

MILFORD FAMILY RESOURCE

The Early Childhood Times

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Dates to Remember April

15th. Good Friday.
Passover begins.
School closed.

17th. Easter

18th.-22nd. Spring
break. School closed



22nd. Earth Day
Visit this link for ideas:
<https://fullgreenlife.com/earth-day-with-your-toddler/>

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Indoor Programming Returning to the Milford Family Resource

We are excited about the new protocols that will allow us to return to indoor activities. We will be exercising guarded optimism as we prepare to create a stimulating environment keeping safety in mind.

We will keep you posted as we proceed with this work in progress for the Spring Semester and a **2022 Summer Days** program, as well!

6 Green Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

Be car-free. Walk or bike to school — not only is it good for the body, it's good for the environment too!

Make a bird feeder or house. Use a milk carton, a large water or soda bottle, or a pine cone.



Create recycling bins. Cut out pictures of plastic bottles, paper, and aluminum cans and glue them to the bins. Practice sorting together!



Make positive promises. Fill a journal with resolutions for how your family can help the earth. Decorate it with photographs, poems, and pictures.



Grow something. Plant a seed, sprout, flower, or tree in a pot, garden, or backyard. Find more gardening activities here.



Spread the love. Make and decorate Earth Day cards using recycled materials. Include an Earth Day celebration tip, and send them to friends and family.



Plus: More Nature Activities for Kids 5 Nature Crafts for Kids 4 Big Questions about Saving the Planet

*from <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/6-ways-to-celebrate-earth-day.html>

10 More Spring Activities For Young Children

As the weather gets warmer and the days are becoming longer, its time to get in touch with nature with some fun and educational activities.

#1. Set Up a Bird Feeder Hang a **bird feeder** in the garden and watch for different bird types that appear. Keep a log of all the different birds that visit your feeder. How many different birds visit each day? And what kinds of birds are they? You could also try to draw the different birds you see.



#2. Make a Wormery Using a see through glass or plastic container, add layers of soil and sand and some leaves for food. Find some worms in the garden and add them to the container. See how they tunnel into the ground and help make spaces for roots to grow. Release the worms back into your garden when you have observed them enough.

#3. Make Nature Collages Using sticks, leaves, flowers, small stones or seeds to create beautiful nature activities and collages by gluing them onto card or paper. You could make a complete picture or interesting patterns out of the nature things from your garden.

#4. Go on a Bug Hunt See how many different insects you can find in the garden. Collect them in a jar or tub so that you can see them better with a magnifying glass. Return them to the wild when you have finished! Here's our free [Big Bug Hunt download](#) to use!



#5. Make a Whistle from a Blade of Grass Put your thumbs together with a blade of grass between them. Blow into the gap between your thumbs and you should hear a whistle, if not, just adjust the blade of grass.

#6. Nature Rubbings Using plain or colored sheets of paper and crayons, get the children to do rubbings of bark, stones, walls or plants such as ferns or leaves that they can find in the garden.

#7. Quick Draw See if you can find an insect, bird or other animal and sketch it before it moves away or notices you.



#8. Plant Some Seeds Give each child a small patch of garden to grow their own plants. These could be flowers or edible plants like strawberries. If it is easier you could use an old bucket or tub to help identify each child's patch.

#9. Make a Terrarium

- Using a large glass or plastic container with a wide mouth, spread some potting soil or dirt on the bottom then add little plants and bits of grass from outside with the roots still on them.
- Give them a little water then cover with the jar lid or cling film and an elastic band.
- Place in a sunny spot and spray lightly with water every week and watch the plants grow. You could measure the growth every week to see how quickly they grow.



#10. Watch a Slug or Snail Walk If you have a clear plexiglass or other solid see through sheet, suspend it over 2 chairs for this activity. Collect a slug or snail in the garden, these are best found early in the morning or after a rain shower. Place them on the see through surface and get your child to lie underneath so they can see the way the slug or snail moves. Alternatively place the slug or snail high up on a window or patio door and watch their progress from inside.



Milford/Orange Car Safety Seat Installation Clinic Back



MILFORD, CT — Child safety seat car installations are returning for Milford and Orange residents. The Milford Police Department will host its next clinic on **April 2**. Residents who want a car seat inspected or installed can call 203-874-2366 for an appointment.

Milford Tree Giveaway 2021

MILFORD TREE GIVEAWAY

The City of Milford is celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day by giving away 500 trees to current Milford Residents

Saturday April 24th 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at
Eisenhower lower lot

For more information visit the website below:
<https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/open-space-and-sustainability/webforms/milford-tree-giveaway-2021>



Free Diapers to Milford

Did you hear about the
Diaper Drive?



*Saturday, May 14th
11 AM-2PM
United Way of Milford CT
20 Evergreen Avenue
Milford, Connecticut*

The Milford Food Truck Fest and Open Air Market will be hosted in the parking lot of the Connecticut Post Mall from May 28 to May 30.

The food truck fest, previously hosted at the Eisenhower Park, will have free admission for the first time since it's start eight years ago. Moving to the mall gave the organizers more flexibility to offer free admission and easier accessibility for families to attend the event and will include bouncy houses, face painters and carnival games. Organizers expect around 12,000 visitors during the weekend-long event.



Milford Public Schools
Parent University
The Community Connection Center of the
Milford Public Schools
presents
A Family Music Series

Sing, Dance & Play!

IN PERSON!

An engaging concert where we will sing, dance & play musical instruments!

Save the date for

Family Music Night

Sing, Dance & Play for PreK & Kindergarten

Tues
April 5th
6:30pm



Join
Liz McNicholl
for our Concert
Series



Calf Pen
Meadow School
395 Welch's point
Road, Milford

Bring a blanket & picnic
In case of rain, we'll be indoors

To register click [here](#) to register. For more information please contact Mary-Kathryn Williams by calling 203-882-6094 or email: mwilliams@milforded.org

Save the date: April 26, 2022
“Around the World with the Whole Family!”



Milford Public Schools Parent University



The Milford Community Connection Center **presents** **A Family Music Series**

3-22-2022 Virtual- Irish Theme Family Concert

Join Liz McNicholl from County Meath, Ireland & celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish song & dance! This is for your whole family! Bring along something to shake to the music. You may even learn some Gaelic!

4-5-2022 Calf Pen Meadow School

Sing, Dance & Play for Families with Children in Preschool & Kindergarten!

Incorporating fun age appropriate songs to engage Preschoolers & Kindergarteners. Bring something to shake to incorporate some fun beats for everyone to jam along to.

4-26-2022 Pumpkin Delight School

Around the World with your Whole family!

Take a trip around the world, visit Spain, France, Africa as we sing and dance or find other ways to travel.

5-10-2022 Calf Pen Meadow School

Shake, Rattle and Roll for Families with Children in Preschool & Kindergarten!

Join us as we make music with your own shakers, our voices and some body percussion & movement.

5-24-2022 Pumpkin Delight School

Going on A Trip! Fun for the Whole Family!

Where shall we go and how will we get there? Let's find different modes of transport to travel near and far.

6-7-2022 Calf Pen School

Drum Jammin' with the Whole Family!

Let's do a little drumming and jam along to some songs from around the world with different rhythm patterns for body percussion and drumming!

6-14 2022 Pumpkin Delight School

Summer Fun & Sea Shanties for the Whole Family!

As warmer weather approaches we'll get into some songs about water and fun in the sun as well as a sea shanty where we'll sail the high seas.

**BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR TO SIT ON BETWEEN SINGING & DANCING
IF IT RAINS WE WILL MOVE INSIDE**

Each concert begins at 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings. To register use the link on the event flyer for the night you wish to attend. Questions? Contact Mary-Kathryn Williams by calling 203-882-6094 or email: mwilliams@milforded.org