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NEW BRITAIN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The latest news and updates

"Sparkler" App

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By: Mrs. Nebby Sánchez

We would like to introduce you to "Sparkler," a free mobile app that helps families check in on their child's development and discover fun activities that support early learning.

With Sparkler, families can:

- 🌟 Explore fun, educational activities that encourage early learning.
- 💛 Track their child's social-emotional development during the first five years.
- 📚 Get helpful tips and information from Connecticut early childhood providers.
- 🤝 Connect with the Care Coordinator at 211 Child Development for advice, resources, and support.
- 💬 Find resources that may be helpful to their child and family.

We look forward to connecting with you and providing resources that support your family. We also welcome your ideas and feedback. If you have a specific question, need a resource, or simply want to talk, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Learn more about Sparkler: https://playsparkler.org/connecticut/

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH "SPARKLER"

1. Download "Sparkler" from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Or scan the QR Code with your mobile device to go straight to the right place for downloading.
2. Open the app and tap Create a New Account.
3. Enter Your Sparkler Access Code to create your account. Code: NBFRC ON YOU TUBE
4. Set-Up (enter your email, password)
5. Create an Account (name, address, ZIP, and mobile phone number)
6. Add a Child (name, pronoun, birthday, prematurity if under 2 are required). Add one child and you can add another at the end of the process. ON YOU TUBE ON YOU TUBE ON YOU TUBE

Family Tips & Activities

By: Mrs. Melinda Eberle

🏃 Gross Motor Fun:

Encourage movement with an indoor obstacle course, dancing to favorite songs, or playing "Follow the Leader."

🎨 Learn with Colors:

Practice naming and sorting colors using fall items such as leaves, crayons, clothing, or toys.

📚 Read Together:

Choose a cozy fall or Thanksgiving book and ask your child questions about the pictures and story.

🧡 Practice Gratitude:

At dinner or bedtime, ask, "What is something you are thankful for today?"

🔪 Help in the Kitchen:

Let your preschooler help with simple tasks like stirring, measuring, washing fruits and vegetables, or setting the table.

✂️ Create & Imagine:

Make a turkey, pumpkin, or fall picture using paper, crayons, stickers, and other materials you have at home.

👨‍👩‍👧 Family Call to Action:

Make time to play, read, move, and explore together this November!

Exploring Colors!

By: Ms. Marsha Michaud

Colors are an important part of the world around us. They can express emotions, create different moods, and make things more beautiful. Bright colors such as yellow, orange, and red can feel energetic and warm, while blue, green, and purple often create a calm and peaceful feeling. Colors also help us communicate, recognize objects, and express our personality and creativity.

Try it at home! Go on a color hunt with your child. Pick a color and see how many things you can find around your home or outside. You can also encourage your child to help sort laundry, toys, or other household items by color.

Have fun exploring and talking about colors together!

Conversation Starters;

- Instead of simply asking children to name a color, try asking:
  - What colors do you notice?
  - Which color is your favorite today?
  - What happens when we mix these colors?
  - Can you find something that is the same color?
  - How are these two colors different?
- There is no need for every answer to be perfect.

Asking questions and encouraging children to observe and experiment are wonderful ways to support learning.

Thank you for partnering with us as we make learning bright, colorful, and fun!

Arts and Crafts










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FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2026

- VISIT HUNGERFORD NATURE CENTER AND NEW BRITAIN YOUTH MUSEUM! CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION BONFIRE. LINK
- CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER! CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS & PROGRAMS
- NEW BRITAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY! CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!
- ROGERS ORCHARDS CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION! ROGERSORCHARDS.COM/
- BROWN'S HARVEST! CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION! WWW.BROWNSHARVEST.COM/EVENTS

FOR MORE RESOURCES VISIT



CSDNB - District Dispatch Newsletter

Is a monthly digital publication of the Consolidated School District of New Britain, featuring news, stories, events, spotlights, and calls to action throughout the district.
Link: https://www.csdnb.org/district-dispatch.php

NEW BRITAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

HTTPS://WWW.NBPL.INFO/KIDS.HTML -
20 HIGH ST. NEW BRITAIN, 860.224.3155
CHILDREN DEPARTMENT - TERRIFIC TOTS - EVERY MONDAY @ 10:00 AM

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Community Health Center

Provides medical care, behavioral health, and oral health in our schools through the School-Based Health Center.
To learn more, visit at:
https://www.sbhcl.com

New Britain Adult Education

Various programs are offered, including English as a Second Language, GED Preparation, High School Credit Diploma, Citizenship, and National External Diploma Program.
To learn more, visit,
https://https://adulted.csdnb.org/

NEW BRITAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRE-K THROUGH 8)

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NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 – 3:00 PM
PHONE #: 860-223-5501
EMAIL: REGISTRATION@CSDNB.ORG
LOGGING INTO:
WWW.CSDNB.ORG/REGISTER

THE LEGISLATION NOW STATES THAT CHILDREN MUST TURN 5 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026. TO BE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN.

THE PRESCHOOL OPTIONS FOR 2026-2027 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **PART-TIME**: 9:00 - 11:30 AM OR 12:30 - 3:00 PM AT ROOSEVELT EARLY LEARNING CENTER OR GAFFNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- **FULL-DAY:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM AT ROOSEVELT EARLY LEARNING CENTER OR GAFFNEY SCHOOL

Child Care Providers

Community Resources Directory

To learn more, visit
https://www.csdnb.org/resources/community-resources

Before and After School Programs

HRA Early Childhood PROGRAMS

School Readiness Pre-School,
Full Day and Part Day Time

Head Start Program, Toddler Program
Call 860-225-4866
Email: Eceinfo@hract.org
180 Clinton St., NB. Ct 06053

Emergency Assistance/Food Pantry

https://www.hranbct.org/Emergency_Assistance/

Klingberg Family Centers

Offers convenient school based Mental Health services. Klingberg provides individual, family, and group therapy and can offer services in person or through telehealth. To learn more, visit,
Link: https://https://klingberg.org/