

# MILFORD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

## The Infant and Toddler Times

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### Dates to Remember

#### March

2nd. Read Across America



5th. Professional Development. School closed

8th. DST. Time to spring forward.



12th. Early Literacy. Suzanne Thomas, Milford Children's Librarian 10:30 at the MFRC



17th. Saint Patrick's Day



19th. Happy



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### 13 Things Babies Learn When We Read With Them

By Julia Luckenbill

We all know that it's good to read to our babies. But what exactly are they learning? Here are just some of the things your baby can learn as you read together.

1. Books contain wonderful stories and songs that I can hear over and over again.
2. Reading time is a time when I am held and loved.
3. You tell me the names of my body parts, the sounds different animals make, and that animals go to sleep too.
4. Some books are especially enjoyable and I can hear them again and again.
5. Every time we read I hear how words are used, listen to rich language, and learn new words.
6. The letters, words, and pictures you point to, all have meaning.
7. I can explore how books are the same and how they are different by tasting and touching them.
8. There is always something hiding behind the flap; my favorite pictures are always in the same place in a book.
9. Listening is part of communication and language includes listening and understanding.
10. Things come in different colors, sizes, and shape.
11. It's fun to play with language, and explore rhythm, rhyme and humor.
12. When I do something, another thing happens; if I point at a picture, my mom or dad will tell me its name. If I drop the book, we might stop reading.
13. I love books and one day I will love to read on my own.

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<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families>



## Schools to Welcome 'Class of 2033'

The Milford Public School district is delighted to welcome its newest students!

Kindergarten Registration begins on Feb. 10th for children entering the Milford Public Schools in the fall of 2020. Children who are at least 5 years old on or before December 31, 2020 are welcome to enroll in kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. The first part of the registration process is conducted online, followed by an in-person appointment for parents and children at the school.

Parents can access the registration link right on the district's website home page ([www.milforded.org](http://www.milforded.org)) to begin the process. We suggest parents read the instructions first before they begin their online registration. It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete the online materials. Upon completion of the registration packet, parents will then make their registration appointment for their school visit (the appointment reservation is also done online).

On the day of the actual school visit, parents and children will meet key staff, such as the principal, kindergarten teachers, and the school nurse.

Appointments last approximately 20 minutes.

Further information is available on the district's website: [www.milforded.org](http://www.milforded.org)



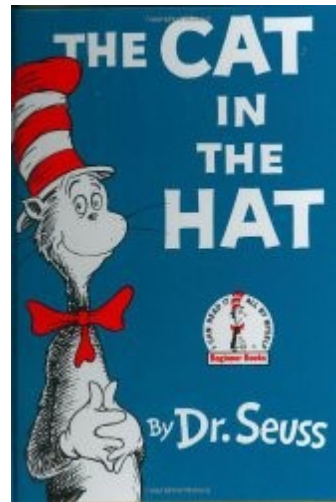
## Celebrate Read Across America Day March 2

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
To pick up a book and read with a child.  
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,  
To pick up a book and share what you've got.

In schools and communities,  
Let's gather around,  
Let's pick up a book,  
Let's pass it around.

There are kids all around you,  
Kids who will need  
Someone to hug,  
Someone to read.

Come join us March 2nd  
Your own special way  
And make this America's  
Read to Kids Day.



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*Valentine  
And  
Playgroup  
Fun*





Play is the work of childhood



FEBRUARY IS  
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S  
DENTAL HEALTH MONTH



*A very big thank you to  
Natalia Trainor DMD for  
providing an informative  
talk about oral health care  
for young children.*

