
7. Cool for 10 minutes then serve with hummus or dip of your choice.

Inspired by: eatsamazing.com

Resolve to Read in 2019

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help prepare your child for academic success. Making time each day to read helps establish a critical foundation for future learning. Resolve to set aside 15 minutes each day to read with your child this year. Here's how.



Ask questions

Ask your child simple questions about the book. Examples: What was your favorite part of the book? Where did Corduroy go when he explored the store?

Notice letters

Point out letters in the text. Example: Let's find the m's on this page.

Think about it

Ask questions about the characters or the story that require predicting, imagining, or making inferences. Examples: How do you think Madeline feels right now? If you were Peter Rabbit, what would you do?

Repeat

Read books multiple times. Reading the same book over (and over) encourages children to participate in "reading" activity through familiar books and repetitive text.

Imagination Library

If you live in Racine County and have a child under the age of five, you are eligible for the Imagination Library program. Participating children receive high-quality, age appropriate books through the mail each month until they turn five at no cost to the family.



Visit unitedwayracine.org/il to register today, or contact Joanee Meyerhofer at 262-456-6472.

Imagination Library Graduates

If your child has participated in Imagination Library and recently graduated from the program, be sure to check your mailbox for a postcard. Take a moment to share your experience on the graduate survey at unitedwayracine.org/il, then bring your postcard to your local Racine County library to pick up a super reader medal!

Upcoming Events

Under the Sea Story Time

Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. – Racine Public Library

Join us as we dive into reading at the Racine Public Library for an adventure under the sea. All children in attendance will receive a free book compliments of United way.

Week of the Young Child Celebration

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. – Case High School

United Way's 2019 Week of the Young Child Celebration will be held in partnership with Racine Unified School's Family Empowerment Day. Join us as we celebrate our youngest learners with fun activities, music, movement, arts, crafts and community!

Dinosaur Story Time

Monday, May 6, 9:30 a.m. – Waterford Public Library

Stop in and explore the prehistoric age with us during this "dino"-mite story time. All children in attendance will receive a free book compliments of United Way.



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