

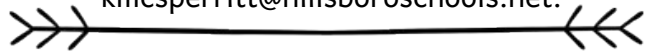
## ***“Fun in the Sun!” At-Home Activity Kit***

Join us in some fun at-home beach activities for you and your child together. Activities will include a story, some math activities (sorting, counting), color and letter recognition, science activity and an art project. Each family that RSVPs will receive a *Fun in the Sun Activity Pack*. Join in the fun with other Pre-K families by taking some pictures as you do the activities and posting them on your social media using hashtag **#hillsboroprek**. Everyone who posts a picture will be entered into a drawing for Fusion Swimming Passes!

**We will send the Activity Packs home with your child on Thursday, April 29th**

### **RSVP no later than Thursday, April 22**

You may RSVP by returning the flyer slip to your child’s teacher, texting Miss Kendra (217-556-0005), or emailing [kmcsperritt@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:kmcsperritt@hillsboroschools.net).



## **The Week of the Young Child : APRIL 12-16**

The purpose of the **Week of the Young Child®** is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. It is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

We are so excited for a fun-filled week celebrating young children and their families with hands-on, collaborative activities encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food, and art. Be watching your teacher’s newsletter to see the special activities we have planned **EACH DAY (April 12-16) to celebrate YOUR Young Child!**

## ***Library***

The **library area** is a very important part of our classroom and of your child’s life. It’s where children gain the **foundation for reading and writing**. It’s also a place where children can relax and enjoy the wonderful world of books. We encourage children to **look at** books, to **listen to** recorded stories, to **retell stories** and to **write** throughout the day.

Sometimes children dictate stories to us which we record in books. **We read stories to the children every day**. Reading introduces new ideas, helps children learn how to handle problems and mostly encourages them to develop a love for books. As children listen to us read, their own reading skills begin to develop.

### ***Here are some of the things we do as we read:***

We look at pictures and ask, **“what do you see?”**

We encourage children to predict **what will happen next**

We encourage children to **repeat words, rhymes and phrases** they have memorized

### ***What you can do at home...***

The single most important thing you can do is to **read to your child every day**. When your child sits next to you as you read, they begin to connect books with good feelings. Encourage your child to talk about the stories you read. **Ask questions like, “I wonder what will happen next?” or “I wonder why...”** Try to relate the story to something in your child’s life. Visit the library and check out books that interest your child. Give your child paper and pencils, pens or markers and let them experiment with writing

### ***What Your Child Learns in the Library Area:***

Respond to simple directions, commands and questions

Recognize and compare familiar and unfamiliar sounds

Retell a familiar story

Create stories using invented spelling

Focus attention on the teacher

Relate events from personal experiences

Recall important facts from a story

Arrange the events of a story in sequential order

Distinguish between real and make-believe

Recognize that everyone has experiences to write about

Recognize that writing can entertain and inform