



# WL Early Childhood Center

# Newsletter

2021



## **WANNA KNOW? GREETINGS, FROM OUR DIRECTOR, SUE WANAMAKER**

Dear Families,

It's here! Summer break! We can all agree that it has been an interesting school year to say the least but we worked together to have more in school than out of school days.

Preschool is an interesting age where children are always learning, growing and exploring. They say the funniest things, ask the most profound questions and are honest with what they think. A day in the life of a preschooler is definitely active, busy and filled with curiosity. It has been a pleasure for all of us here at the ECC to be a part of your families lives.

If your child is spending another year in preschool, we will see you the end of August at open house. If your child is moving on to kindergarten here at WLPS, we will see you next year as well. If your child is moving on to another school, in another community, we wish you well and will miss you.

*Take care and thanks so much for being part of the ECC!*



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## Fall 2021 Preschool



### Important Preschool Dates to Remember

**\*Preschool open house/parent orientation** will take place on August 25th at 6:00 PM.

**\*GSRP, Head Start and Tuition preschool's first day of school** will be Wednesday, September 7th.

**\*ECSE's first day of school** will be August 26th.

**\*Preschool registration for all programs is currently occurring. Call today!**

Please go to [wlps.net](http://wlps.net) for more information and/or contact: Charlie Basham at 734-449-4464 ext. 4001  
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Families interested in our no cost preschool programs, for Head Start and GSRP, can also fill out an interest form at:  
[washtenawpreschool.org](http://washtenawpreschool.org)



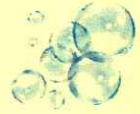


# Preschool Summer Activities

**On days when the weather is fantastic, take advantage of it  
and head outside with your kids!**

**The following are suggestions for outdoor preschool summer activities:**

- Fill up a wading pool and let the kids splash around. Take their plastic dolls and cars to "wash" them
- Take a trip to the local zoo
- Tour the local playgrounds. Try the one at the elementary school
- Go for a walk or bike/tricycle ride
- Pack a picnic lunch and head to a local park - or even your own yard!
- Set up an outdoor obstacle course: Jump over a log/bush, run around the house, swing on a swing, and then roll down the hill.
- Run through the sprinklers
- Draw with sidewalk chalk
- Play a game of tag
- Catch fireflies (at night of course!)
- Play with the hose
- Plant a garden together
- Head to a local beach. If you don't have one near you, create one! Fill up a wading pool with sand, the tub with water and you've got sand and water to play in!
- Play with shadows on a bright, sunny day
- Set up a tent in the backyard. If you're feeling brave, try an overnight!
- Go on a nature walk and find interesting objects from the outdoors. You could then create a collage with the materials
- Play hopscotch
- Use a sheet to play games like a parachute. Moving it up and down with items inside
- Blow bubbles together
- Have a car/bike wash
- Fly a kite
- Walk the dog
- Go fishing



**Of course, there will be days when the weather doesn't cooperate,  
and you are forced to be inside.**

**What to do then? Try these ideas for indoor summer fun:**

- Make an art project together
- Paint a rock, draw a picture, cut with scissors
- Take a trip to the local library. Northfield public library has a lot of summer projects in store!
- Try a local museum such as the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, U of M Museum of Natural History (The dinosaurs are here!) or the Leslie Science Center
- Play a board game such as Memory, Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders
- Create an indoor scavenger hunt. Have your child find things such as a red sock, a circle, a scratchy item, etc. to sneak in some learning
- Make some tasty recipes together
- Try a rainy day walk! Put on your raincoats, boots, hats and catch raindrops on your tongue!
- Cozy up in a favorite place and read some favorite books
- Look through photo albums to remember fun times and other people in your family







## Camping Ideas with Preschoolers

### Tent Making

If you don't have a tent, make one out of a sheet or blanket. This is great for inside or outside!

### Handmade Backpack

Use paper grocery bags, paint, crayons, or markers and glue/stapler to create your home made backpack! Cut the top off (about 4") of a paper grocery store bag. Cut the top piece in half. Glue these two halves to the bag. Then children can make their own designs on their backpacks for this special camping trip!

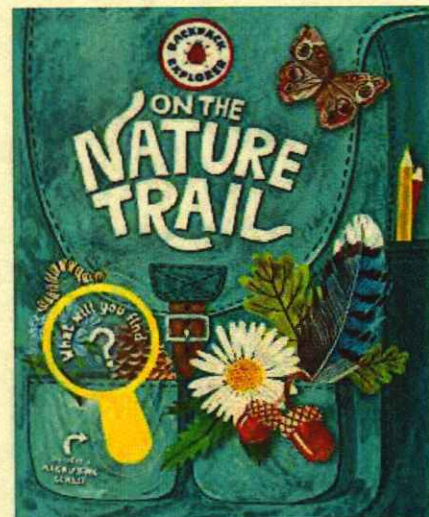
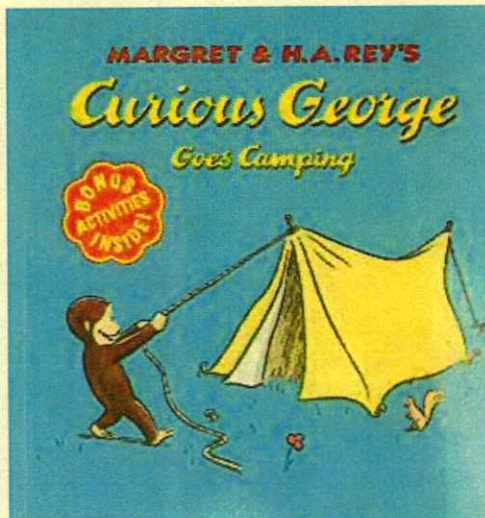
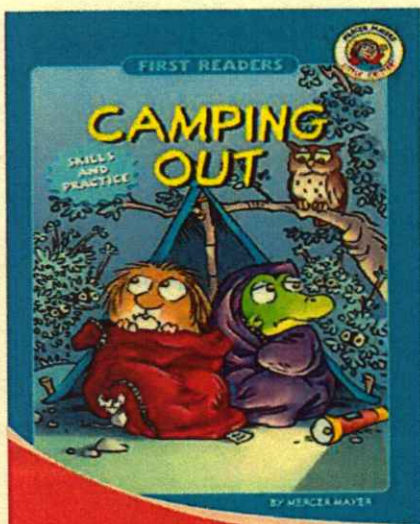
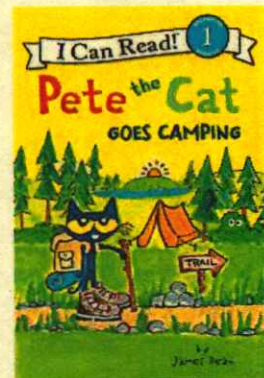
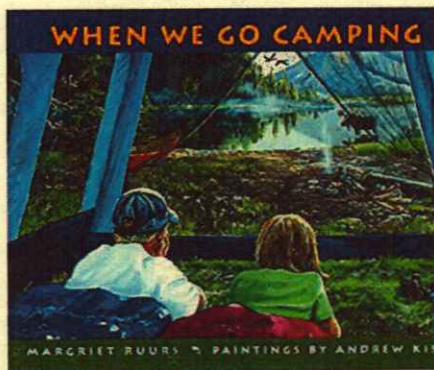
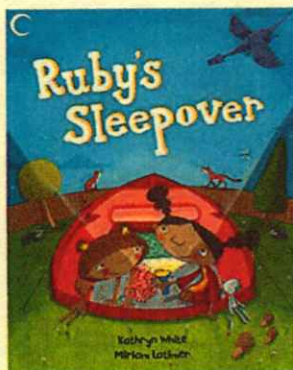
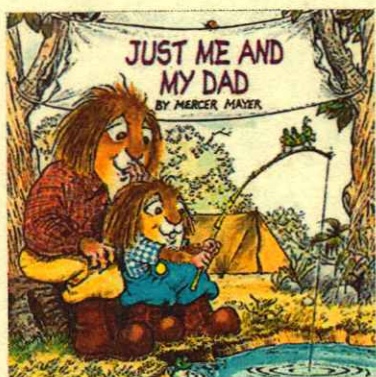
### Binoculars

Tape or staple two toilet paper tubes together and decorate them with markers, paint and/or crayons. Add a string or yarn for the strap!

*Make a bag lunch, put it in your backpack and you are ready to explore the great outdoors or even your backyard.*

## Preschool Books About Camping

Here are a few of many of the books you will find about camping. You will find many more at the library!



You can find many stories and read-a-longs in UTube!





# All are welcome here

Todos son bienvenidos aquí.  
 الجميع مرحب بهم هنا.  
 Dhamaan ku soo dhawadaa talloan.  
 歡迎光臨!  
 Tất cả mọi người được chào đón ở đây.  
 Tout le monde est bienvenu ici.

We proudly serve immigrants, refugees  
 and all who live in Washtenaw County



## Early Head Start Learning Begins at Birth

Early Head Start services are for children  
 from birth to age 3.

Services are provided through  
 weekly home visits.

As a participant, you will receive:

- Child development information.
- Individualized activities for you and your child.
- Health and nutrition support.
- Support in family goal setting.
- Bi-weekly playgroups.
- Transition support when your child is ready for preschool.

For more information contact

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## Last Day

I'm a little bit excited.  
 I'm a little bit sad.  
 I'm a little bit nervous.  
 I'm a little bit glad.  
 I'm a little bit older.  
 It's the end of the year.  
 I'll miss this class.  
 I'm glad I was here.

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# Join us for the Great Start Parent Coalition (GSPC) meeting!

The GSPC is partnering with MSU Extension to offer parents the opportunity to learn a style of communication that models and promotes respect, encourages appropriate behavior, and effectively delivers consequences and positive discipline.

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00 pm

Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00 pm

This is a parenting series, but it is not necessary to attend all sessions.

We will meet over zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92692708516>

Passcode: 927549

Please contact Colleen via Call or text at 734-474-2941 or email at [cklus@washtenawisd.org](mailto:cklus@washtenawisd.org) for more information



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**Whitmore Lake Public Schools  
Early Childhood Calendar  
2021/2022**

<b>August 25</b>	<b>Open House &amp; Parent Orientation 6:00 PM</b>
<b>August 26 - September 2</b>	<b>Home Visits</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>No School- Fall Break</b>
<b>November 24-26</b>	<b>No School- Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>December 20-January 2</b>	<b>No School- Winter Break</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>No School- Staff Development</b>
<b>February 18 &amp; 21</b>	<b>No School- Mid-Winter Break</b>
<b>March 28-April 1</b>	<b>No School- Spring Break</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Last Day of School for Tuition Preschool</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>No School Memorial Day</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Last Day of School for GSRP</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Last Day of School for Head Start</b>

**Head Start**

- 7.25 hours per day (8:15 AM-3:30 PM) for 141 school days/1020 hours.
- Fridays of school: November 19th and December 3rd.
- Snow days will be made up on Fridays within two weeks of a snow day.
- Home visits will occur in August/September and February or prior to a child starting school. Home visits may be virtual if necessary for health and wellness reasons.
- Conferences will occur in November and May. Conferences may be virtual if necessary for health and wellness reasons.

**GSRP**

- 7 hours per day (8:00 AM-3:00 PM) for 135 days
- Includes 5 built in snow days.
- Home visits will occur in August/September and February or prior to a child starting school. Home visits may be virtual if necessary for health and wellness reasons.
- Conferences will occur in November and May. Conferences may be virtual if necessary for health and wellness reasons.



## Whitmore Lake Public Schools 2021 – 2022 Academic Calendar

August 23	Staff Only – Full Day Staff Development
August 23	WLES Open House - Time TBD (Kindergarten Only)
August 24	Staff Only – Full Day Staff Development
August 24	WLES Open House – Time TBD (1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)
August 25	First Day of School – 1/2 Day Students & Staff
September 1	WLMS/WLHS Parent Night - Time TBD
September 3	No School
September 6	No School (Labor Day)
October 1	Homecoming
October 13	Evening Parent Teacher Conferences (WLMS/WLHS - virtual, WLES - blended)
October 14	No School - Parent Teacher Conferences (WLMS/WLHS - virtual, WLES - blended)
October 15	No School - Full Day Staff Development
October 18	No School for Students & Staff – Fall Break
November 24 - 26	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 14	WLMS/WLHS Exams Begin - Dismissal 11:05
December 15	1/2 Day Students & Full Day Staff (½ Records Day)
December 16	1/2 Day Students & Full Day Staff (½ Records Day)
December 17	1/2 Day for Students & Staff - End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Winter Break (begins at end of day)
January 3, 2022	School Resumes from Winter Break - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester begins
January 17	No School for Students - Full Day Staff Development
February 18 & 21	No School for Students & Staff (Mid-Winter Break)
March 16	WLES Parent Teacher Conferences – Evening (virtual)
	WLMS/WLHS – Curriculum and School Exploration Night
March 25	1/2 Day Students & Staff - Spring Break (begins at end of day)
April 4	School Resumes from Spring Break
April 12	WLMS/WLHS - PSAT / SAT Testing Day
April 15 & 18	No School (Good Friday / Easter Monday)
May 20	No School for Students - Full Day Staff Development
May 26	Senior Awards Night
May 27 & 30	No School (Memorial Weekend)
June 5	Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony
June 7	WLMS/WLHS Exams Begin – Dismissal 11:05
June 8	1/2 Day Students & Full Day Staff (½ Records Day)
June 9	Last day of School: 1/2 Day Students & Full Day Staff (½ Records Day)

**ELEMENTARY K – 4** Start time = 8:50 a.m.  
Dismissal = 3:35 p.m.

**Half Day** Start time = 8:50 a.m.  
Dismissal = 12:05 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY 5 – 6** Start time = 7:50 a.m.  
Dismissal = 2:35 p.m.

**Half Day** Start time = 7:50 a.m.  
Dismissal = 11:05 a.m.

**MIDDLE/HIGH 7 – 12** Start Time = 7:50 a.m.  
Dismissal = 2:35 p.m.

**Half Day** Start time = 7:50 a.m.  
Dismissal = 11:05 a.m.

