

AUSTIN PRESCHOOL CONNECTIONS

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Shake, Rattle, and Roll will continue on Mondays with the last session being on December 17th at 6:00pm in the Austin Elementary School Gym. This is a pre-school physical education program for children aged 1-5 and their parents. Come join us for this free program. We will play games in the gym, have snack and children will receive a free book to take home.

Story Box will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 10:00am at Austin Elementary School. Come enjoy a creative morning featuring If You Give a Mouse a Cookie! There will be coloring, printing activities, numeracy concepts and many other stations to enjoy with your child. Snack will be provided and each child will be given a book to read at home. This program is geared to children aged 2-5.

Little Artists will have its last session on Wednesday, December 5th at 4:00pm at Austin Elementary School. This parent-child program is geared for 2 to 5 year olds, but younger children are welcome. Children take their first steps into the world of visual arts. This class encourages self-expression and allows students to explore a variety of art supplies and mediums. Come dressed for fun and a mess. All children will receive a book to take home. To register, please contact Erika Pugh at 204-385-2629 or email erikabneufeld@gmail.com Only the first 12 participants will be accepted.

Pottery Painting is December 12th at 4:00pm. Fun Time Pottery will be coming from Brandon to paint Christmas Ornaments with us! Snack will be provided and every child receives a book to enjoy at home. Registration is required and a cost of \$5 that needs to be pre-paid. To register please visit the Austin Elementary School Office.

C.H.I.L.D. will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00am at Austin Elementary School. Join us for a morning of activities, crafts, and snacks. Our theme for this session will be Christmas. We will provide center activities that cover both numeracy and literacy. Free books will be provided to all preschoolers.

Don't forget to take advantage of the **Book Bag Lending Library** and **DVD Lending Library** located in the Nursery School Room. There are over 100 theme bags available that include books, audio recordings and activities. Themes include story book characters such as Franklin and Clifford, non fictions themes on a variety of topics such as penguins and trucks, and holidays themes.

Check out the **Toy Lending Library** located in the Nursery School room of Austin Elementary School. There are many toys available to be signed out, such as puzzles, games and building sets.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Erika Pugh at (204) 385-2629 or email erikabneufeld@gmail.com.

Healthy Baby is held at Austin Evangelical Fellowship Church (8 South Ave & Layton, Austin MB) in the church basement once a month starting at 9:45-11:15am. Healthy baby is a support group for pregnant moms, and parents with children ages 0 - 1 year. Each session includes a small healthy breakfast, circle time with mom and baby, and discussion and learning about a topic that pertains to this group dynamic. Also, you receive 16L in FREE MILK COUPONS for all pregnant moms and moms with children 0-6 months old. Our local Health Nurse is at these sessions as well as a child minder to watch your older children.

Stay and Play is held at the Austin Elementary School in the Nursery School Room. Stay and Play is a support group for parents with small children ages 0 - 5 years, where we learn and grow with our children through parent and child interaction and moms get the opportunity to learn and discuss the topics that are presented at each session. Our local Health is at these sessions as well as a child minder to watch your older children when needed.

Both Stay & Play and Healthy Baby times are: 9:45-11:15am. A small breakfast is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Rempel at (204) 871-0106 or (204) 637-2047.

December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Shake, Rattle, & Roll 6:00 pm Ages 1 – 5	4 Stay & Play 9:45 am Ages: 0 - 5	5 Story Box 10:00am Ages 2-5 Little Artists 4:00pm Ages 2-5	6	7	8
9	10 Shake, Rattle, & Roll 6:00 pm Ages 1 - 5	11	12 Pottery Painting 4:00pm Ages 1-5	13	14	15
16	17 Healthy Baby 9:45 am Ages: 0 – 1 Shake, Rattle, & Roll 6:00 pm Ages 1 – 5	18	19 C.H.I.L.D 10:00am Ages 1-5	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Break Begins!	25	26	27	28	29
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Book bag, DVDs and Toy Lending Library always open for lending!