Webster Learning Center
Even Start Program
November 2026

C²Z Webster Learning Center: (585) 359-7911
2000 Lehigh Station Road
Henrietta, NY 14467

C²Z Even Start hours: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dear Families,

National Family Literacy Day encourages families and communities to consider the importance and benefits of establishing family time in which parents and children read together. The annual holiday – which began in 1994 and is observed on November 1 – celebrates learning activities, family literacy programs, schools and libraries, and reading in general.

National Family Literacy Day also serves the important purpose of raising awareness of family literacy nationally and locally. There is no more important gift a parent can give to their child than reading to him/her, every day if possible.

On Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., you have the opportunity to attend the 29th Rochester Children & Teen Book Festival at Monroe Community College, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, 1000 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623. Free parking is available in lot M. It is a free event which will include book signing and will feature guest readers, illustrators, and authors throughout the day. For more information, go to rcbfest.com

Happy reading throughout the month!
Pearl Tokar



You are invited…

Dear Even Start Parents,
Please join us on Wednesday, November 4th at 11:30 a.m. in room 52. We will read stories as a celebration of National Family Literacy Day. Our guest reader for story time will be Megan Stoffer from the Henrietta Public Library.
Thanks for participating!

November 2026



1 National Family Literacy Day
1 Standard time begins; change clocks back
3 The Family Center presents: Preschool Music Night – 6:30 p.m., at the Webster Learning Center, ages 3-5
3 Election Day: please vote if you are a US citizen
4 Celebration of National Family Literacy Day with Megan Stoffer from the Henrietta Public Library, 11:30 a.m.
11 Veterans Day: no Even Start classes
16 Payment is due for December
17 December late fee added
23-27 Thanksgiving Recess: no school; no Even Start Classes
26 Happy Thanksgiving!
30 Even Start classes resume

Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader

- **Read to your child and point out words and pictures. You are your child's first teacher.**
- **Visit the library every week with the whole family. Everyone gets to pick out their own books.**
- **Get a library card at your local public library. It's free!**
- **When your child watches TV, join in and turn on the closed captioning so children see the words as they hear them.**
- **Talk together and tell stories with your child while cooking dinner, traveling or shopping. Your child will learn lots of new words and ideas.**
- **Sing to your child while getting ready for the day or for bed.**
- **Encourage your child to set up a play library, restaurant, school, complete with books, menus, etc. Children learn best through play!**
- **Write lists with your child – grocery, birthday wish list, or list of favorite books.**
- **Keep a list on the refrigerator of the books you read to your child all year long.**
- **Read together at bedtime every night!**

Source: New York State Education Department

Reading benefits:



- **Creates quiet, quality family time.**
- **Develops early vocabulary skills.**
- **Expands attention span.** Read chapter books even to your youngest child. They may drift off to sleep but they are listening and their attention span will lengthen.
- **It's free.** Books can be checked out of the library.
- **Improves listening skills**. You can read well above a child's level; they will still listen and comprehend.
- **It's portable**. Reading doesn't require batteries…except at night.
- **Improves imagination and creativity**.
- **Opens up a dialogue between parent and child**.

Reading is a tool that can never be unlearned. Once a child learns to read, they never stop. You'll know because you'll have to stop spelling certain words to your spouse.

Resource note: from *NationalDayCalender.com*

Facts about literacy in America:

- The United States is facing a literacy crisis.
- According to the U.S. Department of Education and National Institute of Literacy, more than 30 million adults cannot read, write or do basic math above a third-grade level.
- Nearly 85% of teenagers facing a trial in court are illiterate, proving there is a close relationship between illiteracy and crime.
- More than 60% of inmates in prison are functionally illiterate.
- The low literacy rate in the U.S. directly costs the health care industry more than $70 million every year.

December Payment is Now Due

The December 2026 payment for your Cub Care Zone participation is now due. Full payment must be made by November 16, 2026.

If you have made your payment, thank you! If you have authorized us to charge your credit card, that payment will be made soon.

Each student must bring the following required, labeled items with them to Cub Care each day:



- **Coat, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves. It's getting cold outside!**
- **Proper footwear, such as sneakers or boots, for outdoor activities** (no open-toed shoes, sandals or Crocs allowed)
- Change of clothes
- Water bottle
- Lotion sunscreen (no spray sunscreens)
- Do NOT bring toys or electronics from home.



November 3rd is Election Day! Please vote if you are a US citizen.



Standard Time begins Sunday, November 1st Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

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