

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

November, 2025

NOVEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

This month, our Parents as Teachers groups will explore the power of sensory play! Engaging the senses through touch, sight, sound, and movement helps young children build curiosity, problem-solving skills, and brain connections that support future learning. Through exploration with different textures, colors, and materials, children build important skills for learning, creativity, and self-regulation. What might look like simple “messy play” is actually a powerful way for young children to make sense of the world around them.

Families are invited to join our morning groups at CTEC throughout the month as we highlight fun, hands-on activities that stimulate the senses.

Don't miss our Messy Play Night on **Tuesday, November 11 from 5:00–7:00 PM** at CTEC! We'll have stations filled with creative, messy fun and take-home ideas for families. Be sure to come dressed for the mess—restrooms will be available for cleanup afterward.

On Friday, November 7, we'll meet at The Foundry Church and Recreation Center to continue exploring community spaces and resources. The Parent Engagement Series also meets on **Tuesday, November 4 from 5:00–7:30 PM**, focusing on Schedules, Screen Time, and Routines – please register for this event.

We look forward to learning, playing, and getting messy together this November!

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PAT GROUP DATES

- November 4th 5-7:30 at CTEC: Parent Engagement Series
- November 5th 9-10:30 at CTEC
- November 7th 9-10:30 at The Foundry
- November 11th- 5-7 at CTEC: Messy Play Night
- November 12th 9-10:30 at CTEC
- November 14th 9-10:30 at CTEC
- November 19th 9-10:30 at CTEC
- November 21st 9-10:30 at CTEC

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PAT CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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THANKSGIVING BREAK						

Simple Sensory Play at Home

Young children learn best by doing! Sensory play — activities that let children touch, smell, hear, see, and sometimes taste — helps them make sense of their world. Through these hands-on experiences, children build brain connections, develop language, and strengthen fine and gross motor skills. Best of all, sensory play can be simple and fun to do at home!

Here are a few easy ideas for young Children:

- For babies: Let your baby explore soft fabrics, crinkly paper, or a cool spoon. Talk about what they feel — “That’s cold!” or “So soft!”
- For toddlers: Fill a bin with water and cups, or make a “treasure basket” with safe household items like wooden spoons, sponges, or measuring cups.
- For preschoolers: Try mixing cornstarch and water to make oobleck, or paint with shaving cream on a tray. Encourage your child to describe what happens — “It feels squishy!”

Sensory play doesn’t have to be fancy — it’s about exploring and discovering together. A few minutes of messy, hands-on fun can spark curiosity, creativity, and learning every day!

EVENT INFORMATION



TOGETHER WE GROW

A Monthly Parent Engagement Series

NOVEMBER 4, 2025
5:30-7:00PM

November Topics:

Routines, Schedules, and Screen Time

- learn the benefits of using visual schedules
- learn to create bedtime/meal time routines
- what does screen time addiction look like & how you can create a routine to limit screen time
- create and take home a visual schedule specific to your child

• Light dinner & childcare provided
• Social, emotional, and academic development
• Presented by EC Speech Pathologists and Special Education teachers

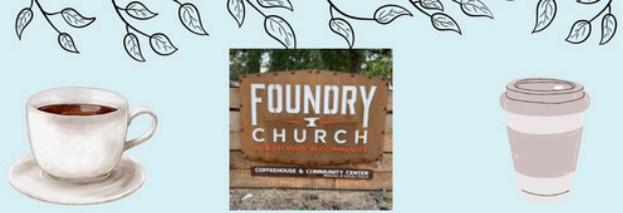
Future Topics:

- December- The Power of Play (holiday gift ideas)
- January- Literacy and Hand-Writing
- February- Safe and Healthy Bodies

MORE INFORMATION
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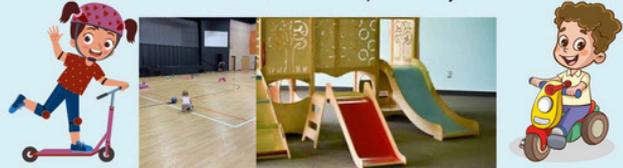


JOIN US FOR

Group at the Foundry Coffee House and Community Center

Bring your child's favorite riding toy and enjoy a morning of connection and fun! While the kids explore the play area and gym, you can sip on a coffee or tea from The coffee shop and connect with fellow parents.

November 7th
9-10:30
8835 Lackman Road, Lenexa KS



Messy Play Night



Come Dressed for the mess!

Cedar Trails Exploration Center
8201 Mize Blvd.

November 11th
5-7 pm

Let us worry about the clean up!
Explore different stations of messy play activities!

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

What is Sensory Play and Why is It important?



The Secret to Surviving Daylight Savings Time with Kids



Johnson County Museum Kidscape November 26th is Free Day!



Food Distribution Locations



The Food Pantry in DeSoto is located at 32905 West 84th Street in DeSoto- adjacent to the City Hall. They are open for distribution on Tuesdays 10-12, Thursdays 4-6 and Saturdays 9-11. Follow them on Facebook for Updates and e mail desotoksfoodpantry@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Harvesters distributes food throughout the greater Kansas City area. They are at the West Lenexa Seventh Day Adventist Church (24450 W 83rd Street) every Wednesday 3:30-5. Please refer to Harvester's Website (www.harvesters.org) and Social Media for a full list of distribution sites and times