

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Parent/Provider Newsletter



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Craven Smart Start Updates



Craven Smart Start is happy to announce we will be having a new storytime playgroup coming September 2023.

The playgroup will be for children birth to five years old.

We are taking applications for families that are interested in participating. For the application please stop by our office or visit our website by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions, please call 252-636-3198.

CCR&R Director Updates- Bonnie Gould



Craven Smart Start/ Child Care Resource & Referral would like to introduce our newest employee, Debbie Cashwell. Debbie will be working in a Quality Enhancement Coordinator position for Childcare Resource and Referral. Upon starting the position, Debbie shared " Craven Smart Start has a fantastic team of professionals dedicated to the support and growth of Craven's earliest learners and I look forward to joining and being part of this team! After 41 years of serving in the childcare field, this will be an exciting adventure". We are very pleased to welcome Debbie Cashwell and to have her join our Craven Smart Start team!



From the Desk of the Parent/Provider Specialist Bianca Salinas



September 8th is International Literacy Day!

Early language and literacy (reading and writing) development begins in the first three years of life and is closely linked to a child's earliest experiences with books and stories. The interactions that young children have with such literacy materials as books, paper, and crayons, and with the adults in their lives are the building blocks for language, reading and writing development.

What Young Children Like in Books

Infants 0-6 months

- Books with simple, large pictures or designs with bright colors

Infants 6-12 months

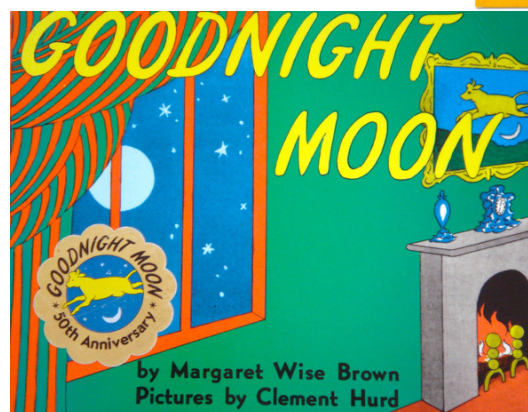
- Brightly colored "chunky" board books to touch and taste

Young Toddlers 12-24 months

- Goodnight books for bed time

Toddlers 2-3 years

- Books about counting, the alphabet, shapes, or sizes

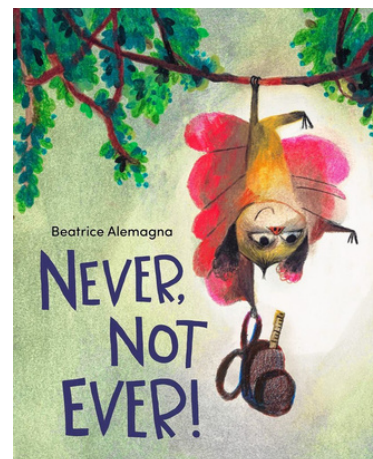


TA Quick Quality Tips From Craven Smart Start/CCR&R Staff

Healthy Social Behavior Specialists– Sonia Sumner & Brandi Parnell

Social/Emotional Book Nook

Ideal for children 4 to 8 years of age, this book tells the story of a little bat named Pascaline who does not want to school and decides she is never, ever going to go! Her parents even try to pull her by her feet, but Pascaline resists. Suddenly she screams out in protest and her parents shrivel up to the size of peanuts and fit under her wings! Now as they all go to school together, Pascaline is thrilled she has her parents along with her...at first! Then slowly, but surely, she sees that she can't fly as fast or they will get dizzy and there is nobody to pick her up from school! Children begin to see from Pascaline's experience that maybe they can survive the first day on their own after all!



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Ask the Behavior Specialist!

Question: I am an NC Pre-K teacher searching for a new way to build relationships in my classroom for the upcoming new year. I would like something that will get the children excited for the school day as well as help build self-esteem within each child. I have had a few colleagues share ideas with me, but I haven't been able to find just the right thing yet. Do you have any ideas?

Answer: Although I do not know what ideas have already been shared with you, I think the answer is to greet each child in a unique manner every morning. Each child can choose the way in which they would like to be greeted, which can be the same way or a different way each day. A greeter apron or board will help provide the children with visuals of various greetings. The possible options are endless and can be as creative as you want to make it. Not every person shines their best in the mornings, so by allowing each child to decide how they want to be approached, you can help secure a successful greeting. Starting the day with a personal greeting helps to not only create enthusiasm for a new school morning, but also helps build relationship between teacher and child. It can serve as a wonderful ice-breaker to a new year as well as bust up any thoughts about not fitting in or being liked at school. Some of the different greetings you can have on a greeter apron or board are a thumbs up, high 5, bear hug, robot dance, elbow bump, fish kiss, finger wiggles, handshake, wave, smile, or a wink. You could also add a question mark as a visual to represent the child's choice and then be surprised as to what they can come up with as a greeting. Since you have an older class, you could have up to five or six choices! If you need support with creating a greeter board or apron, be sure and check in with your local HSB Behavior Specialist. Each of us has our own greeter apron and we would love to show you!

***Check out this fancy greeter apron with tutu from Conscious Discipline:
<https://consciousdiscipline.com/product/greeting-apron/>



Training Information Craven Smart Start



To register for a training, please email registration form to venus@cravensmartstart.onmicrosoft.com and more information will be sent regarding the online training.
All trainings listed below are \$8.00 for lending library members and \$10 for non-members unless otherwise stated.

Face to Face & Online Zoom Trainings in September

*Playground Safety.

Presenter: Jeff Connor

Saturday, September 9th, 2023

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Face to Face / \$12 for Library Members, \$16 for non-members

*Why Questions Matter: Improving Interactions, Conversations and Creating Fun and Meaningful Experiences for School-Age Children

Presenter: Tammy Cullom

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Behavioral Intervention Strategies: You want me to try what?

Presenter: Sonia Sumner

Thursday, September 14th, 2023

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*It's SIDS: Infant/ Toddler Safe Sleep and SIDS Reduction in Child Care

Presenter: Demeka Bryant

Monday, September 18th, 2023

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Culturally Responsive Anti-Bias Practices

Presenter: Courtney Cartwright

Tuesday, September 26th, 2023

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

Local Events

Garber Church
and Essilor Vision present

FAITH IN ACTION
VISION CLINIC
FREE EYE EXAMS & HEALTH CHECKS
FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN




EACH PATIENT MUST
PICK UP A BRACELET
FOR THEMSELVES
(PARENTS MAY PICK UP
FOR THEIR CHILDREN)
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
FROM 5PM-10PM
(DRIVE BY THE MINISTRY CENTER PARKING LOT)

EYE EXAMS
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
8AM-5PM


Garber Church
4202 Country Club Road Trent Woods, NC

Questions?
Call
252-637-4022

Click [here](#) for more information



Craven Smart Start's
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Diaper Distribution



- We currently have diapers! We have sizes 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- If you are in need of the sizes that we do have in stock, we ask that you please call and make an appointment. 252-672-5921



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Cost Per Week:
\$35 Resident
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New Bern, NC

Pleasant Hill Community Center
431 NC 55 Hwy West
New Bern, NC

Omega Center
800 Cedar St
New Bern, NC



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Kids Ages 5 -12 Years Old
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Child Care Resource and Referral is here for you. FREE referrals to fit your child care needs with a licensed, regulated, or legally exempt childcare program.

Looking for:

- *Full-Time/Part-Time Care**
 - *Before/After School Care**
 - *Part-Time Preschool**
 - *Weekend Care**
 - *Drop-In Care**
 - *Hourly Care**
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CCR&R Mission Statement

To enhance the quality and quantity of child care services in Craven County by providing a wide range of information, referrals, advocacy and training services to families, providers, and the community in general.