

# **WCAC Early Head Start Newsletter**

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## Coordinator's Corner

Greeting EHS Family,

We are sad to announce the departure of family educator Stephanie Fafard.
She has decided to continue her journey with another agency. We wish her well, and continued success. I would also like to formally welcome our newest family educator, Rachel LaPan-Viens. She is an accomplished educator in the field of early education and care, and we are extremely happy she has joined our team. I would also like to thank all our families for not just participating in the program but for opening up their homes to us as we navigate out of this "post-pandemic" period.

Thank you again, and I hope to see you all at the next social.

Best regards, Clivette C. Lee EHS/ERSEA Coordinator



## **Financial Empowerment:**

Website: wcac.net/financialempowerment/financial-coaching

#### Food:

Webster/Dudley: Webster/Dudley food

share

Phone: (508)943-9171

**Southbridge:** Catholic Charities

Phone: (508)765-5936

Oxford: Oxford Food Pantry

Phone: (508)987-1062

Charlton: Chip-In

Phone: (508)248-3292

### Clothing:

Catholic Charities Southern Worcester County

Phone: (508)765-5936

# Healthy and Happy





Simple Rules To Protect Your Family From Sunburns

- Keep babies younger than 6 months out of direct sunlight. Find shade under a tree, umbrella or stroller canopy.
- Limit your sun exposure between 10:00am and 4:00pm when UV rays are strongest.
- Use sunscreen.
- Wear sunglasses with at least 99% UV protection. Look for youth-sized sunglasses with UV protection for your child.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to protect his or her skin and eyes. Remember to set a good example by practicing sun safety yourself.

# Eat Right ~ Live

## Banana Caterpillar Snack

- \* 1 Banana
- Sprinkles (Including 2 black ones for the eyes)
- \* 1 Pretzel Stick



- 1. Carefully slice the banana and arrange into a caterpillar shape.
- 2. Decorate the body with sprinkles.
- 3. Use two black sprinkles to make the eyes.
- 4. Break the pretzel stick in half and place them in the head to make the antennae.
- 5. Serve and enjoy!
- \*You could also use more pretzel sticks to add feet to your caterpillar



- Go to the floor on all fours
- Take a deep breath through your nose
- Open your mouth as big as you can
- Stick your tongue out / Open eyes wide
- And, ROAR!



- Breathe in
- Breathe out with your mouth closed, while you HUM like a bee
- Repeat this breathing sequence for a few minutes



- Kneel on all fours
- Breathe in as you lift your chin and tilt your head back
- Breathe out while you slowly raise your back towards the ceiling and you lower you head



- · Lie on your tummy
- Fold your arms above your shoulders and rest your head on them
- · Breathe in & out and relax



# Staying Balanced

#### Self-care Tips

- Eat Your Favorite Snack
- Get Outside
- Crank Up the Tunes
- Text a Friend
- Enjoy your cup of Tea or Coffee

# Better Together– Family Activity



## **Caterpillar Craft**

Items Needed:

Crayons or Markers

**Scissors** 

Glue

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Color caterpillar.
- 2. Cut out the parts of the caterpillar.
- 3. Use glue to piece together your caterpillar.

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# **May Activities**



