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Info and Activities

[A to Z Guide Activities for Kids](#) by KC Parent Magazine



[Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park Lights](#)

Dec. 6-Jan 20



[Covid-19, RSV and the Flu: What you Need to Know](#)



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January PAT Events

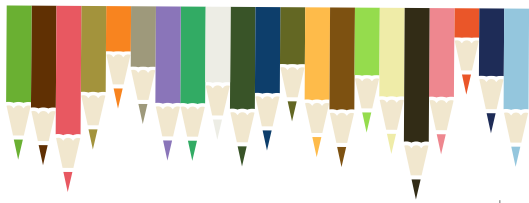
We hope your family enjoyed a peaceful and joyful winter holiday season. As we kick off the new year, we are thrilled to share some exciting updates and activities for January.

Thanks to a generous grant from the [USD 232 Education Foundation](#), our playroom has received new sensory materials designed to enhance exploration and engagement for young children. This month, our daytime groups in the playroom will focus on sensory exploration, allowing families to experience these new additions firsthand.

Mark your calendars for January 10th! We're heading to the Monticello Library for a *Books and Blocks* event. This fun and interactive session will highlight early literacy and the progression of building play in young children, offering great insights and ideas for fostering development at home.

Check out the January calendar on the 3rd page for details on all our upcoming events.





USD 232 Sensory Play

January 2025

Community Highlights

[Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition](#)



The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition works to promote and protect breastfeeding and human milk feeding to improve Kansas families' health and well-being.

We are individuals from various organizations, agencies, and private businesses collaborating to ensure that families thrive. We welcome and encourage participation from anyone interested in making breastfeeding and human milk feeding more accessible and equitable in Kansas through advocacy and leadership.

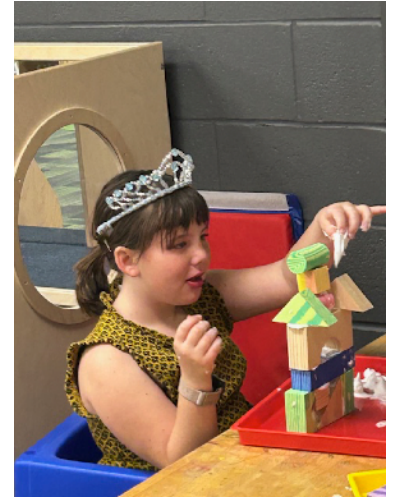
The Coalition's Website provides information and resources for families. Their [website](#) highlights:

- [Local Resources](#)
- [Questions to ask your medical provider about breastfeeding](#)
- [Prenatal Breastfeeding Education Classes online](#)
- [Breastfeeding Resource Library](#)



Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Inc.

Sensory play is a vital part of early childhood development, engaging children's senses—touch, sight, sound, smell, and taste—to support learning and growth. Through sensory play, children explore the world around them, build language and motor skills, and enhance their creativity and problem-solving abilities. Activities like playing with sand, water, or sensory bins encourage creativity, problem-solving, and calm focus.



This month, our playroom groups will highlight sensory exploration with exciting new materials. Join us to experience the joy and benefits of sensory play firsthand!

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BOOKS AND BLOCKS

JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING AT THE LIBRARY! WE WILL HAVE BLOCK STATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, A LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT AND MORE EXCITING ACTIVITIES. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

JAN 10
9-10:30

AT THE MONTICELLO LIBRARY
22435 W 61ST STREET
SHAWNEE, KS
WITH USD 232 PARENTS AS TEACHERS

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Staying Healthy During the Winter

As we navigate cold and flu season, we want to prioritize the health and well-being of all our families and staff. Illnesses are common this time of year, and we kindly ask for your support in helping us maintain a healthy environment for everyone.

If you or your child are feeling unwell, please refrain from attending group events. Additionally, if anyone in your home is sick, we encourage you to reschedule any home visits. Your Parent Educator will be happy to work with you to find a new time or explore the option of a virtual visit to keep you connected to our program while allowing everyone to recover safely.

We will also be engaging in additional sanitizing efforts during this time to reduce the spread of illness and ensure that our program remains a safe space for all families. Thank you for helping us create a healthy and supportive community!

JAN 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	09	10 Morning Group 9-10:30 Monticello Library	11
12	13	14	15 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	16	17 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	18
19	20	21 Evening Group 5-7 pm CTEC	22 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	23	24 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	25
26	27	28	29 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	30	31 Morning Group 9-10:30 CTEC	

