

# Starfish Project News



September 2010



## Let's Get Messy!

Join us for Messy Play at the September Starfish parent meeting. We will have a variety of fun sensory activities that aid with early math, stress reduction, creativity, and self expression in your child. We will be playing with play dough, finger paints, and Oobleck!

When: **Thursday, Sept. 16th**

Time: **5:30pm to 7:30 pm**

Where: **Wesley Untied Methodist Church**  
(corner of Peerless Rd and Norman Chappell Rd)

Please **RSVP** by calling **559-1112** or emailing your **Parent Educator**  
By: **Thursday, Sept. 9th**



## REMOTE AREA MEDICAL ® (RAM) HEALTH EXPEDITION

**September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Cleveland High School**

850 Raider Drive NW in Cleveland, TN

The gates will open at **Midnight Friday and Saturday, tickets will be given out at 3AM.**

**SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

**THE RAM EXPEDITION IS A TOBACCO FREE EVENT.**

### Free Services for Adults Include:

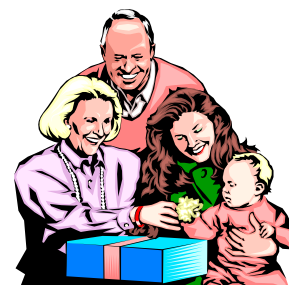
**Dental:** Cleanings - - Fillings – Extractions

**Vision:** Complete Eye Exams --- Prescription Glasses Made on Site

Note: We cannot make glasses for everyone.

**Medical:** Diabetes Screening and Education – HIV/AIDS Rapid Testing – Screening for Skin Cancer and minor medical consultations.

These services are provided for the uninsured, underinsured, unemployed, and those who cannot afford to pay. They are provided by volunteer doctors, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, and other trained health professionals.



## National Grandparent's Day on September 13!

Forget-me-not flowers are not only beautiful but they also symbolize National Grandparents Day in the United States.



## Just a Thought

Your children will become what you are; so



be what you want them to be.

- David Bly

## September is Baby Safety Month

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September is Baby Safety Month and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is asking parents and caregivers to check their home for items that may pose a choking hazard to young children.



Each year, CPSC receives about 15 reports of choking deaths to children under age 3. Some of these deaths involve items that are considered known hazards such as small toys, toy parts, balloons, balls and marbles. In addition to known hazards, such as balloons, there are many tragic deaths each year that result from hidden hazards. These are often small objects not intended for use by children but that accidentally end up in their hands and mouths.

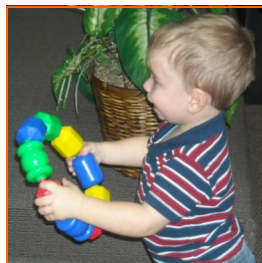
“Parents and caregivers should stay on the lookout for small parts breaking off of toys or young children getting their hands on items intended for

older siblings,” said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. “Marbles and balls are the most recognizable hazards; but everyday household items also pose choking dangers.”

Choking has long been the leading cause of toy-related deaths to young children. To help prevent these deaths, the Commission requires age-appropriate labeling on toys and products for older children that contain small parts. Toys designed for children 3 and older should be kept away from young children.



Balloons, a leading cause of toy-related deaths, are often a favorite of young children. However, un-inflated balloons and fragments from popped balloons can choke and kill a small child.



Steps parents can take to keep their children safe include:

- Keep small objects like small toys and parts of toys, marbles, balloons, small balls and coins off the floor and out of reach of children.
- Toys designed for older children should be kept out of the hands of little ones.
- Follow labels that give age recommendations; these age recommendations are based on safety concerns.
- Teach older children to help keep their toys away from younger siblings.

Check the eyes and noses of stuffed animals to ensure they are properly secured.

<http://pediatrics.about.com>

## A B C D E F G H I J K L M TABLE TOP LETTER FUN N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

### TABLE TOP LETTERS

Use masking tape to print your child's name on the top of a table. Have your child trace over the letters with their fingers, while you say the name of each letter.

### LETTER PRINTS

Give your child a piece of paper to lay on top of the masking tape letters. Then help them peel off the paper from a crayon. Next, show them how to lay the crayon sideways and rub across the paper to make a print of their name.

<http://www.preschoolexpress.com/>

### COVERING THE LETTERS

Give your child some small objects and have her cover the masking tape letters with the objects. Examples of small objects: cheerios, raisins, buttons, pennies, cotton balls, etc.

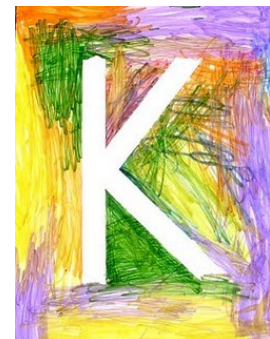
### MORE TABLE TOP LETTER IDEAS

\*Help your child form the letters from his name out of cool cooked spaghetti pasta.

\*Show your child how to make long play dough snakes, then help her fashion the letters of her name out of the dough.

### MASKING TAPE LETTER

Use masking tape to make a letter in the middle of the paper. Let your child color all over the paper and tape. Then peel off the tape. Voila! A perfect white letter.



## FUN TIMES AT THE LIBRARY AND DEER PARK!!

### July's Group Meeting at the Library

On July 30th, Starfish partnered with the Library's Summer Reading Celebration! There were games, food, and fun times. Unfortunately, the dunking booth was not working so Corinne did not get dunked!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program!! The "Grand Total" of books read by the Starfish Families was 1,400!! Out-

### August's Group Meeting at Deer Park

Everyone had fun cooling off with popsicles and fresh watermelon despite the hot, muggy air on August 19th at Deer Park. We played with the parachute, a ball, as well as played on the playground!!



## Safety Alert—Recent Recalls by the Consumer Product Safety

### Baby Matters Recalls Nap Nanny® Recliners

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Baby Matters LLC, of Berwyn, Pa., is announcing the voluntary recall of 30,000 Nap Nanny® portable baby recliners.

CPSC is investigating a report of a 4-month-old girl from Royal Oak, Mich. who died in a Nap Nanny® that was being used in a crib. According to preliminary reports, the infant was in her harness and found hanging over the side of the product, caught between the Nap Nanny® and the crib bumper.



Consumers should always use the Nap Nanny® on the floor away from any other products.



Consumers should immediately take the Campsite's Sonya Lee figure away from children and contact Fisher-Price to arrange for the figure's return in exchange for a free replacement figure.


### Fisher-Price Recalls Little People Play 'n Go Campsite



This recall involves the Little People Play 'n Go Campsite. The seven-piece plastic play set includes Sonya Lee, a tent and other accessories.

Product number R6935 is printed on the toy's packaging. The name Sonya Lee is printed on the underside of the figure. Only Sonya Lee figures that bend at the waist, have a green sweater and purple camera around the neck are included in this recall. No other Sonya Lee figure is affected. The remaining pieces of the Little People Play 'n Go Campsite are not affected.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Baby Book-worm @library 1pm (ages 2 & under)	3 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4,5)</b>	4
5  National Grandparent's Day	6 Labor Day Schools Closed	7 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4,&amp; 5)</b>	8	9 Baby Book-worm @library 1pm (ages 2 & under)	10 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4,5)</b>	11 Patriot Day World Trade Center Remembrance Day 
12 National Grandparent's Day	13	14 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4, &amp;5)</b>	15	16 <b>Group-Meeting: Messy Play @ 5:30pm @ Wesley UMC</b>	17 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4,5)</b>	18
19	20	21 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4, &amp;5)</b>	22 1st Day of <i>Fall</i> 	23 Baby Book-worm @library 1pm (ages 2 & under)	24 <b>Preschool Story Time @ library 10:30am (ages 3,4,5)</b>	25 
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