

Manistee Great Start Families

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE MARCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH IS READING MONTH!

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March is designated as National Reading Month - a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day. Reading is fun and has many benefits, regardless of your age. It's a key component of education and professional development. It also has immediate and long-lasting health benefits such as increased cognitive function, memory, vocabulary, empathy and decreased levels of stress.

READING IS BONDING TIME!

Reading aloud to children from birth positively impacts their language development and literacy skills. It is also a great opportunity to bond with your child and can provide warm, memorable experiences for both of you.

- Let your child turn the book's pages. It's OK if they skip pages, or like a few pages better than others. You just want your child to get used to touching books
- Ask open-ended questions and encourage your child to describe the pictures he sees.
- It's okay to read the same book over and over again if that's what your child wants! Repetition helps children learn new concepts and become familiar with words.



Upcoming Events!

Outdoor Playgroups!

Come dressed for some winter/early spring playgroups!
Bring your sled (if we have snow)!
Monday March 1st and March 15th
from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Manistee Township Hall Park!

Parent Connection Meeting

Help decided on summer activites!
Wed March 17th - 9:00 am via Zoom!
Warmer weather is coming up! Voice your
thoughts on playgroups and storytimes!

Zoom Story Time!

Fridays in March!
10:30 am!

Last Months Fun!

